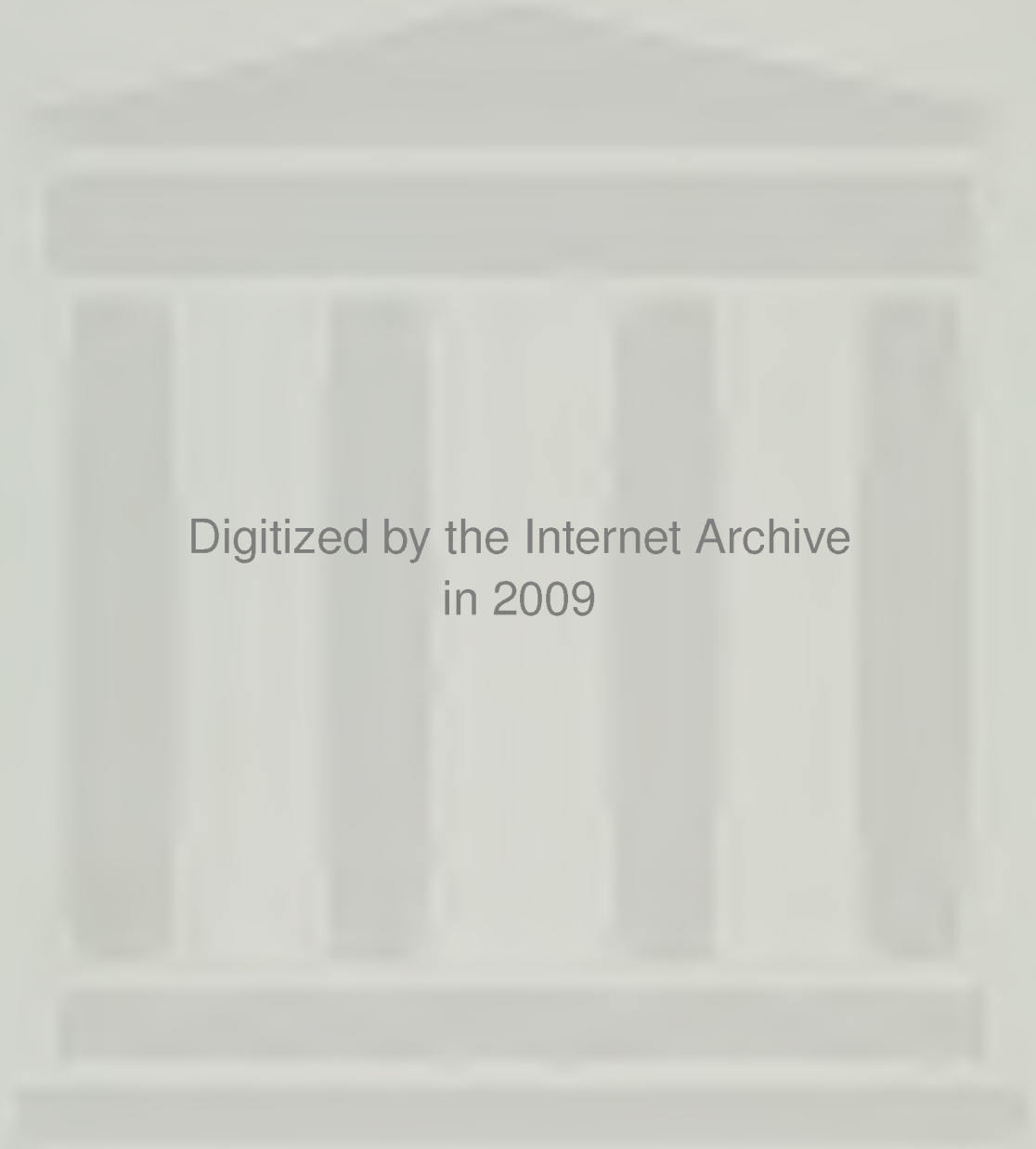


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Final Committee on Journal Report

The Committee on Journal hereby certifies that the following corrections are to be made in the official record of the 1992 General Conference:

Daily Editions

p. 706, col. 1, last two lines should read as follows: "the petition, which was, as I understand it, an annual conference petition."

p. 706, col. 2, para. 2, line 3, substitute "no" for "so" to read, "...is that there is no reluctance to reaffirm..."

p. 707, col. 1, para. 6, should read: "We move to consideration of Calendar Items from the Legislative Committee on Independent Commissions."

p. 707, col. 1, para. 9, should read: "and so the "H" stands for Haven, something..."

p. 708. col. 2, para. 8, I believe this is Scott Williams. I don't have my DCA to locate the annual conference. He is mentioned by Frank Trotter on page 709.

p. 709, col. 2, A delegate spoke not just a translator. Who was it? What language? Should italics be added in?

p. 710, col. 2, 5 lines from the bottom substitute "Sudan" for "Sadan"

p. 710, col. 3, para. 2, Change "Students" to "Student"

p. 711, col. 1, para. 1, line 4 & 5 should read "Standing Commission on Alcohol and Drugs."

p. 716, col. 3, line 37, add "-Pacific" after "California"

p. 716, col. 3, lines 38 and 39, Capitalize "Commission on Religion and Race."

p. 718, col. 2, line 9 delete "Bishop Talbert" it is still Don Klarup speaking

p. 718, col. 2, line 32 Capitalize "Discipline"

p. 719, col. 1, line 24 "No" vote is 339 not 389

p. 721, col. 3, line 36 substitute "DAUGHTERY" for "BEVINS."

p. 723, col. 1, line 26 should read "is against the Constitution of the Church..."

p. 723, col. 2, line 47 should read "would be eligible to serve as council director..."

p. 723, col. 3, line 2 & 3 change "Scout and" to "Scouting"

p. 723, col. 3, line 5 & 6 change "Scout and" to "Scouting"

p. 723, col. 3, line 6 & 7 change "Scout and" to "Scouting"

p. 724, col. 1, lines 17-21 should read "...matters except Constitutional amendments, election of delegates to General of Jurisdictional Conference, in matters of ordination, character and conference relations."

p. 730, col. 1, line 25, change "stay" to "stand"

p. 734, col. 2, line 39 and 40 delete "and abuse" so that it reads "in case of neglect or abuse."

p. 738, col. 2, line 32, change "listed" to "lifted"

p. 738, col. 3, line 54 please identify the delegate listed as "STOVER." I don't have my DCA to research it.

p. 739, col. 3, line 31 "ties"? what is the correct word?

p. 739, col. 3, line 35 substitute "or" for "nor."

p. 740, col. 3, line 4 substitute "covenental" for "covenential"

p. 743, col. 3, line 6 change "consider" to "reconsider."

p. 744, col. 1, line 17 change "is" to "has"

p. 744, col. 1, line 34 change "need" to "have"

p. 745, col. 3, line 12 change "BIOSHOP" to "BISHOP"

p. 745, col. 3, line 22 capitalize World Service

p. 745, col. 3, line 23 should read "receives some of the largest amounts of..."

p. 746, col. 3, line 50 substitute "apportionments" for "apportions."

p. 747, col. 2, line 23 change "paced" to "paid"

p. 747, col. 3, line 48 & 49 Replace "RIDDLE" with BARBARA W. RIDDLE (Florida):

p. 748, col. 2, line 13 should read, "we have 2 more sessions remaining."

p. 748, cow. 3, last paragraph should read: RANDY DAY

(NEW YORK): Thank you, bishop.

"Out of the ashes, Los Angeles began the hard task of rebuilding its future. The century's deadliest riots left deep scars on the face of the city and on the soul of the nation."

p. 750, col. 1, line 29 substitute "Millie" for "Milley"

p. 750, col. 1, line 59 change "goning" to "going"

p. 750, col. 2, line 20 change "goning" to "going"

p. 750, col. 2, line 59 "4871" to "46-7-1"

p. 751, col. 1, line 9 change "unConstitutional" to "unconstitutional"

p. 751, col. 1, line 24 change "goning" to "going"

p. 751, col. 2, lines 29-32 delete second subhead Calendar Item 1518

p. 754, col. 1, line 22 "DONALD W. HAMILTON (Yellowstone):

p. 754, col. 2, line 3, change "that" to "the"

p. 754, col. 2, lines 9 and 23 is "Here, here" correct or is it "Hear, hear"?

p. 754, col. 2, line 28 "JOSEPH H. BULLINGTON (Alabama-West Florida):

p. 745, col. 3, line 46 "CAROLYN JOHNSON (North Indiana):"

p. 758, col. 3, line 47 should read "no" on nonconcurrence

p. 763, col. 1, line 35 change "full" to "fair"

p. 763, col. 2, line 1 substitute "what" for "want"

p. 768, col. 2, line 21 substitute "at" for "a"

p. 768, col. 3, line 7, after chairperson, delete "to have to leave that are in the conference for bush activity" substitute "that had to leave because of busy activity..."

p. 769, col. 1 - check name- is it DELIGHT WIER?

p. 770, col. line 5 "CAROLYN MARSHALL" instead of "CAROLYN WAKOM"

p. 770, col. last line change "Rock" to "Rocky"

p. 770, col. 2, line 26 add (Displayed t-shirts with "Denver-General Conference 1996" on them.)

p. 770, col. 2, delete Ed Paup, substitute Sally Geis (Rocky Mountain)

p. 773, col. 3, 4 lines from bottom change "6500" to "65-0-0"

p. 778, col. 3, lines 22-26 duplication of entry for Bishop Tuell

p. 779, col. 1, 10 lines from bottom change "pastor" to "past"

p. 781, col. 1, 10 lines from bottom change "REX" to "TEX"

p. 783, col. 1 after (recess) and "BISHOP TUELL...is going to"

p. 783, col. 2, the ( ) are wrong-the bishop spoke before! the ( ) are ill-placed throughout the last issue and are not accurate!

p. 784, col. 3, 15 lines from bottom change "excepting" to "accepting"

p. 785, col. 1, line 32 delete second "for"

p. 785, col. 3, line 24 is STANLEY "DAVID STANLEY (Iowa):

p. 787, col. 1, line 25 UNIDENTIFIED is DAVID STANLEY.

p. 788, col. 1, line 22 UNIDENTIFIED is SEVERE

p. 790, col. 2 GEIS should read SALLY GEIS (Rocky Mountain):

KNOWLES should read GRADY KNOWLES (Calif-Nevada):

LAWSON should read JAMES LAWSON (Calif-Pacific):

p. 792, col. 1, line 37 change "except" to "exempt"

Memoirs of Bishops

Memoirs of bishops who died during the 1989-92 quadrennium are included in this journal in accordance with Discipline *Par. 611.1.*

Sante Uberto Barbieri
1902-1991

Sante Uberto Barbieri was born in Dueville, Italy, on August 2, 1902. As a boy he moved to Switzerland, later to Germany, and then with his parents to Brazil where he attended school. After the death of his father he worked as an itinerant jewelry salesman as well as studying in preparation for law school. Sante Uberto Barbieri married Odette de Oliveira, a school teacher, on October 4, 1924. She influenced him into joining the Methodist Church and becoming a minister. He enrolled in Union Theological Seminary in Italy. After graduation he went to the United States for advanced degrees at Southern Methodist University and Emory University.

The Barbieris had four children: Laura, Stelvio, Livio Uberto, and Flavio Ennio. Odette Barbieri, who had been very active in the World Federation of Methodist Women, died on July 24, 1983.

Minister of Central Methodist Church in Buenos Aires, Argentina, for five years, Sante Uberto became professor and then dean of Union Theological Seminary. In January 1949 the Latin American Central Conference elected him to the episcopacy. He was assigned to the River Plata Area that included Argentina, Uruguay, and Bolivia. This same year he was elected chairman of the First Latin American Evangelical Conference and began an active ecumenical involvement, including being one of the presidents of the World Council of Churches 1954-61. He has delivered many lectures at academic institutions; has published 45 volumes of Christian commentaries, poetry, drama and religious stories in Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, and English; and has received many awards and citations. He received the 1982 "Upper Room Citation" for literary contribution and in 1987 a prize in a poetry contest in Caseros, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Officially retired in 1970, Bishop Barbieri continued to work in ecumenical groups in Latin America. Between 1970 and 1978 he was Executive Secretary of the Consejo de Inglesias Evangelicas Metodistas de America Latina.

Bishop Barbieri died February 13, 1991.

Cornelio M. Ferrer
1908-1988

Cornelio M. Ferrer was born in Lingayen, Pangasinan, Philippines, on September 16, 1908. He attended Union College of Manila, receiving a B.A. degree in 1937, while serving student appointments. On February 23, 1935, he was ordained deacon and on November 28, 1937, an elder, both times by Bishop Edwin F. Lee, and became a member of the Philippines Annual Conference.

From 1940 to 1946 Cornelio Ferrer was a District Superintendent. He was then named a Crusade Scholar and attended Drew University where he received an M.A. in 1948. He returned to the Philippines for a rural pastoral ministry. From 1950-68 he worked for the National Council of Churches in the Philippines and earned a B.D. from Union Theological Seminary in the Philippines. For years he was Philippine correspondent of *The Christian Century.*

On November 28, 1968, Cornelio M. Ferrer was elected to the episcopacy by the Philippines Central Conference and served the Manila Area until 1974 when he retired. Since 1984 he has been a volunteer worker in rural missions, visiting farmers and fishermen in their homes, and by the riverside where the fishermen mend their nets. Bishop Ferrer returned to the rural ministry in 1980 to his former Annual Conference (Northwest Philippines) as "bishop-in-residence" to Pangapisan, Lingayen, Mangaldan and the Central Conference Camp in Cabayaoasan, Bugallon. In January 1988 he went to Malasique Methodist Mission in the Province of Pagasinan to build a church.

Bishop Ferrer died November 23, 1988.

Paul Vernon Galloway
1904-1990

Paul Vernon Galloway was born in Mountain Home, Arkansas, on April 5, 1904, the son of James Jesse and Ella Burkhead Galloway. He was educated at Hendrix and Henderson-Brown Colleges (A.B. 1926), serving as assistant pastor of First Church in Fort Smith, Arkansas, in 1925-26. For one year he attended Perkins School of Theology and was pastor of the Arkadelphia Circuit. While attending Yale Divinity School, where he received his B.D. in 1929, he was associate pastor of the Methodist Church in Hamden, Connecticut.

Paul Galloway was ordained deacon by Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, joined the North Arkansas Conference where he was very active, especially in financial matters. In 1931, Paul was ordained elder by Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs. Between 1933 and 1950 he served churches in Arkansas and did post-graduate work at the University of Chicago. In 1950, he was appointed to Boston Avenue Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Paul Galloway was awarded honorary doctorates from Arkansas A.M. & N. College, Hendrix College, Oklahoma City University, Southern Methodist University, and McMurry College, and has been a trustee of many educational and civic institutions. Paul was chairman of the Program

Committee for the General Conferences of 1956 and 1960.

The South Central Jurisdictional Conference elected Paul Vernon Galloway to the episcopacy in 1960 and he was assigned to the San Antonio Area where he served for four years; he then was assigned to the Arkansas Area for eight years.

Following this first retirement, he was then assigned to the General Board of Discipleship for one year, preaching Evangelistic Missions in several states. In 1973, at the death of Bishop Kenneth Copeland, he was assigned to the Houston Area for the remaining three years and retired again in 1976.

Following the death of Bishop Shamblin, Bishop Galloway was reactivated in November, 1983 and assigned to the Louisiana Area for the balance of the quadrennium. At this third retirement, they moved to Arkansas, and in 1981, moved to Tulsa. He was Resident Bishop in the Boston Avenue United Methodist Church.

Bishop Galloway died August 4, 1990.

Walter Kenneth Goodson
1912-1991

Son of Daniel Washington and Sarah Peeler Goodson, Ken was born on September 25, 1912, in Salisbury, North Carolina. He attended Catawba College (A.B. 1934) and Duke Divinity School. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Paul B. Kern in 1937 and elder by Bishop Clare Purcell in 1939 and joined the Western North Carolina Annual Conference.

Kenneth Goodson was pastor of Centenary Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference elected him to the episcopacy in 1964 and he served the Birmingham area for eight years and then the Richmond area for another eight. He retired in 1980.

Bishop Goodson was president of the General Board of Discipleship 1972-80 and president of the Council of Bishops 1976-77. He holds honorary degrees from a number of academic institutions.

Bishop Goodson died September 17, 1991.

James W. Henley
1901-1990

James Walton Henley was born July 14, 1901, son of Charles W. Henley and Terressa Dowthet Johnston Henley of Cleveland, Tenn. He attended the McCallie School for Boys in Chattanooga and entered Emory University in 1919. After receiving his B.A. degree, he entered Yale Divinity School where he received the B.D. degree in 1926.

Upon graduating, he joined the Holston Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, being ordained deacon and elder in 1928 and 1930 respectively by Bishop Horace M. Dubose.

Jim served the Spring City circuit (1926-27), Crossville (1927-28), Harriman (1928-29) before attending the University of Edinburgh (1929-30). Upon returning, he served First Church, Morristown (1930-31), Central Church, Knoxville (1932-37), Centenary Church, Chattanooga (1937-44) and was transferred to the Tennessee Conference where he served West End Church (1944-60).

At the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference in 1960, he was elected bishop and was assigned to the Jacksonville Area, later called the Florida Area, where he served until his retirement in 1972.

His published works are "Sermons on Our Lord's Prayer", and "The Sermon on the Mount." Emory University, Lycoming College, Florida Southern College and Bethune Cookman College conferred honorary degrees. Bishop Henley served on the General Board of Education and the Board of Social Concerns.

On December 31, 1931, James Henley married Huldah Jo Chapin. They had two sons: James Walton Henley, Jr. and Chapin Henley. Huldah Henley died on October 22, 1968. In 1970, Bishop Henley and Margaret Hollis were married in First United Methodist Church, Lakeland, Florida. Margaret died on December 5, 1984.

After retirement in 1972, the Henleys were associated with Educational Opportunities, a program of Christian education travel in the Holy Land and the countries of Europe.

Bishop Henley died June 7, 1990.

Francis E. Kearns
1905-1992

Francis Kearns was born December 9, 1905, in Bentleyville, Pennsylvania, the son of George V. and Jennie Mae McCleary Kearns. He joined the Pittsburgh Conference in 1927 after he graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University. He then attended Boston University School of Theology, receiving his S.T.B. in 1930. He was awarded the Jacob Sleeper Fellowship for graduate studies that he took at the University of Berlin and the University of Edinburgh. He completed his Ph.D. at the University of Pittsburgh in 1939. He received an honorary D.D. from Ohio Wesleyan and has received several other honorary degrees from other institutions.

Francis Kearns was ordained a deacon by Bishop W. F. MacDowell in 1930, and elder by Bishop Herbert Welch in 1931. He had pastorates in Dravosburg, Pittsburgh, and Uniontown in Pennsylvania, and in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. He was chairperson of the Board of Education of the East Wisconsin Conference, and for twelve years a member of the General Board of Education. He was also active in ecumenical affairs, and three times a delegate to the World Methodist Conference. He was elected a delegate to the General Conferences of 1952, 1956, and 1964.

His election to the episcopacy was by the North Central Jurisdictional Conference in 1964. He served twelve years in the Ohio East Area. Bishop Kearns has served as trustee of several academic institutions. He is the author of *The Church is Mine* and *The Spiritual Message of the Hebrews.* He retired in 1976. For twelve years after retirement, he was Visiting Professor of Church Administration at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

Bishop Kearns died January 29, 1992.

John Wesley Lord
1902-1989

The son of John James and Catherine Carmichael Lord, John Wesley was born in Paterson, New Jersey, on August 23, 1902. He was graduated from Montclair State Normal School in 1922 and was a teacher/principal in the New Jersey schools for two years. Wes then went to Dickinson College, receiving a B.A. degree in 1927. While serving as assistant pastor at Emory Methodist Church in Jersey City, he attended Drew Theological School, receiving his B.D. in 1930. Wes Lord matriculated for his Ph.D. at the University of Edinburgh and later did graduate work at Rutgers University in the field of education.

John Wesley Lord was ordained deacon by Bishop McConnell and elder by Bishop Lowe and joined the Newark Conference in full connection in 1931. He was appointed to the Community Church in Union, New Jersey, where he served for three years while the church was erected by volunteer labor. Subsequently, he was appointed to First Church in Arlington and First Church in Westfield, both in New Jersey.

At the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference of 1948, John Wesley Lord was elected to the episcpoacy and assigned to the Boston Area where he served for twelve years and then to the Washington Area for twelve more years before retirement in 1972. Bishop Lord held many positions of leadership in general agencies of The United Methodist Church as well as ecumenical agencies, particularly the U. S. Interreligious Committee on Peace, as well as trustee of many institutions. He was president of the Council of Bishops 1970-71. He has been honored by doctorates from Dickinson College, Boston University, Morgan State College, Western Maryland College, Delaware State College, and Montclair State College.

Bishop Lord died June 26, 1989.

Torney Otto Nall, Jr.
1900-1989

T. Otto Nall was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, on May 23, 1900. While a student at Hamline University, from which he was graduated in 1921, and the University of Minnesota, he served the church at Medford, Minnesota. While a student at Garrett Biblical Institute he began his position as assistant editor of *The Epworth Herald* and was ordained deacon by Bishop Charles Edward Locke. On the completion of his seminary work he was ordained elder, also by Bishop Locke, and joined the Minnesota Annual Conference in 1924.

T. Otto Nall had a long career associated with *The Christian Advocates;* representative at Cincinnati Editorial Board (1935-39); editor, Northwestern and Central Editions (1939-40); managing editor (1941-48); acting editor (1948-49); editor (1949-56); editor, *The New Christian Advocate* (1956-60). He is also the author of a dozen books for youth and took graduate studies at the Medill School of Journalism and the University of Chicago. For 38 years, 1922-1960, he worked for The Methodist Publishing House.

In July 1960, T. Otto Nall was elected to the episcopacy by the North Central Jurisdictional Conference. He served eight years in the Minnesota Area. During 1968-72 he continued in active service in order to administer the Hong Kong-Taiwan Area, preparing the conferences in both regions for autonomy--self-directing, self-propagating, and self-supporting Methodist groups. After retirement Bishop Nall, with wife Frances, wrote five books.

Bishop Nall died February 21, 1989.

William Kenneth Pope
1901-1989

Hale, Missouri, is the birthplace of W. Kenneth Pope. He was born on November 21, 1901, the son of William Mumford and Victoria LaRue Pope. Kenneth attended Clarendon College and then Southern Methodist University from which he holds B.A. and B.D. degrees. In 1924 he became pastor of the church in Milford, Texas, and in 1925 was ordained deacon by Bishop James E. Dickey. He did two years at Yale University Graduate School, was ordained elder by Bishop John M. Moore, joined the Central Texas Annual Conference and was appointed to First Church, Breckenridge, Texas. He later served the following appointments: First Church, Georgetown, Texas (1933-36); St. Paul, Springfield, Missouri (1936-40); First Church, Austin, Texas (1940-49); and First Church, Houston, Texas (1949-60). Kenneth Pope was active in conference affairs wherever he went, serving in many leadership positions. He was elected to the General Conferences of 1952-60. He was a member of the General Board of Education 1952-60, served as secretary of the Commission to Study the Ministry 1949-56, and wrote many articles for church publications.

In 1960, the South Central Jurisdictional Conference elected W. Kenneth Pope to the episcopacy. He served the Arkansas Area for a quadrennium and then the Dallas-Fort Worth Area until his retirement in 1972. His honorary degrees include those from Southwestern University, Hendrix College and Southern Methodist University. He has been a trustee of numerous institutions.

Bishop Pope died June 26, 1989.

Paul Arthur Washburn
1911-1989

Paul was born in Aurora, Illinois, on March 31, 1911, son of Eliot Arthur and Lena Buhrmsen Washburn. After being graduated from high school in his home town, Paul was a teller and bookkeeper in a bank for three years. He then attended North Central College, receiving a B.A. in 1936; during his last two years of college Paul served the Eppards Point Evangelical Church in Pontiac, Illinois; he continued here while he attended Evangelical Theological Seminary (B.D. 1938).

Ordained both deacon and elder by Bishop George Edward Epp, Paul Washburn participated in the union between the Evangelical and the United Brethren Churches, serving churches in Rockford (State Street Evangelical/St. John's E.U.B.--1939-52) and Naperville (First E.U.B.--1952-62)--both in Illinois. He then became executive secretary of the

Commission on Church Union.

Paul A. Washburn was the first bishop of The United Methodist Church, being consecrated in Dallas on April 22, 1968. He was assigned to the Minnesota Area for four years and then administered the Chicago Area for eight years until retirement in 1980. He is the author of *The United Methodist Primer* and *An Unfinished Church.*

Bishop Washburn has been a trustee of numerous institutions, holds several honorary degrees, and was president of the General Board of Global Ministries 1972-76.

Bishop Washburn died May 6, 1989.

William McFerrin Stone
1913-1988

William McFerrin Stowe, son of John Joel and Myra Anderson McFerrin Stowe, was born in Franklin, Tennessee, on January 28, 1913. He received an A.B. from Hendrix College in 1932, a B.D. from Duke Divinity School in 1935, and a Ph.D. from Boston University in 1938.

Mac Stowe was ordained deacon in 1937 by Bishop DuBose and elder by Bishop A. Frank Smith in 1942. He served pastorates in Alta Loma, Texas (1938-40); Garden Villas Church, Houston (1940-44); and then joined the staff of the General Board of Education where he served until 1949 when appointed to First Church, Stillwater, Oklahoma. A popular preacher, Dr. Stowe was at various times visiting professor and special lecturer at Iliff School of Theology, Scarritt College, Boston University School of Theology, Perkins School of Theology, Westminster Theological Seminary, Graduate School of Religion at the University of California, Gammon School of Theology. He was also active in Oklahoma Conference programs as well as trustee of numerous institutions. He was a delegate to the General Conferences of 1956-64.

In 1951 Mac Stowe moved to St. Luke's Church in Oklahoma City where he was pastor at the time of his election to the episcopacy in 1964 by the South Central Jurisdictional Conference. Bishop Stowe was assigned to the Kansas Area 1964-72 and the Dallas/Fort Worth Area 1972-80 at which time he retired. He was Bishop-in-residence at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, 1980-88.

Bishop Stowe has been very active in the World Methodist Council, most recently chairing the Program Committee for the 1981 Conference in Hawaii. Bishop Stowe was chosen by his colleagues to give the Episcopal Address at the 1980 General Conference. He is holder of numerous honorary degrees and other honors. He is the author of *The Characteristics of Jesus, The Power of Paul, It All Began with God,* and *If I Were a Pastor.*

Bishop Stone died November 24, 1988.

Friedrich Wunderlich
1896-1990

Friedrich was born in Plauen, Saxony, Germany, on January 23, 1896, son of Engelbert and Lydia Laemmle Wunderlich. He was named after his paternal grandfather, the founder of the Methodist Church in eastern Germany. Friedrich served with the German army in 1915-18 as he did later in 1940-45.

Friedrich received a Ph.D. from Leipzig University in 1923, was ordained by Bishop J. L. Nuelsen, and became secretary of Christian education in the Methodist Church in Germany. After seven years in this capacity, Dr. Wunderlich was appointed pastor of a church in the densely populated part of Hamburg known as "little Moscow".

On December 6, 1930, Friedrich Wunderlich and Maria Straube were married. They had four children: Maria (Mrs. Emanuele Mannarino), Gertraud (Mrs. Wolfgang Weber), Georg--all who became medical doctors--and Friedrich, doctor of oceanography. Maria Wunderlich died on February 8, 1980.

In 1939 Dr. Wunderlich became Professor of Theology at the Predigerseminar der Methodistenkirke in Frankfurt-am-Main and in 1948 the President of the seminary. During these years, Dr. Wunderlich was active in the World Council of Churches and other ecumenical organizations.

In 1953 the Central Conference in Germany elected Dr. Wunderlich as bishop for the Methodist Church in Eastern and Western Germany that he administered for fifteen years until his retirement in 1968. On the death of Bishop Odd Hagen in 170 Bishop Wunderlich was recalled to active service and supervised the Stockholm Area until the election of Bishop Borgen. From 1970-72 he was the representative of the World Methodist Council in the Geneva Office.

Bishop Wunderlich holds honorary degrees from DePauw University, Birmingham-Southern College, and Baldwin-Wallace College. He is the author of *Methodists Linking Two Continents, Gott Gibt Sein Volk Nicht Auf,* and *Christus vor Allem. Friedrich Wunderlich ein Bruckenbauer Gottes* [God's bridge builder] is a 1982 biography written by Karl Heinz Voigt.

Bishop Wunderlich died July 9, 1990.

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Delegates Will Handle 2,433 Proposals

General Conference delegates will deal with 2,433 proposals sent by 9,500 individuals, groups churches or agencies. And, if computers function properly, these petitions should be processed in record speed.

In spite of the fact there are 228 fewer petitions than last quadrennium, and in spite of speedier processes, including automatic tallying of votes and computerized petition preparation, veteran delegates still expect the comparatively leisurely debates and processes of the first week will be followed by hurried consideration and parliamentary shortcuts in the second week.

Most Popular Topics

Most petitioners want to make some change in the *Book of Discipline*, and paragraphs receiving the most attention are paras. 71, 906 and 402.

Agenda

Tuesday, May 5

8:30 a.m.	Calendar Com. Organizes Orientation of delegates from Outside the U.S.A.
9:00 a.m.	Training of Marshalls and Pages
9:15 a.m.	Correlation and Editorial Revision Com. Orginizes
9:30 a.m.	Presiding Officers Com. Organizes Courtesies and Privileges Committee Organizes
9:45 a.m.	Credentials Com. Organizes Com. of Journal Organizes
10:30 a.m.	Joint Training Session of Agenda, Calendar, Presiding Officers & Editorial Revision Com.
1:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
2:45 p.m.	Organization of the Conference
4:30 p.m.	Organization of Legislative Com.
7:45 p.m.	Hymn Sing
8:15 p.m.	Episcopal Address; Bishop C. Dale White, New York Area

The Ministry Committee will field the highest number of petetions (546), followed by the General/Judicial Administration Committee (312).

All Petitions Printed

Delegates may find their work a little easier this year as they will be able to read the essence of all petitions in two advanced editions of the *Daily Christian Advocate* (*DCA*). In past conferences only a portion of the petitions was printed; the remaining petitions were read to the legislative committees.

Delegates are reminded, however, that only the essence of the petitions are printed. Rationale for requested changes are not printed as explanations are frequently lengthy and sometime include appended information from other sources. However, each legislative committee will, as always, deal with the original petition.

The decision to print all petitions, including those from local churches and individuals is the result of action by the 1988 General Conference requesting copies of all petitions to be given to every member of a legislative committee dealing with the items.

As the Commission on General Conference wrestled with the possibility of providing over 100 members of various committees with thousands of sheets of paper, they foresaw a nightmare of loose papers and an expensive copying bill. Commission members concluded that it would be less expensive and more helpful to put out a separate volume of the *DCA* with edited petitions from individuals, local churches, and groups.

All petitions are now treated in the same manner; rationales are deleted from requests to change the *Discipline*, and reasons for requesting resolutions are abbreviated.

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GREETINGS:

Louisville and the Commonwealth of Kentucky take pride in welcoming the 1992 General Conference of the United Methodist Church.

We trust you will find our meeting facilities and hospitality so expansive that you may never want to meet anywhere else.

Commonwealth Convention Center, where you are meeting, contains 200,000 square feet and is within walking distance of 3,000 of the city's 10,000 hotel and motel rooms.

You will find Louisville just right -- large enough to offer the best in cultural and entertainment advantages, yet small enough to make you feel cozy and comfortable because everything you want is conveniently located. And our skyline is highlighted by many beautiful churches.

We want to do all we can to please you, partly because we have a reputation to uphold -- Louisville ranks in the top 10 cities in America in convention and trade show attendance.

Our Administration is placing strong emphasis on strengthening the family unit though improved education and children and family services. We depend on strong support from our churches in this regard. Your presence is an added boost to this effort.

Kentuckians are also pleased that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has chosen Louisville as the consolidated site for its national headquarters. This has contributed to the high moral tone as well as the revitalized economy of Louisville's downtown area.

It is a joy to receive you and the glad tidings you bring with you.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

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How General Conference Works

General Conference convenes every four years and is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church. The *Discipline* states that no person or organization except the General Conference "has authority to speak officially" for the denomination (Paragraph 610).

Meeting sites for General Conference are rotated among the church's five jurisdictions in the United States. The 1984 General Conference was in Baltimore, Maryland, and in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1988. The 1996 General Conference will meet in Denver, Colorado.

Each annual conference is entitled to a minimum of two delegates. Beyond that minimum, the number of delegates per conference is determined by the number of lay and clergy members within that conference. Of the U.S. delegations, Virginia is the largest with thirty-two members. The largest Central Conference delegation is Central Zaire, with twelve members. Eight voting delegates represent Methodist churches that are related to The United Methodist Church through concordats. For more information on delegates and delegations, see page 10.

Members of the Council of Bishops attend General Conference but do not vote and cannot speak without permission from the delegates. A bishop presides at each plenary session. Each member of the Council of Bishops usually serves during one morning, afternoon, or evening session. All bishops—active and retired—attend the entire conference.

General Conferences have several purposes. One is to revise The *Book of Discipline,* the book of church law for The United Methodist Church. General Conferences also adopt statements of "Social

Principles" and resolutions on various current moral, social, public policy, and economic issues. Approving plans and budgets for churchwide programs for the next four years also occupies General Conference time and energy.

Primary sources of legislation for the General Conference are petitions and proposals from church agencies and organizations. Any individual member or official body within The United Methodist Church can submit a petition for legislative action.

All petitions are printed in the *Advance Daily Christian Advocate*. The *Advance DCA* also lists the eleven 1992 legislative committees, which receive, approve, amend, combine, or disapprove petitions for recommendation to the full body of General Conference.



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Dear Delegates and Friends of the 1992 General Conference of the United Methodist Church,

Welcome to Louisville and to the Louisville Annual Conference. We have been planning for your visit and are anxiously awaiting your arrival. Hundreds of our people serving on more than 40 committees are working to make your time here a pleasant and rewarding experience. As the host Conference, we want to care for your every need. We want you to also know that our people are praying regularly for each of you by name. What you do here could impact the entire world for Jesus Christ. You honor us by meeting in our Conference

It will be apparent when you arrive in Kentucky that the Commonwealth is celebrating its Bi-Centennial. We are 200 years old and take much pride in our remarkable history. Before Kentucky was an "official" state, however, Francis Asbury had already established preaching places throughout this region. Many of our United Methodist Churches have already celebrated their Bi-Centennial, and others are near. Kentucky was a fertile soil for the gospel that came across the mountains, and the people here have continued in their deep commitment to the Christian faith. Your visit with us will be another mile-stone in the church history of this region.

The General Church has met in Louisville before. The history of the General Conferences meeting here reveal that they have never been just "maintenance" gathering. (The marker in front of the Convention Center where we will be meeting will attest to this.) It is our fervent hope and prayer that this will be the time in Louisville when the Church moves out in unity and might to address the spiritual needs of the world.

Welcome to Louisville!

Sincerely,

Robert H. Spain

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New System for Processing Legislation

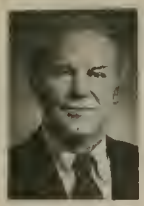
As delegates start to work on these petitions tomorrow, they will find a new operating system in place.

In previous years, a legislative committee would: 1) act on petitions; 2) send them to a typing pool; 3) check, sign and send the typed copies to a calendar secretary who would organize them and assign calendar members. Copy would finally be sent to the DCA where it would be typeset.

This year, a recorder will be present in every legislative committee. Recorders will have all the petitions in their computers, and they will input the legislation as it is passed by the committee.

Committee officers will subsequently receive a copy of the proposals exactly as they will appear in the *DCA*. Committee officers will then check DCA copy instead of a typewritten copy.

As a result, there should be fewer keystrokes, increased processing speed, and greater accuracy. Committee officers will be trained in the new process meetings this evening at 6 p.m.



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May 3, 1992

To Our Honored Guests:

Greetings to the United Methodist Church General Conference. It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Jefferson County, and extend every courtesy to you and your families.

I hope that your convention is fruitful and that your stay in our county is long remembered for the hospitalities we offer. You will find that our community combines modern conveniences with traditional amenities, blending the best of the past and present.

If my office can offer any assistance to you during your stay, please do not hesitate to call on us. We are always ready to make new friends in Jefferson County.

Sincerely,

David L. Armstrong
Jefferson County Judge/Executive

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Everyday Details

Interpretation Equipment

Foreign-language receivers may be checked out from the local committee in the Show Office off the North Lobby of the Convention Center.

Lost & Found

Lost and Found is located in the Information Booth in the lobby of the Convention Center.

Mail Today

Do you need to mail a letter or buy some stamps? For your convenience, a post office is located in the ticket office off the North Lobby of the Convention Center. It will be open Monday through Friday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Messages

There is a bulletin board located next to the Information Center in the lobby of the Convention Center. Messages will be posted on this bulletin board.

Announcements

Announcements made orally or by projection are restricted to the official operation of the General Conference and its legislative and administrative committees. Other announcements by groups (no individual messages) can be taken to the DCA office (Room 116) by 3:00 p.m. on the day before the announcement is to be printed in the DCA.

Special Needs

Persons requiring wheelchairs or special transportation to hotels may contact the Information Booth in the lobby of the Convention Center.

Sections of the hall have been set aside for persons with handicapping conditions. Marshals will be pleased to direct those requiring such seating to the appropriate sections.

Food Service

Cafeteria food service for delegates and visitors will be available each day (except Sunday, May 11) in Hall C of the Convention Center.

Continental breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Sweet rolls, doughnuts, juices, fresh fruit, and beverages will be available.

Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Hot entree, cold sandwiches, and assorted salads will be available.

In addition, concession stands will be open at various times during the conference to serve the conference attendees.

Emergency Information

The First Aid Room in the Convention Center is located off the North Lobby. It is open each day from 8:30 a.m. until closing in the evenings. The First Aid Room is staffed by a registered nurse and a qualified physician who are volunteers from Louisville United Methodist churches. After hours, persons with medical needs may call Dr. C. Kenneth Peters, family physician, at 481-0809. For after-hour medical emergencies call 911 and ask for transportation to the Methodist Evangelical Hospital emergency room, located in the heart of the city near the hotels where delegates and visitors are housed.



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May 3, 1992

To All in Attendance
United Methodist Church General Conference

Dear Friends:

As Mayor of Louisville, I take great pleasure in welcoming you to Louisville. We are very proud to serve as host city for the United Methodist Church General Conference and extend to you our finest in Kentucky hospitality.

While you are visiting, I encourage you to experience some of the many sites and pleasures that make Louisville a great American city. You can cruise the Ohio River on Louisville's historic steamboat, the Belle of Louisville or enjoy lunch or dinner on a floating restaurant. Our downtown is a blend of historic buildings and exciting new architecture. I invite you to experience the IMAX (maximum image) theatre at the Museum of History and Science located on historic West Main Street. Another action film can be found at the Kentucky Derby Museum at Churchill Downs, where you can watch your favorite Kentucky Derby race! And be sure and catch a ride on the vintage-style Toonerville II Trolley located along famous Fourth Avenue. Don't forget to experience the Louisville Zoo!

Once again, a warm welcome to Louisville. We are glad you are here and hope you will visit us often.

Sincerely,

Jerry E. Abramson
Mayor



Looking for things to do in Louisville? This giraffe is among the more than 900 animals at the Louisville Zoo. For information on more things to see and do in and around Louisville, see pages 21-24.

Instructions for Expense Reimbursement

The chairperson of each delegation received an envelope containing travel expense vouchers for each member of the delegation today.

Please read carefully the instructions related to allowable expenses as shown on the reverse side of the travel expense voucher. Any questions should be directed to the treasurer's office in the Conference Room on the mezzanine level.

Have these travel-expense vouchers completed promptly and returned to the chairperson of the delegation for approval. The chairperson should deliver all approved vouchers in the delivery envelope to the treasurer's office by Wednesday May 6, before the evening session begins. The travel expense checks, in accordance with approved travel expense vouchers, will be delivered to the chairperson of each annual conference delegation on Friday, May 8.

Per-Diem Vouchers Available May 11

Per-diem expense vouchers will be distributed to the chairperson of each delegation on Monday, May 11. The chairperson should deliver all approved vouchers in the delivery envelope to the treasurer's office by Wednesday, May 13, 10:00 a.m. Checks for per-diem expense, in accordance with approved per-diem expense-vouchers, will be delivered to the chairperson of each delegation by Friday, May 15, before the close of the conference.

Check Cashing

All checks issued for travel expense or per-diem expense will be written on Liberty National Bank and can be cashed at the bank with proper identification. Upon receiving approval in the treasurer's office, delegates' and reserve delegates' personal checks up to $100.00 may be cashed at Liberty National Bank. The bank is open Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The bank is located at 416 West Jefferson across the street from the Convention Center. Information concerning the cashing of travel, per-diem expense, or personal checks is available in the treasurer's office, Conference Room, mezzanine level.

Badges Identify Groups

You can identify many of the people at General Conference by the colors of their badges.

White & Red: Delegates
White & Light Blue: United Methodist bishops
White & Purple: Judicial Council
White & Dark Blue: Commission on the General Conference
White & Green: General secretaries of boards and agencies
Blue & Dark Blue: Local committee
Canary & Red: Marshals and pages
Green & Dark Green: Reserve delegates
Buff & Brown: General Council on Finance and Administration
Pink & Dark Blue: Staff of general boards and agencies
Ivory & Brown: Ecumenical representatives
Ivory & Light Blue: Spouses of bishops
Ivory & Purple: Spouses of Judicial Council
Ivory & Dark Blue: Spouses of Commission on the General Conference
Sand & Brown: News media

Episcopal and Lay Addresses Available on Audio or Videotape. Order at Booth in the UM Publishing House Display

Bishop C. Dale White to Deliver Episcopal Address

Dr. C. Dale White, bishop of the New York Area, will deliver the traditional "State of the Church" episcopal address this evening at 8:15 p.m.

Prior to his election as bishop, Bishop White was a district superintendent in the Southern New England Conference from 1971 to 1976. He served as director of program for the denomination's Division of Temperance and General Welfare of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns, headquartered in Washington, DC, from 1961 to 1965. He then became associate general secretary of that agency (now Church and Society) and served until 1968.

Bishop White served as pastor at Calvary Methodist Church in Newport, Rhode Island (1948-1951); Hingham Methodist Church, in Hingham, Massachusetts (1951-1954); Stoughton Methodist Church in Stoughton, Massachusetts (1954-1961); and East Greenwich United Methodist Church in East Greenwich, Rhode Island (1968-1971).

Bishop White left the general church agency staff and returned to the local church (1968) because he believed the local church to be "a vital action center for the Christian gospel." Bishop White noted that it didn't take long working at the national level to realize that the credibility of one's Christian witness on national legislative issues depended upon authentic social and ethical witness at the local church level, as well as on "an informed, alert, and open grassroots constituency."

Bishop White was consecrated a bishop in 1976 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He served the New Jersey Area for eight years. In July, 1984 he was assigned to the New York Area.

Bishop White received his B.A. degree from UM-affiliated Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. He earned his S.T.B. and Ph.D. degrees from Boston University.

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Bishop White has published over 150 articles, pamphlets, and curriculum units. He has written primarily on issues that bring together insights from the fields of ethics, psychology, and theology. He was editor of *Dialogue in Medicine and Theology* (Abingdon, 1968), and for seven years, he wrote a column called "Teens" in the denomination's magazines *Together* and *United Methodist Today*.



Bishop C. Dale White of the New York episcopal area will present the episcopal address this evening at 8:15 p.m.

Bishop White has traveled throughout Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. In the 1960s, he was a delegate to the United Nation's Population Conference in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. He was a lecturer at the 1967 International Church and Society Conference in Freudenstadt, Germany. He was also a delegate to the 1972 and 1976 General Conferences. Among his honors, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Boston University.

Bishop White is a member of the General Board of Global Ministries, the national board of Bread for the World, and the board of Religion in American Life. He also serves on the boards of trustees of Morristown College, Drew University, and Brooklyn Methodist Hospital.

In 1985, Bishop White served on a bishops' hearing panel in Washington, DC, on "The Nuclear Crisis and the Pursuit of Peace." In 1986, he co-authored a pastoral letter of the United Methodist Council of Bishops entitled, "In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace."

Bishop White was born in Sac City, Iowa. He and his wife, Gwendolyn Ruth, have six children.

—Thomas J. Tozer

Daily Worship Services to Include Guest Choirs

Each day during the General Conference worship services will highlight morning and afternoon hours. Beginning on Wednesday, May 6, each guest choir will sing gathering music at 8:15 a.m. before the 8:30 morning worship service. Members of the Council of Bishops will be preaching during these services. Afternoon worship, in the sanctuary of Trinity United Methodist Church, south of the Convention Center on Third Street, will feature messages by selected United Methodist Pastors beginning at 2:30 p.m. following a pre-service concert by the day's guest choir at 2:00 p.m. These schedule for these services is as follows:

Tuesday, May 5

1:00 p.m. Concert: Chancel Choir, First UMC, Dallas, Texas
Ronald Kauffmann, Director

1:30 p.m. Holy Communion and Memorial Service
Preacher: Bishop Emilio J. M. de Carvalho of Angola
Liturgist: Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel

7:30 p.m. Pre-service music by First UMC, Dallas

7:45 p.m. Hymn Sing featuring a service of Methodist hymnody

Wednesday, May 6

8:15 a.m Concert: Choir of Apache, Oklahoma UMC
Ms. Penny J. Perry, Director

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship
Preacher: Bishop Louis W. Schowengerdt
Liturgists: Dr. William Hutchinson and Reverend Jo Carr

2:00 p.m. Concert: Choir of Apache, Oklahoma UMC

2:30 p.m. Afternoon Worship
Preacher: Dr. Manfred W. Marquardt-Reutlingen, West Germany
Liturgist: Dr. Erika Welti, Zurich, Switzerland

Thursday, May 7

8:15 a.m. Concert: Celebration Ringers, St.James UMC, Little, Rock and Junaluska '91 Ringers from the Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship, Music and the Other Arts. G. Felix Thompson, Director

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship
Preacher: Bishop Felton E. May
Liturgist: Phyllis Elizabeth May

2:00 p.m. Pre-Service Concert: Junaluska '91 Ringers

2:30 p.m. Afternoon Worship
Preacher: Reverend J. Jeannette' Cooper, Newark, Ohio
Liturgist: Don W. Mendenhall, Des Moines, Iowa

Friday, May 8

8:15 a.m. Concert: Spirit Wind, Northwest Texas Conference Youth Choir
Bert Bostic and Jon Johnson, Directors

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship
Preacher: Bishop Ernest A. Fitzgerald
Liturgist: Reverend D. Randall Williamson, Atlanta, Georgia

2:00 p.m. Pre-Service Concert - Spirit Wind Youth Choir

2:30 p.m. Afternoon Worship
Preacher: Dr. Peter D. Weaver, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Liturgist: Mrs. Shirley Parris, Brooklyn, New York

Saturday, May 9

8:15 a.m. Concert: Sanctuary Choir, Shepherd of the Hills UMC, Sun City West, Arizona.
John Dorch, Director 8

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship
Preacher: Bishop Ruediger R. Minor
Liturgist: Edward Puslecki, Warsaw, Poland

2:00 p.m. Pre-Service Concert: Shepherd of the Hills Choir

2:30 p.m. Afternoon Worship
Preacher: Reverend Kirbyjon Caldwell, Houston, Texas
Liturgist: W. E. (Buddy) Arnold, North Little Rock, Arkansas

Monday, May 11

8:15 a.m. Concert: Philander Smith College Choir, Little Rock, Arkansas
Stephen Hayes, Director

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship
Preacher: Bishop Elias Galvan

2:00 p.m. Pre-Service Concert: Philander Smith Choir

2:30 p.m. Afternoon Worship
Preacher: Reverend Barbara E. Harper, Birmingham, Alabama
Liturgist: Rachel Dickson Cheek, Athens, Tennessee

Tuesday, May 12

8:15 a.m. Concert: Credo - Young Adult Choir, Tallin, Estonia 8

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship - Ecumenical Service
Preacher: Bishop Vinton R. Anderson, AME Church

2:00 p.m. Pre-Service Concert: Estonian Young Adult Choir

2:30 p.m. Afternoon Worship
Preacher: Reverend Mark Trotter, San Diego, California
Liturgist: Lois C. Seifert, Claremont, California

Wednesday, May 13

8:15 a.m. Concert: Sister Spirit, Clergywomen's Quartet

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship
Preacher: Bishop Melvin G. Talbert
Liturgist: Reverend Peter Chen, San Jose, California

2:00 p.m. Pre-Service Concert: Sister Spirit

2:30 p.m. Afternoon WorshipP U UP
Preacher: Reverend Joseph Chrispin Renner, Sierra Leone, West Africa
Liturgist: Doris J. Rudy, Evanston, Illinois

Thursday, May 14

8:15 a.m. Concert: Chancel Choir, First UMC, Pittsburg, Kansas
Susan Marchant, Director

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship
Preacher: Bishop Sharon Brown Christopher

2:00 p.m. Pre-Service Concert: First UMC Choir, Pittsburg, Kansas

2:30 p.m. Afternoon Worship
Preacher: Dr. Jerome King Del Pino, Winchester, Massachusetts
Liturgist: Mrs. Barbara Jantz, Duncan, Oklahoma

Friday, May 15

8:15 a.m. Concert: Chancel Choir, St. Paul UMC, Louisville, Kentucky
Michael Beattie, Director

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship
Preacher: Bishop Edsel A. Ammons

10:00 p.m. Closing Worship Service (Convention Center)
Liturgist: Bishop Thomas Bangura

Dallas Choir to Lead Opening Service



The 100-member Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church, Dallas, will be leading the two opening day General Conference services. Their pre-service concert begins at 1:00 p.m. They will also sing at 7:30 p.m. this evening before the 7:45 Hymn Sing.

Leading the opening day worship services is the Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas. The Music and Arts Ministry of First United Methodist Church, Dallas, is blessed by aboundant and diverse talents shared by over 350 participants. The Chancel Choir is the core of the church's Music and Arts Ministries which includes a graded childrens choir program, handbell choirs, recitals, plays, the Kesheth Dancers, and many other programs. They present over 100 anthems, a large-scale musical, seasonal concerts and three major works annually. They have sung under the leadership of some of the world's most dynamic conductors including John Rutter, Lloyd Pfautsch, Jane Marshall, and Dave Brubeck. The choir is under the direction of Ronald E. Kauffmann, Director of Music and Arts Ministries. Mr. Kauffman, a native of Elkhart, Indiana, received his undergraduate degree from the University of Evnasville and his Master of Music degree from Southern Methodist University. Kauffmann is a member of ASCAP, the Amercian Choral Directors Association, the AGEHR, and the Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship, Music and the Other Arts and has over 80 choral, insturmental and handbell compositions in print and contributed brass arrangements to the *United Methodist Hymnal.* Elizabeth Soderstrom, Organist, has served this congregation since 1949. In over forty years of service she has made four senior pastors look good and has trained five directors of Music. She also plays for many other musical events in the Dallas area. Rebecca Gruber, also a graduate of Southern Methodist University is the Associate Director of Music Ministries. Richard Owen, Assistant Organist, is currently a candidate for the Master of Sacred Music Program at Southern Methodist University where he studies with Robert Anderson.

A Profile of the 1992 General Conference Delegates

A total of 998 delegates were elected to attend this session. Eight hundred and eighty-two delegates come from conferences in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. The Central Conferences (Africa, Europe, and the Philippines) sent 108 delegates. Eight delegates have come from other autonomous Methodist churches (churches with which The United Methodist Church has formal ties through concordats) in Great Britain, the Caribbean and the Americas, and Mexico.

The gain in delegates from the Central Conferences (outside the U.S.) reflects a relative increase in the percentage of United Methodists in those conferences. Church membership outside the U.S. and Puerto Rico increased to more than one million, while the U.S. total dipped to about 8.9 million.

Women make up 30.3 percent of the total 998-member General Conference delegation. Women make up 34.4 percent (303) of the total U.S. and Puerto Rico delegation, an increase from 33.5 percent in 1988. Although there is a slight decrease of women lay delegates (from 52 percent in 1988 to 50.3 percent in 1992), the present percentage of women clergy delegates (18.4 percent) increased significantly over the last four years (15.1 percent in 1988) and has more than doubled over the last eight years (8.9 percent in 1984). The drop in the number of laywomen elected cut the overall gain in women delegates to about 1 percent above 1988. Even with the decline, however, women outnumber men among the lay delegates by 0.3 percent.

Fifteen of the 72 U.S. conference delegations will be headed by women in 1992. Southwest Texas and Western North Carolina delegations elected women first in both lay and clergy delegations. The Western New York lay delegation is comprised totally of women.

The number of racial/ethnic delegates elected increased slightly more than 1 percent from 1988. Racial/ethnic delegates make up 17.9 percent of the 1992 total, up from 16.7 percent in 1988. A breakdown of delegates by racial/ethnic background shows: Caucasian, 82.1 percent (724 delegates); African-American, 12.6 percent (111 delegates); Asian-American, 2.7 percent (24 delegates); and Native American, 0.9 percent (8 delegates). In what is believed to be a first, the Oregon-Idaho Conference elected a Native American woman, Carol Colley, to head its delegation.

A breakdown by jurisdiction reveals: Southeastern, 270 delegates or 30.6 percent of the total, with 27.8 percent being women; North Central, 196 delegates or 22.2 percent of the total delegation, with 38.3 percent being women; Northeastern, 176 delegates or 20 percent of the total, with 41.5 percent being women; South Central, 172 delegates or 19.5 percent of the total, with 27.9 percent being women; and Western, 68 delegates or 7.7 percent of the total, with the highest proportion of women delegates at 47.1 percent.

Approximately 210 of the 441 clergy delegates and 225 lay delegates elected for 1992 were not 1988 delegates. The number of new clergy delegates is slightly lower and the number of new lay delegates is slightly higher than in 1988.

The longest-serving lay delegate in Louisville will be Red Bond of the Memphis Conference, first elected in 1960. John M. Thomas of the South Indiana Conference was a delegate first in 1964.

Among clergy, Charles A. Sayre of the Southern New Jersey Conference was elected in 1964. Even though he is retired, Sayre is the delegate head at this 1992 legislative gathering.

Retired Bishop Nolan B. Harmon, 99, of Atlanta, holds the longest current attendance record at General Conference, beginning with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1930 as a delegate from Virginia.

Conference officials will need to check closely to make sure that one bishop and his brother are seated correctly. Bishop Thomas B. Stockton (Richmond Area) and his identical twin, Richard, a member of the Western North Carolina lay delegation, will be in attendance. Brothers Bishop William B. Oden (Louisiana Area) and Tal Oden, a lay delegate from the Oklahoma Conference, will also be present.

Pastors John Harnish (Detroit Conference) and James Harnish (Florida Conference) are a second set of twins bound for Louisville. Both also served in 1988.

At least three clergy-spouse combinations—Warren and Mary Ebinger (Baltimore Conference), Robert and Elizabeth Sweet (Southern New England Conference), and Eugene and Emily Ann Zimmerman (Florida Conference)—will attend.

The average-size delegation from the United States and Puerto Rico is six clergy and six laity. The Virginia Conference will have the largest, 32, with the West Ohio Conference next with 30, and the Western North Carolina and Florida conferences with 28 delegates each.

Central Zaire will have the largest delegation from the Central Conferences with 12 members.

—Thomas J. Tozer

Ruby Galloway Farish to Deliver Laity Address

"Serving God in Our Private Lives and Public Responsibilities—Connecting Faith and Action" will be the theme for tomorrow's Laity Address. Ruby Galloway Farish will present the address at 9:00 a.m. at the convention center.

A resident of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Farish brings a wealth of experiences to her presentation. She has been a member of The United Methodist Church since she was nine years old in "wonderful Delight, Arkansas." She is active in her local church, Boston Avenue, as an adult Sunday school teacher, member of the worship commission, and co-chair for Christian Personhood in United Methodist Women.

Farish connects her faith with action in many ways in the community of Tulsa. She serves as a board member of United Methodist Cooperative Ministries, an agency working to reduce the number of persons becoming homeless in Tulsa County.

In 1972 Farish's husband came home from his work as a medical doctor and told her about the death of a baby girl whose mother had battered her against the wall. In response, Farish called together twenty-two people to study the problem of child abuse. For five months they did research, held workshops, and explored ways to start a program to help parents who were "losing their cool with their kids." From those beginnings grew the Parent Child Center of Tulsa, now a United Way organization with thirty-one professional staff and many volunteers. The center offers education, medical care through family support clinics, daycare and foster care, and counseling and support services for the treatment and prevention of child abuse. Farish continues to volunteer at the center as a facilitator for a Life Skills group for parents.

For the past twelve years, Farish has served as a Listener at Resonance, a women's growth center in Tulsa. During listening sessions, she offers a one-on-one caring, nurturing presence for women to explore, reorder, and regain confidence in their lives. Farish has also conducted workshops on spiritual growth and has served as a moderator for the American Institute of Discussion.

Farish has been a certified mediator with the Tulsa Municipal Court system's Early Settlement program. In her work as a mediator for formal, out-of-court hearings, she meets with parties who come together for face-to-face negotiations.



Ruby Galloway Farish of Tulsa, Oklahoma, will present the laity address Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

A police chaplain since 1986 with the Tulsa Police Department, Farish offers pastoral care to police personnel and community members in crisis. Chaplain Farish carries a police radio in order to respond to calls at the scenes of accidents, suicides, crisis interventions, dead-on-arrival situations, and disasters. She has been involved particularly with families in which no church or community support systems exist.

The path to presenting the Laity Address began for Farish last year. Her manuscript was among 284 manuscripts submitted. Forty-six manuscripts were then selected for a second screening by a ten-member committee. Four finalists made oral presentations in February to the annual meeting of the National Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders. Three judges selected Farish from among the finalists.

Farish is married to Joseph Key Farish, a retired medical doctor. They have three children: Kent, a medical doctor; Karen, a clergyperson; and Jessica, a clergyperson.

—Keith H. Kendall

Women's Role Controversial 100 Years Ago

A hundred years ago, the question of whether women could officially represent predecessor bodies of The United Methodist Church was an issue as controversial as the homosexuality debate today.

At its 1892 General Conference, the Methodist Protestant Church—smallest of the Methodist bodies—argued for two days over whether four women elected as delegates by their conferences should be seated.

Complicating the issue was that one woman, Eugenia St. John of Kansas, had been ordained an elder by her conference in 1889, despite the fact that clergywomen lacked official recognition.

But, as St. John herself pointed out during General Conference debate, "The great question of the future is whether you will have the power to conquer the forces of sin, and I tell you it will need every woman that can be found to stand side by side with the good-minded men in this work if the church is to be triumphant."

In the end, St. John and the other women were triumphant too. With a vote of 77-48, Conference delegates decided to seat them—the first time women were so recognized by a United Methodist predecessor denomination. This General Conference also voted to remove the word *obey* from a woman's marriage vow.

Their United Brethren sisters were soon to follow. Of the 52 lay delegates seated for the first time at the 1893 United Brethren in Christ General Conference, two were women. They gained strength quickly, with 24 women delegates in 1905.

Evangelical women, however, were not seated until the time of merger with the United Brethren in 1946.

According to a paper on "Laity Rights and Leadership" by William T. Noll, published in *Women in New Worlds: Historical Perspectives on the Wesleyan Traditions,* the Women's Foreign Missionary Society (WFMS) was key to the Methodist Protestant women's success. All four of the women seated as delegates in 1892 had been active in the society. St. John was a founder of the Kansas branch. Melissa M. Bonnet, a returned missionary from Japan, had organized local chapters in West Virginia. Mrs. M.J. Morgan was an organizer and officer of the Indiana branch of the WFMS. A.E. Murphy was treasurer of the Iowa Conference board of missions.

WFMS was formed in 1879 and cooperated with the Methodist Protestant Church Board of Missions to send its first missionary, Harriet Brittan, to Japan in 1880. The General Conference that same year confirmed the society's independent status.

But, according to Noll, "the tensions developing over Methodist Protestant women's new self-assertion and competence burst loose at the 1884 General Conference." Because the women had no voice, they were unable to stop new rules being forced upon them.

The women had learned their political lesson. They had their full rights restored by the 1888 General Conference.

The larger Methodist Episcopal Church—split into North and South—also had successful women's missionary groups. But the northern church refused to seat four women elected as delegates to the 1888 General conference. Laywomen were officially recognized in 1906.

Women did not gain that recognition in the southern branch until 1922.

—Linda Bloom

Women Delegates Today

Women represent 34.4 percent of the delegates at the 1992 General Conference.

Barbara Campbell, an assistant general secretary with the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries, pointed out that, particularly with clergywomen delegates, "the growth in the past ten or twelve years is really astronomical."

However, Cecelia Long, general secretariat member of the church's Commission on the Status and Role of Women, noted that the 1992 women's delegation is not at the same percentage level as the denomination's approximately 60 percent women membership figures. "There is work to do to bring women into full and equal participation as delegates to the General Conference," she said.

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No Halos in 1792: 200 Years Later

This year, 1992 marks the 200th anniversary of General Conference. The first get-together (clergy only, mind you)—happened on November 1-15, 1792, in Baltimore. It was attended by ambitious, divisive, strong-willed, even tyrannical church leaders.

Episcopal or Legislative

Within a fledgling denomination, the first General Conference was a showdown of sorts between rival clergymen—a playing field for a church leadership tug-of-war.

In his essay, "Crisis of Leadership: The General Conference of 1792," Frederick A. Norwood writes that Methodists, for the first time, were forced "to deal legislatively with the personal tension between episcopal and parliamentary authority"—a tension that remains part of Methodism today.

Much of that tension surely was felt in the shoulders and back of Francis Asbury. The first American "bishops"—a term John Wesley opposed—of this young American church, Asbury's halo was no straighter than those of his feisty colleagues. Some viewed him as tyrannical. Others sensed that he lacked the acumen of an administrator and felt compelled (perhaps called) to test his leadership mettle. Imagine Asbury's thankless task: to head a preachers' conference with literally no rules or constitution to keep the bishop's or conference's actions in check.

Why a General Conference?

Why a General Conference—that was Asbury's question. He did not appreciate the apparent groundswell of support for a General Conference. Many clergy, however, felt a growing instability in the American church less than a decade old.

The annual conference system, launched in 1773 when the church was merely a movement of "societies," was becoming unwieldy and fragmented. The fear was that without an overall structure, conferences would do their own thing out of self-interest and survival. Even Bishop Thomas Coke pushed for a General Conference. Sent to America from England by Wesley, Coke was suspicious of Asbury's leadership style and ability.

The movement for a larger organization was gathering momentum. When Wesley died on March 2, 1791, their symbol of leadership, commitment, and cohesiveness died too. The need for unity was indisputable.

Those First Sessions

A motion made at the first General Conference would limit the power of the bishop, an action directly targeted at Asbury. Following heated debate, the motion was voted down. After less than a week, the Rev. James O'Kelly and like-minded colleagues became the first official members to walk out of a General Conference.

However, the wheels were in motion. The General Conference turned attention to enacting church legislation. The 1792 conference marked the beginning of an unbroken succession of quadrennial meetings on the state of the church. It became a quadrennial body answerable to the people called Methodists. Several decades passed, however, before lay delegates were included in General Conference. And it was another 100 years before women were admitted.

The 1792 General Conference did not solve the church's tensions any more than the 1992 session will lay to rest all our church's differences today. However, General Conference has become an arena in which those tensions can be acted out, modified, lessened, and redefined. General Conference created order out of confusion. Its authority touches the highest church officials as well as local church members. In its role as maker, interpreter, and executor of church law, General Conference now represents the whole church and helps solidify the church as a whole. Rich in diversity, rich in wholeness—may God bless our diversity and wholeness.

—Thomas J. Tozer

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The Beginnings of United Methodism in Kentucky

— Charles W. Brockwell, Jr.

The sun shone bright on the old Kentucky homes of the Clarks, Durhams, and Mastersons. The Methodist movement began in Kentucky with such dedicated laypersons.

Francis Clark organized several Methodist societies in homes near Danville in 1783. A local preacher from Virginia, Clark was one of many Virginians who came to the "southwest"—as they called the Kentucky area.

Richard Masterson's family organized a Methodist class in 1784 in their log home northwest of Lexington. In 1788 the Mastersons built another house, which is traditionally recognized as the first Methodist meeting house in Kentucky.

Bright Beginnings

At the challenge of these families, Bishop Francis Asbury appointed James Haw and Benjamin Ogden as missionaries to the Kentucky District in 1786. At the end of one year's labor they reported ninety members and the district was divided into two circuits. A third circuit was added in 1788. Asbury himself presided at Masterson's Station over the first Methodist conference in Kentucky in 1790.

The General Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church in 1812 divided the Western Conference into the Ohio and Tennessee Annual Conferences. This action split Kentucky roughly in half. The 1820 General Conference set up the state as a separate conference, excluding the region west of Kentucky Lake and the Tennessee River. Today this excluded area of Kentucky is part of the Memphis Annual Conference.

Forerunners of the churches of the Evangelical Association and the United Brethren in Christ were present in Kentucky as early as 1780. About that time a German Reformed minister, the Rev. Benedict Schwope (Schwab), lived near Lexington. He may have helped organize a German church there in 1792.

A United Brethren church was organized around 1811 in Louisville. The Evangelical Association organized a Sunday school here in 1864—today's Zion United Methodist Church is the direct continuation of that work.

These churches and their successors, the Evangelical United Brethren Church and The United Methodist Church, have continued vital ministry in eastern Kentucky's Bell County region. Among the mountains and valleys of this Red Bird Missionary Conference, United Methodist congregations have ministered to the needs of the area's people.

African Methodist Episcopal work was brought to Kentucky about 1838. A Kentucky conference was formed in 1868. Quinn Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Louisville is the parent church in the state.

The Kentucky conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Zion was organized in 1866. Broadway Temple Church in Louisville is the oldest African Methodist Episcopal Church, Zion in the state.

Brown Memorial Church in Louisville is considered the parent church for the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. The Kentucky conference of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church was established in 1868.

Dark Days Too

Kentucky found itself in the middle of divisions in the churches of the people called Methodist. The number of Methodist people in Kentucky declined in the years after the schism led by the Rev. James O'Kelly in 1792. He split over the issue of episcopal authority, even taking the first Kentucky circuit rider, James Haw, with him. The appearance in 1800 of the camp meeting movement, however, gave the Methodists in Kentucky new life, increasing tenfold the number of Western Conference members.

The largest single break in American Methodist unity came at the troubled General Conference of 1844. Unable to agree on whether or not Bishop James O. Andrew should be allowed to exercise the episcopal office so long as he owned slaves, the delegates drew up an amicable Plan of Separation. The Kentucky Conference declared for the South.

In May, 1845 the Louisville Convention met at Fourth Street Methodist Episcopal Church. The delegates inaugurated the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The delegates of this conference divided the Kentucky conference and established the Louisville Annual Conference.

This Fourth Street church stood on land now occupied by the Commonwealth Convention Center—where we're meeting in 1992! You'll find the location marked by a United Methodist Historic Shrine and a Kentucky state historical marker.

The Sun Shines Still

Just as the great division of Methodism was completed in Louisville in 1845, so the first steps toward reconciliation were taken in the city at the General

Conference of 1874. Work begun there culminated in the 1939 unification of the Methodist Episcopal; Methodist Episcopal, South; and Methodist Protestant Churches into The Methodist Church. Thus, Louisville witnessed major steps in both Methodist schism and reconciliation. You will want to see the Methodist Unification Window in the east transept of St. Paul UMC Church.

Kentucky Methodism is relatively small in numbers but has nurtured a number of denominational leaders. Ten United Methodist bishops have come out of Kentucky: Henry B. Bascom, Hubbard H. Kavanaugh, John J. Tigert, H.C. Morrison, Hiram Boaz, U.V.W. Darlington, John N. Moore, Roy H. Short, Edward L. Tullis, and William W. Dew Jr. American Methodism's first systematic theologian, Thomas N. Ralston, also came from Kentucky.

The first Christian Methodist Episcopal bishop, William H. Miles, was a Kentuckian, as was Bishop James Lee Cummings. African Methodist Episcopal theologian and canonist, Bishop Edward W. Lampton, also was from the state.

Notable public leaders arising from the Methodist movement in Kentucky include governors James Dixon Black, Ned Breathitt, and John Larue Helm. U.S. senators Alben W. Barkley, who also served as vice president, and Walter "Dee" Huddleston came out of Kentucky Methodism.

—Robert Lear contributed information for this history.



Old Masterson's station has been traditionally recognized as the first Methodist meeting house in Kentucky. This photo was taken after the Methodists moved out.



The camp meeting movement gave Kentucky Methodism new life. The movement took place around the turn of the century—the nineteenth century, that is.



Bishop James Osgood Andrew owned slaves in 1844. The delegates couldn't agree on whether to allow him to exercise his episcopal office and own slaves at the same time.

Louisville United Methodism Today

"Louisville is a city with great religious vigor and diversity," says Dr. Roy Webster, district superintendent of the Louisville District. "United Methodism seeks to lift up a strong Wesleyan witness as we strive to meet the religious needs of a socially, economically, and ethnically diverse people. Together we are making significant steps toward the challenge."

The Louisville District has all of the opportunities and challenges facing urban districts across the church. Five of the conferences's eleven larger churches (membership of 1,000 or more) are in the district. Seven of the thirteen racial/ethnic local churches in the conference are located in Jefferson County (six Black congregations and one Korean).

Churches across the district are being challenged to reexamine their mission and plan creatively for the future as the church moves into the next century.

Louisville District Organized in 1991

Louisville and Jefferson County comprise the largest urban center in the state of Kentucky and in the Louisville Conference. Historically, the area has often been divided into two districts. In 1991, however, Bishop Robert H. Spain designated Jefferson County as a single metropolitan region, united in a Louisville District. The district includes 51 churches with 22,596 members. Dr. Roy L. Webster currently serves as district superintendent.

The district is using the district conference as a unifying representative body for its city and county congregations. In addition to its district stewards and district council on ministries, the Louisville District Conference of 1991 chartered the Louisville United Methodist Mission Coordinating Council.

A United Methodist urban ministry consultant visited Louisville in January, 1992, and began to assist the mission council in discerning the problems of and potential for evangelization in the district. Based on findings from this study, the council will bring to the 1992 District Conference a metropolitan mission strategy and plan for the decade. A special mission endowment fund, Anchors of Hope, with a goal of $1,000,000 has been established to underwrite urban mission.

At present the mission council gives support and guidance to three urban projects. Portland United Methodist Center serves children and youth in the city's poor Portland area. The new Korean language congregation currently meets in the facilities of St. Paul Church.

The third project, YouthWorks, is a creative program of volunteers working with first-time juvenile offenders referred by the courts. It began in 1989 as a joint ministry of the Calvary East (now Genesis) Black congregation and St. Paul UMC with funding from a grant from the Human Relations Sunday offering from the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS). The program has been developed as a model by GBCS and the two churches to address the needs of youth in trouble. The program recruits volunteer mentors to work one-on-one with youth referred by the courts to guide the youth in making restitution as ordered by the court and to befriend them as they set new goals for their lives.

There is one cooperative parish ministry in the district. The South Louisville Parish involves five small churches in the Churchill Downs area of South Louisville.

Louisville United Methodism ministers in an ecumenical environment in Jefferson County. The district participates in the Kentuckiana Interfaith Community, a network of Jewish and Christian denominations with significant ministries through the greater Louisville area. Louisville is also served by a strong network of fifteen ecumenical community ministries across Jefferson County in which United Methodists play a major role.

Louisville Agencies, Institutions, and People



The Rev. Thomas W. Grieb is co-chair of the division of the Local Committee for General Conference that will oversee first aid services for the conference.

In the 1850's, Louisville had the publishing house of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which was later moved to Nashville. Louisville was also the headquarters for the M.E. Church, South, Board of Missions and Church Extension. That board constructed a large gray limestone headquarters building, which is now the United Methodist Center of the Louisville Conference. Offices of the conference council on ministries and council on finance and administration are currently located in that building located next to Fourth Avenue UMC.

The episcopal office for the Louisville Area is located in Louisville, currently at the Professional Towers Building in Dupont Circle.

Three other major institutions of the conference are also located in Louisville. Wesley Community House at 803 East Washington Street has served the inner city since 1903. Wesley House is supported by the National Division of the General Board of Global Ministries, the Louisville Conference, and the United Way of Louisville. Methodist Evangelical Hospital was jointly developed by the United Methodist and Evangelical (now UCC) denominations and is part of the Alliant Hospital Center in downtown Louisville. Wesley Manor, a full service residential and nursing facility for older adults, is located in south-central Jefferson County.

The national headquarters of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. are located in Louisville and the city is home to two seminaries—Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.



Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church was organized in 1888. Some international delegates and guest will be served lunch here.

Bishop Roy Hunter Short was born and grew up in Louisville within a mile of the meeting site for the 1992 General Conference. His home church, Marcus Lindsey, is still an active congregation in downtown Louisville. Bishop Short was elected to the episcopacy from the Louisville Conference in 1948.

Mrs. Nettie Alice Green, the first Black person to serve as president of Southeastern Jurisdiction United Methodist Women (1972-1976), continues to be active in the Louisville District as a member of New Coke UMC.

History of Louisville United Methodism

United Methodism has had organized congregations in Louisville since 1806, twenty-six years after the founding of the city. Almost certainly the first place of worship and fellowship was a private home, then a log schoolhouse on the site of the present Jefferson County Courthouse on Jefferson Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets.

The early Methodists built their own church of brick (thirty-four by thirty-eight) in 1809, on the river side of Market Street, between Seventh and Eighth Streets. Bishop Francis Asbury preached in this building in October, 1812. In 1816 this congregation moved to Fourth Street to a site currently incorporated into the Commonwealth Convention Center, where the 1992 General Conference is meeting. The Fourth Street location was abandoned in 1853. Today's Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church was organized in 1888.

The second oldest strand in Louisville United Methodist history is from the United Brethren in Christ (UB). A UB church was established in 1811 or 1812 at a location near Bardstown Road and Douglass Boulevard where St. Paul UMC stands today. At the time of the 1968 merger, three Evangelical United Brethren churches in Louisville (Zion, First, and Virginia Avenue) became a part of the Louisville Conference.

Louisville Methodism must have been biracial from the first. Fourth Street Church had both White and Black members. R.E. Jones Temple is Louisville's oldest predominately Black United Methodist congregation. Under the name of Jackson Street it was organized in 1858 for the Black members of Brook Street Church (1835-1865).

—Dr. Charles Brockwell and Rhoda Peters

(Historical research of Louisville taken from paper by Rev. Rob MortonStout from Louisville, currently a pastor in the Baltimore Conference).

Welcome—We Are Ready for You!

One question has been asked almost daily in Louisville, Kentucky, in recent months by the Local Committee for General Conference from the host Louisville Conference. Finding answers to that questions has been a daily task for the past nine months for this committee and for hundreds of United Methodists from across the conference who have become involved.

The question? *How do you get ready for more than 5,000 guests from all over the world for two weeks?* Answers include:

Recruiting greeters for May 4-5 at Louisville's Standiford Field Airport;

Baking 240,000 homemade cookies for the delegates' breaks;

Providing a pool of thirty-six word processor operators;

Setting up a first-aid room to be staffed around the clock with medical personnel;

Arranging for ambulance service if needed to the nearby Methodist-Evangelical Hospital;

Preparing the elements for the opening Communion service (How much grape juice *do* you buy for 5,000 persons?);

Designating 80 clergy to assist in serving Communion to the visitors' section of the conference (the bishops serve the delegates);

Arranging for office equipment, computers, and furnishings to be set up in the Convention Center for the use of the conference;

Recruiting volunteers, including a corps of signers for the deaf and hard of hearing; assistants for persons with handicapping conditions; registration personnel; ushers for afternoon worship services; staff for the Delegates' Lounge and the Information and Message Center;

Lining up a host of volunteers to set up the Convention Center furnishings—and two weeks later tear them down.

Spirited Preparations

In fact, Louisville Conference United Methodists have been busily preparing to host the conference for more than two years. William Yates, lay co-chair of the local committee notes that this is a "once in a lifetime event" for local UMs and comments, "It is a high honor and privilege to host the General Conference."

Delegates, spouses, bishops, judicial council members, staff, and visitors are in Louisville at an optimum time of the year. Spring is at its best in early May. The week-long Kentucky Derby Festival has just concluded—although this timing has also meant logistical problems to solve with flight schedules and hotel preparations as Derby guests depart on May 3 and General Conference delegates arrive on May 4 and 5.

The Kentucky and Red Bird Conferences (Louisville's sister conferences in the eastern half of the state, which together with the Louisville Conference form the Louisville Episcopal Area) are hosting the pre-conference Council of Bishops' meeting in Lexington, Kentucky, the week prior to General Conference. The bishops will be meeting in the heart of central Kentucky's beautiful horse farm region.

The Commission on the General Conference, with offices in Indianapolis, is responsible for overall planning of the conference. This body is elected by and reports directly to General Conference. The local committee is named by the host conference to assist the commission and to arrange for local hospitality. "It gives us the opportunity to do something for the whole United Methodist Church," notes Dr. Wallace Thomas, clergy co-chair of the local committee, and pastor of Christ Church, United Methodist in Louisville.

The 30-member local committee has worked closely with Dr. DeWayne S. Woodring, who serves as business manager/executive director of the Commission on the General Conference. Committee members are involving persons from all 514 churches in the conference and several hundred Louisville Conference UM's will be helping directly. The local committee's three major divisions are in the areas of staffing and equipment, program, and hospitality. Each division has lay and clergy co-chairs and a number of subcommittees.

Louisville Conference UMs have been preparing spiritually as well as structurally for hosting General



Some members meet for the 1992 Local Committee for General Conference (LCGC). Left to right: Bishop Robert H. Spain, Louisville Episcopal Area; Mrs. Janie C. Brown, Louisville Conference UMW president and member of the LCGC; Mr. William O. Yates, lay co-chair, LCGC; Dr. Wallace E. Thomas, clergy co-chair, LCGC.

Conference. The Devotional Life Area of the Conference Board of Discipleship initiated a year of prayer of behalf of the General Conference. Every United Methodist in the conference was invited to participate in that year of prayer. That committee is also staffing a prayer room, which will be continuously available to delegates and visitors during the conference.

Welcoming Event May 4

Two major celebrative events are the responsibility of the host conference. The first was the Episcopal Reception, held last evening. This was the official welcoming event for all delegates and visitors. The theme, "1792-1992 Celebration," commemorated the 200th anniversary of General Conference as well as the bicentennial of Kentucky as a Commonwealth. It was held at the Galt House East, one of Louisville's famed historic hotels.

"Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise" May 10

The second major event for which the host conference is responsible will showcase local and jurisdictional United Methodism. "Lost in Wonder, Love and Praise" is scheduled for Sunday, May 10, the Sunday between the two work weeks of the conference, and will take place at two times, 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

This Host Conference Event will feature a musical celebration of the new United Methodist Hymnal. This event will highlight United Methodism's musical, religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity as it is reflected in the hymnal.

"Lost in Wonder, Love and Praise" will be performed in downtown Louisville's Macauley Theater. Each program will begin with a hymn-sing of gigantic proportions. From the new United Methodist Hymnal will come a variety of hymns old and new. Orchestra and a 200-voice choir will lead as UM's sing everything from "Heleluyan" to "Lift High the Cross." Included in the program will be a group of Wesley hymns. The conference-wide choir has been preparing for weeks under the direction of Michael Beattie and Dan Stokes, choirmasters at Louisville's St. Paul and Christ churches, respectively.

The second part of each program will feature the internationally famous Junaluska Singers of the Southeastern Jurisdiction, the host jurisdiction for the conference. The Junaluska Singers are a group of talented and committed young musicians from all over the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Dr. Glenn Draper directs the singers. Based at the jurisdiction's Lake Junaluska Assembly in North Carolina, the young singers draw large



Macauley Theatre will be the site of the Host Conference Event, a musical festival entitled "Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise." The event is scheduled for Sunday, May 10, with performances at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

crowds whenever they sing. With a variety of music they will provide a rousing end to this delightful program.

"Lost in Wonder, Love and Praise" will be a two-hour program. Complementary tickets have been made available to General Conference delegates, bishops, judicial council members, and their spouses. Tickets are available to visitors at $10.00 each by calling Jane Ryan at the United Methodist Center at 584-6616.

Local Church Hospitality

Louisville United Methodists will have the "red carpet rolled out" on Sunday, May 10, in many ways. Local churches in the greater Louisville area are inviting bishops and clergy delegates to preach on that Sunday. Many local UM's have signed up to host delegates and visitors for the day, planning to take them to worship services, treat them to "Sunday dinner," give them a

tour of some of the local points of interest, and accompany them to the host conference event.

Weekday afternoon preaching services and overflow meetings for some groups will be held in two of Louisville's downtown churches closest to the Convention Center. Trinity Towers at Third and Guthrie is a seventeen-floor high rise building that includes a 500-seat sanctuary; a rooftop chapel-in-the-sky which offers a breathtaking view of the city; and 218 apartment units, many of which are inhabited by older adults. The church sanctuary contains one of Louisville's art treasures—a signed Tiffany stained glass window of exquisite beauty.

International delegates and guests will be having lunch daily at historic Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church at the corner of Fourth and St. Catherine Streets. Fourth Avenue is housed in an outstanding Gothic structure with an imported mahogany-panelled sanctuary that seats about 1,200 people. Fourth Avenue is developing a meaningful ministry in an inner city area that houses many older adults and persons from a variety of ethnic groups and economic classes. Senior minister, Rev. Edgar Goins, is the church's first black pastor. His appointment in 1991 was the first major cross-racial appointment in the Louisville Conference.

Financial Considerations

The Louisville Conference is a relatively small conference of approximately 90,000 members. A major concern has been to plan for the warmest hospitality yet to exercise responsible stewardship of financial resources within the conference.

While the major operations of the conference are paid for by the Commission on the General Conference, the cost of the Episcopal Reception, Host Conference Special Event, local transportation, and many amenities are underwritten by the Local General Conference Committee. The Louisville Conference set aside $50,000 to apply to these costs and an additional $22,000 has been raised from other sources. The committee determined to live within this budget, feeling this represents responsible stewardship in today's world.

Therefore, delegates who have previously attended General Conferences may notice some minor changes. Delegates are being requested to pay for their beverages at the coffee breaks. (The cookies have been baked and donated from across the conference.) Few delegates probably would realize that coffee alone for delegates' breaks would cost about $11,000. The Louisville Conference believes that future conferences that host General Conference will likewise need to be sensitive to good stewardship in their planning.

Eager Anticipation

In spite of the financial limits, the local committee has striven to be lavish in their warmth and in their contributions of time, talent, and expertise to hosting the conference. Working together on all that is required has unified the conference in a unique way.

As the General Conference opens, the mood of the Louisville Conference is best summed up in the words of Bishop Robert H. Spain. He said, "We are excited about it—excited that the world of United Methodism can see what we're doing here in Kentucky!"

Louisville Conference United Methodists are equally excited that they in turn will be experiencing United Methodism from across the nation and around the world.

—Rhoda Peters, Director

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What to Do and See in Louisville

A City Blending Southern Charm and Northern Sophistication on the Banks of the Ohio River

Louisville blends the past, present, and future for a unique personality and an atmosphere that visitors of all ages and backgrounds can enjoy. As a visitor or delegate to the 1992 General Conference, plan some time for sightseeing. A number of sites of interest are within easy walking distance from the Commonwealth Convention Center in the heart of Louisville's downtown area.

As the gateway to America's first westward expansion, Louisville is rich in an American heritage that is reflected in a unique blend of Southern charm and Northern sophistication. Louisville was founded in 1778 by George Rogers Clark, and quickly grew into a thriving river port at the Falls of the Ohio River. Through the 1800s Louisville was a center for processing and shipping tobacco, bourbon, textiles, and agricultural products.

At the Riverfront

Today Louisville's riverfront is once again alive with activity. The Falls Fountain signifies the commitment of Louisville to its riverfront. Anchored in the Ohio River, computerized jets propel water into a 375-foot high fleur-de-lis pattern, the symbol of Louisville. The world's largest floating fountain symbolizes the pride of heritage and commitment to the future.

Just down the river from the fountain is the oldest treasure in the Louisville area—the unique geographic beauty of the Falls of the Ohio. As the only exposed bedrock in the 981-mile length of the river, the area provides a significant source of study in paleontology, geology, and ornithology. The Falls is also renowned for its well-preserved fossilized corals.

The Belle of Louisville anchors in the Ohio River at Fourth Street. She is the oldest operating Mississippi-style stern wheeler in the United States. Built in 1914, she was recently named a National Historic Landmark.

A Glimpse of the Past

Not far from the riverfront you'll find examples of fine human handiwork. Louisville's Main Street collection of 19th century cast-iron facades is second only to those in New York City's Soho District. Other examples of historic architectural styles can be found in the 19th century Victorian residences of Old Louisville (the city's first suburb) and in the shotgun and camel back homes of Butchertown.

Of special note in the historic Butchertown area near downtown is the Wesley Community House, a United



In the forground of the Louisville skyline, the Falls Fountain projects a 375-foot high fleur-de-lis pattern, the symbol of Louisville.

Methodist ministry in the inner city since 1903. Wesley House is supported by the General Board of Global Ministries, the Louisville Conference, and the United Way of Louisville. It provides day care for low-income families and human services and programs to meet the needs of children, youth, and older adults.

While you're in the neighborhood, also tour the Thomas Edison House and Museum. This is an 1840 "shotgun cottage" where the famous inventor rented a room in the 1860s to begin his career as a Western Union telegraph operator in Louisville. Both Wesley House and the Thomas Edison House are about a five-minute ride from the Commonwealth Convention Center.

History and architecture combine to attract thousands of visitors annually to each of Louisville's historic homes. Farmington, designed by Thomas Jefferson, and Locust Grove, the last home of General George Rogers Clark, offer special activities for visitors throughout the year. The Victorian-style Conrad House in Old Louisville is also open to visitors.

Louisville also honors the past with memorials in the 141-year-old, 300-acre Cave Hill Cemetery and Arboretum, and Zachary Taylor National Cemetery.

Connecting the Past

Connecting past with present is a specialty among Louisville's many museums and visual and performing arts groups. The Museum of History and Science combines past, present, and future in a wealth of historic and hands-on exhibits that explore our natural history and science. The new IMAX Theater, with four-story screen and six-track sound system, provides state-of-the-art technology in motion.

Historians frequent the Filson Club Library and Museum to research and to view relics of Kentucky's history. Exhibits and tours are regularly scheduled at the Howard Steamboat Museum, Portland Museum, Eisenberg Museum, John Conti Coffee Museum, and Kentucky Fried Chicken's Colonel Harland Sanders Museum. The Kentucky Derby Museum pays tribute to the 116-year-old Kentucky Derby thoroughbred horse race through participatory exhibits, replays of past races, artifacts, and a 360-degree multimedia presentation. The J.B. Speed Art Museum, Kentucky's oldest and largest art museum exhibits classic works by Rembrandt, Rubens, Monet, Picasso, and Thomas Moore.

Kentucky's arts and crafts are cherished worldwide. Skilled artisans continue to produce items using processes handed down through generations. The Kentucky Art and Craft Gallery, Louisville Stoneware, and Hadley Pottery are just a few of the places providing the opportunity to take home a piece of Louisville's heritage.

The past and present come alive through productions by Louisville's performing arts groups. The internationally-known Louisville Ballet and Orchestra, the Kentucky Opera, Stage One: Children's Theater, and other regional, national, and international performing groups provide the Kentucky Center for the Arts with excitement year-round. The Kentucky Center, a modern facility for the performing arts, centers around a lobby with arching windows providing a panoramic view of the river and its fountain.

The Tony Award-winning Actors Theater of Louisville is internationally known for the Humana Festival of New American Plays, many of which go on to Broadway. The Actors Theater is housed in a renovated National Historic landmark originally designed as a bank by the famed architect, Gideon Shryock.

Alive in the Present

Louisville's 10,000-acre park system provides daily enjoyment for thousands of families. Of the 137 parks, sixteen were designed by Frederick Law Olmstead, designer of New York's Central Park. Families also enjoy the Louisville Zoo, located near downtown, which offers more than 900 species and a new Herp Aquarium complete with rain forest. The Kentucky Kingdom Amusement Park, featuring three roller coasters and undergoing a 13.5 million dollar expansion, includes an action-packed water park.

Tours of some of the country's most interesting and highly mechanized industrial plants provide a first-hand look at modern production techniques. The Hillerich and Bradsby tour of the Louisville Slugger baseball bat factory was named last year as one of the top ten industrial tours in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report.*

Where to Dine inLouisville

All of the hotels housing General Conference delegates and visitors have fine restaurants and coffee shops. Other Louisville area restaurants cater to every taste. Many of them are within walking distance or a free Toonerville II Trolley ride from your hotel. Consult the restaurant guide in your packet.

There is a cluster of fast food restaurants on the third floor in the Galleria, about one block from Commonwealth Convention Center. This food court is open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, to 8:00 on Thursday, and from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Buckhart's Liberty Street Restaurant is open from 11:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m. daily and closed on Sun-

day. The Colonnade Cafeteria on the lower level in the Starks Building (corner of 4th and Muhammad Ali) is open for breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. Where available, Derby Pie is always a favorite and traditional Kentucky dessert.

Information from Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau

—Edited by Jody Lassiter
Fourth Avenue UMC

Louisville Attractions
Historic Homes

Conrad House. 1402 St. James Court (636-5023). Victorian era house completely renovated with period furnishings. $3.00.

Farmington Historic Home. 3033 Bardstown Road (452-9920). Federal-style home using a design by Thomas Jefferson. Adults $3.00, students $1.00, children free.

Locust Grove Historic Home. 561 Blankenbaker Lane (897-9845). Georgian plantation, last home of General George Rogers Clark. $3.00.

Thomas Edison's Butchertown Homes/Museums. 729 East Washington Street (585-5247). Double "shotgun cottage." $1.00 donation.

Spalding University Mansion—Younger Woman's Club Charity Showhouse. 851 South Fourth Street (585-9911). Free.

Museums

Eisenberg Museum, Baptist Theological Seminary. 2825 Lexington Road (897-4141). Egyptian and near eastern antiquities, mummy, Bibles, and artifacts of biblical times. Free.

Filson Club. 1310 South Third Street (635-5083). America's historic libraries and manuscripts museum. Free, library $2.00.

John Conti Coffee Factory Museum. 4023 Bardstown Road (499-8600). The only coffee museum of its kind in U.S. Free.

Kentucky Derby Museum at Churchill Downs. 704 Central Avenue (637-1111). World's largest museum of its kind. Adults $3.50, senior categories $2.50, children $1.50.

Museum of History and Science/IMAX Theater. 727 West Main Street (561-6103). Has Kidspace for ages 7 and under. Adults $3.50, senior categories, $2.50.

J.B. Speed Art Museum. 2035 South Third Street (636-2893). Museum has amassed treasures of Rembrandt, Rubene, Tiepolo, Bartolommeo, and Picasso. Free.

Water Tower. River Road at Zorn Avenue. Was once the city's only water pumping station, now a contemporary art center.

Other Attractions and Recreation

Kentucky Center for the Arts. Five Riverfront Plaza (562-1050). Guided tour $.75 cents.

Kentucky Art and Craft Gallery. 609 West Main Street (589-0102).

Belle of Louisville Cruise. Wharf at Fourth and River Road (625-2355). Old fashioned cruise of the Ohio River.

Star of Louisville. 151 East River Road (581-0289). Luxurious cruising and dining on the beautiful Ohio River.

Humana Building. Fifth and Main Streets (580-3600). Loggia houses 50-foot waterfall. Lobby furnished in marble from Italy and France. Statues adorn rotunda and mezzanine. Free.

Hillerich and Bardsby Company. 1525 Charlestown Road, New Albany, Indiana. Home of Louisville Slugger baseball bat (585-5226). Free.

Churchill Downs. 700 Central Avenue (636-4400). Home of the famous Kentucky Derby.

Louisville Zoo. 110 Trevilian Way (459-2181). 1300 animals in open naturalist environments.

Toonerville II Trolley. Connects four major downtown hotels. Free.

Louisville Horse Trams. 1048 East Main Street (581-0100). A romantic way to see downtown Louisville.

Some United Methodist Sites of Interest

Wesley Community House. 803 East Washington Street (583-8317). A United Methodist ministry in the inner city since 1903. Open daily.

Wesley Manor. 5012 East Manslick Road (969-3277). Lovely suburban retirement home owned by the Louisville Conference. Will pick up at hotel for group tours. Call for information.

Trinity Temple Towers. Third and Guthrie Streets (585-2905). United Methodist church in the heart of downtown. Roof top chapel in the sky. 500-seat sanctuary. Open daily.

Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church. Fourth and St. Catherine Streets (585-2176). Outstanding Gothic structure. Imported mahogany sanctuary. Seats 1200. Open daily.

St. Paul United Methodist Church. 2000 Douglass Boulevard (459-1515). Has a series of commissioned stained-glass windows that tell the biblical story from Creation through Resurrection. Early church history and United Methodist history including the 1939 Unification Window. Free. Tour available on request, call 459-1595.

Christ Church United Methodist. 4614 Brownsboro Road (897-6421). Louisville Conference's largest church. Open daily.



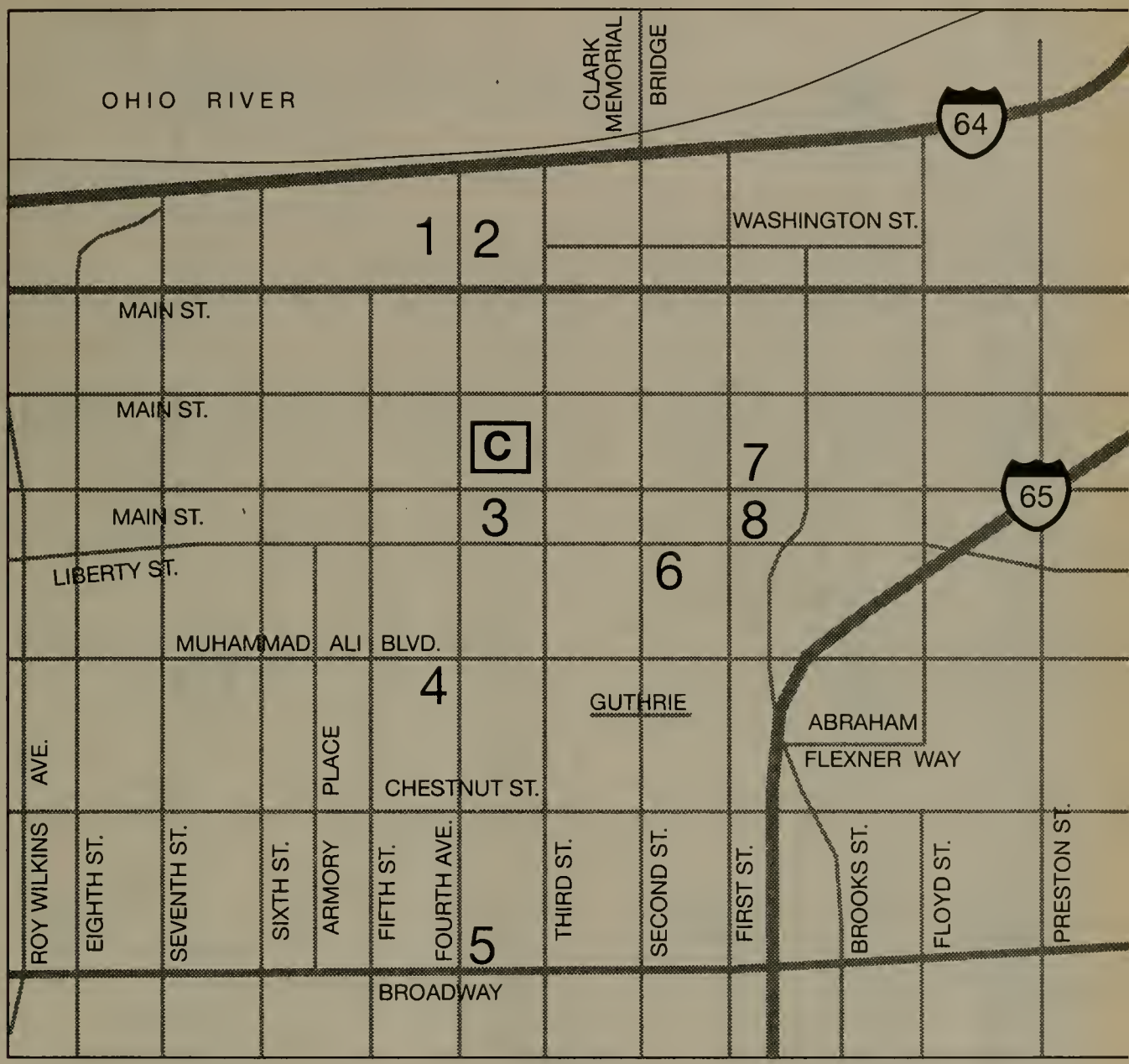
Churchill downs is the home of the Kentucky Derby. The 1992 running of the Derby was held last Saturday. Churchill Downs also houses the Kentucky Derby Museum.



The Belle of Louisville is America's oldest authentio excursion sternwheeler. It has operated since 1914. It is anchored at the Riverfront.



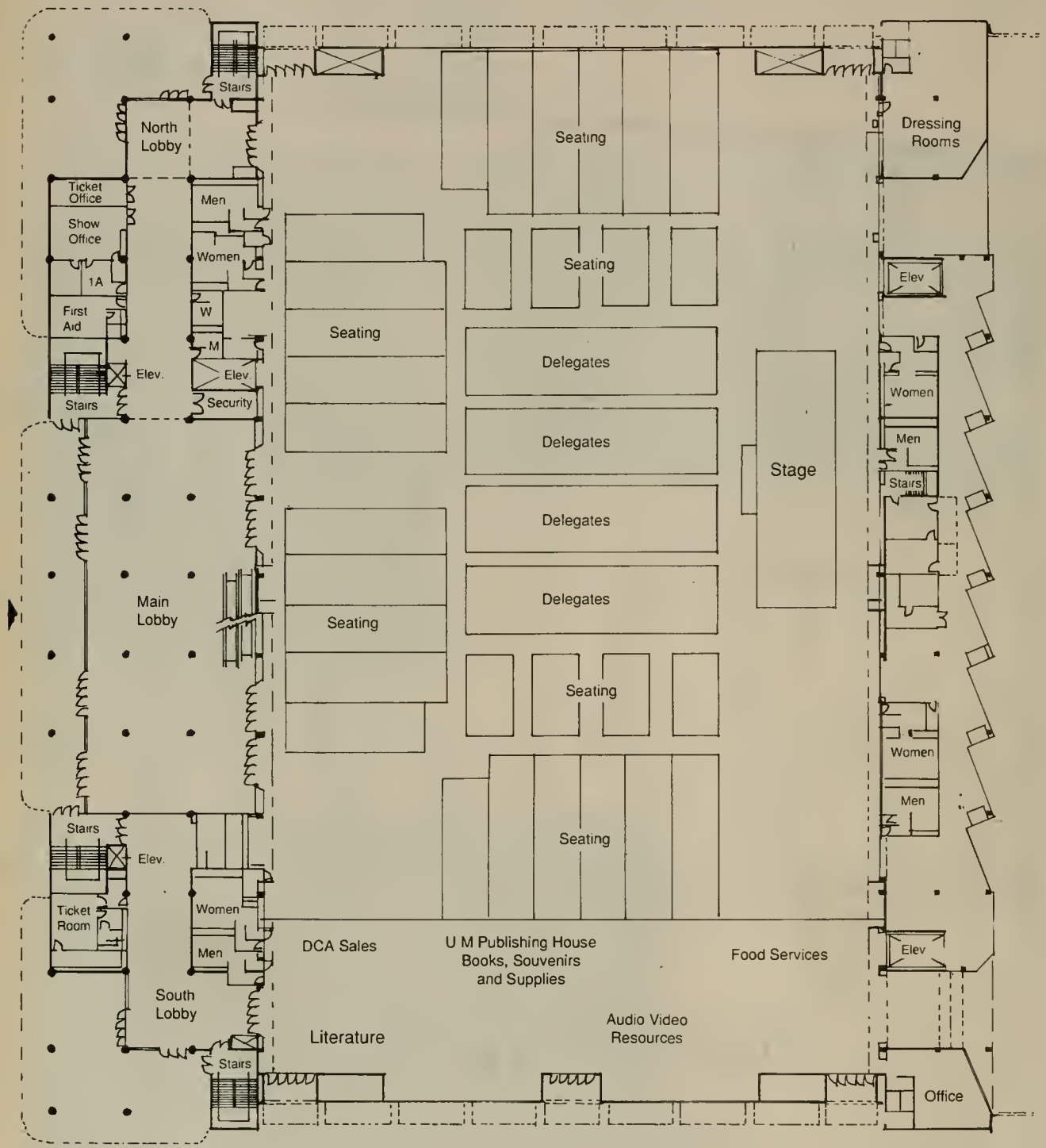
The Louisville Horse Trams offer daily service in the downtown area on horse-drawn carriages and trams.



Downtown Louisville

Map No.	Hotel
C	Commonwealth Convention Center (*Site for all conference sessions*).
1	Galt House West
2	Galt House East
3	Hyatt Regency Louisville
4	Seelbach
5	Brown, A. Camberley
6	Days Inn Downtown
7	Quality Inn Downtown
8	Travelodge

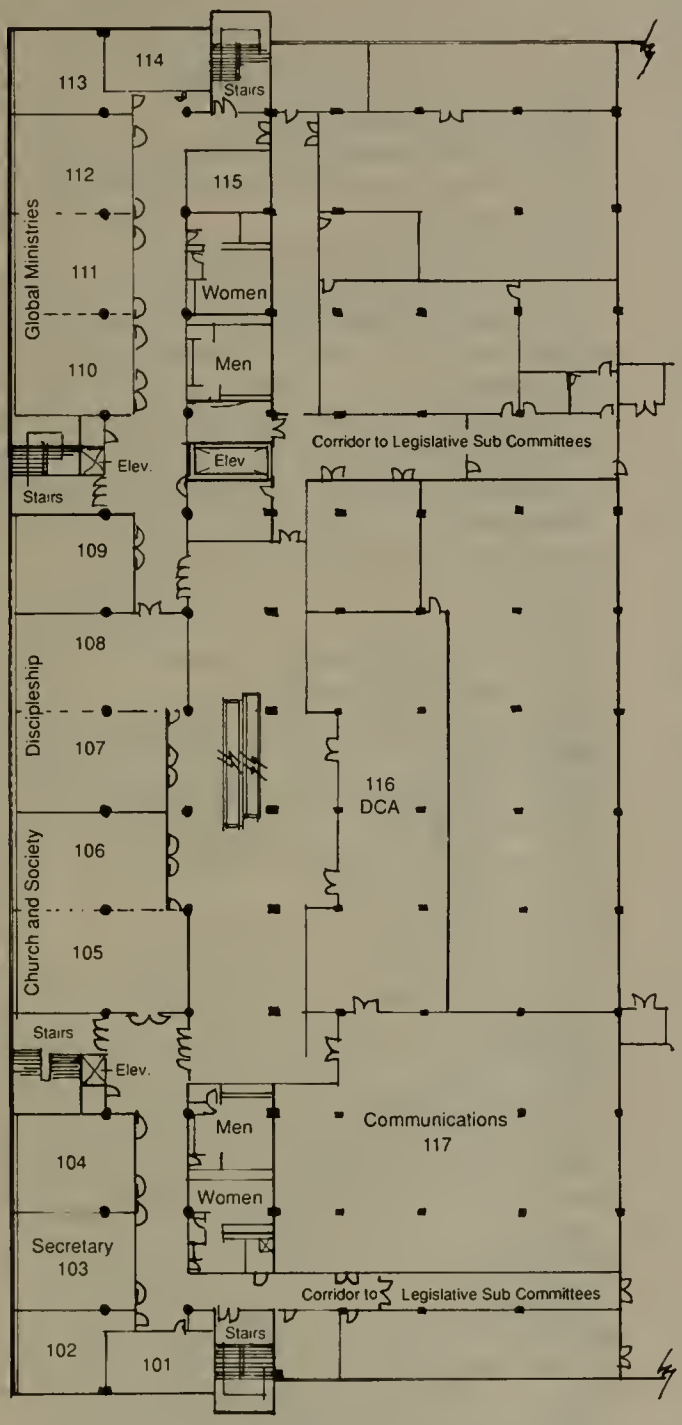
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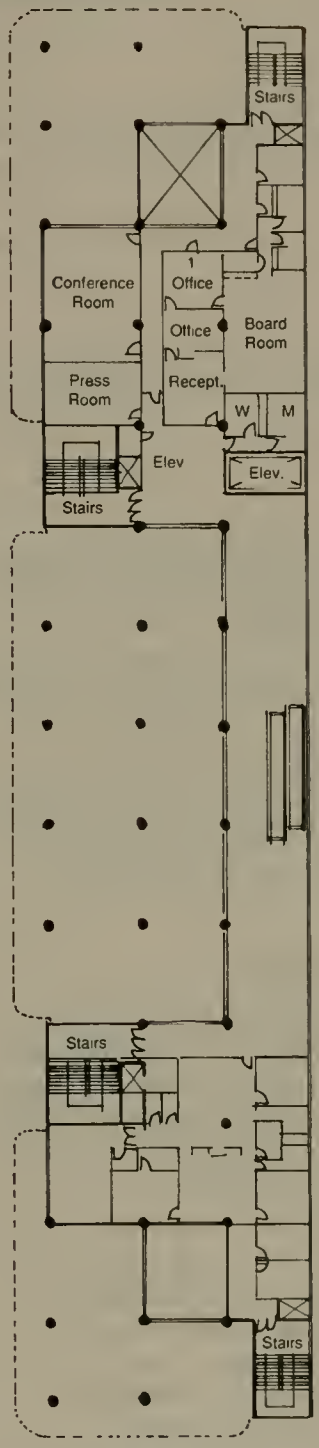
Street Level	Room No.
Choir Robing	Dressing Room Lobby
Correlation & Editorial Revision	Dressing Room A
Credentials Committee	Show Office 1A
Daily Christian Advocate Sales	South Lobby
First Aid	First Aid
Food Service	Hall C
General Agencies	Hall C Office
Information, Message Center, Lost & Found	Lobby
Local Committee	Show Office
Marshals and Pages	Dressing Room B/C

Street Level	Room No.
Plenary Sessions	Halls A & B
Post Office	Ticket Office
Publishing House	Exhibit Hall C
Radio Office	Dressing Room E
Radio Recording	Dressing Room H2
Registration and Information	Lobby
Resource Literature Center	Exhibit Hall C
Tellers	Dressing Room Lobby
Video Editing	Dressing Rooms F & G
Video Office	Dressing Room H1

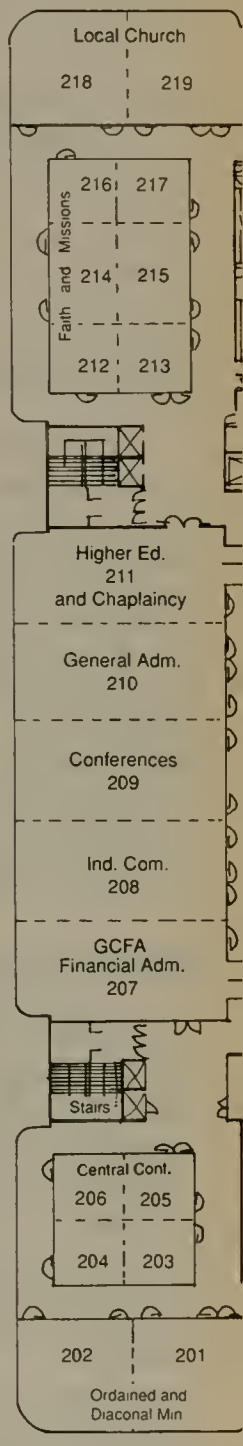
LOWER LEVEL



MEZZANINE



UPPER LEVEL



Lower Level	Room No.
Agenda Committee	101
Bishops	109
Bishops Spouses	104
Calendar Committee	101
Church and Society - Legislative Committee	105-106
Communications	117
Daily Christian Advocate	116
Delegate Lounge	113
Discipleship - Legislative Committee	107-108
Global Ministries - Legislative Committee	110-111-112
Meeting Rooms	114-115
Newscope	116
Reference Committee	101
Secretary of General Conference	103
Secretarial Staff	102

Mezzanine Level	Room No.
Commission on General Conference	Board Room
Office for Delegates from Outside the U.S.	Office #1
Registrar	Office #1
Treasurer, General Conference	Conference Room

Upper Level	Room
Central Conference Affairs	205-206
Conferences - Legislative Committee	209
Courtesies & Privileges Committee	220
Faith & Mission - Legislative Committee	212 thr
Financial Administration - Legislative Committee	207
General Admin./Judicial Admin. - Legislative Committee	210
General Council on Finance & Administration	207
Higher Education & Chaplaincy - Legislative Committee	211
Independent Commissions - Legislative Committee	208
Local Church - Legislative Committee	218-219
Meeting Room	203
Ordained & Diaconal Ministry - Legislative Committee	201-202
Prayer Room	204
Presiding Officers Committee	200
Judicial Council	Hyatt R Board

Additional Delegates

Eastern Angola (2)

Section D, Row 5, Seats 5-6

**Cavunge, Miguel M.* (2), Caixa Postal No. 9, Malange, Angola

Andre, Joaquim G. (10), Caixa Postal No. 9, Malange, Angola

Reserves

Carlos Joaquim, Caixa Postal No. 9, Malange, Angola

Gregorio Luis R., Caixa Postal No. 9, Malange, Angola

Great Britain

Section B, Row 18, Seats 1-4

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Dybdahl, Christine A. (3), synod secretary; 98 Walmley Road, Sutton Coldfield, W. Midlands, BD76 8QD, Great Britain

Hodge, Rachel (1), teacher; Birley Fold, Saccary Lane, Mellor, Blackburn, Lancs BB1 9DU, Great Britain.

Timothy, Bankole (7), journalist; 19 Queenscourt, Queensway, London W2 4QN, Great Britain

Middle Philippines (2)

Section C, Row 9, Seats 11-12

Flores, Jose M. (11), pastor; The United Methodist Church, Quibadia, Obando, Bulacan, Philippines

*Samson, Gerardo F., Jr. (5), businessman;126 Villa Corazon-B, Gonzales St., Xavierville, Loyola Heights, Quezon City, Philippines

Reserves

Meneses, Rogelio C., district superintendent; Tarlac Student Center, Tarlac, Philippines

Toquero, Solito K., pastor; Bulacan, Bulacan, Philippines

Ramos, Norberto M., district superintendent; Liang, Malolos, Bulacan, Philippines

Gallema, Marcelo B., district superintendent; Brgy. 3, Ma. Aurora, Aurora, Philippines

Padang, Jose L., pastor; T.M. Kalaw, Manila, Philippines

Dizon, Maximo B., district superintendent; The United Methodist Church, Sta. Rosa. Nueva Ecija, Philippines

Ocampo, Generoso C., district superintendent; Liang, Malolos, Bulacan, Philippines

Mendillo, Eugenio G., seminary faculty; Dasmarinas, Cavite, Philippines

Magno, Catalino P., pastor; Tarlac, Tarlac, Philippines

Tapia, Elizabeth S., seminary faculty; Dasmarinas, Cavite, Philippines

Macaso, Alberto F., pastor; Sanciangco Street, Cabanatuan City, Philippines

Padolina, Samuel R., pastor; Palayan City, Philippines

Francisco, Ciriaco Q., pastor; Liang, Malolos, Bulacan, Philippines

Azurin, Benedicto V., district superintendent; 616 Mabini Ext., Cabanatuan City, Philippines

Dizon, Aurora A., pastor; Sta. Rosa, Nueva Ecija, Philippines

Sadsad, Domingo, M., district superintendent; The United Methodist Church, Sta. Maria, Bulacan, Philippines

dela Cruz, Rufino S., Jr., pastor; Gen. Tinio, Nueva Ecija, Philippines

Velasco, Rolando C., pastor; Hagonoy, Bulacan, Philippines

Padilla, Romulo N., pastor; Gatbuca, Calumpit, Bulacan, Philippines

delos Santos, Elias L., pastor; Polo, Obando, Bulacan, Philippines

Baluyot, Benjamin C., pastor; Taal, Bocaue, Bulacan, Philippines

Liwag, Placido T., pastor; Cabiao, Nueva Ecija, Philippines

Ladignon, Conrado, Irrigation Adm. employee; Gapan, Nueva Ecija, Philippines

Capistrano, Melanio R., law practitioner; Quibadia, Obando, Bulacan, Philippines

Beltran, Rodolfo C., law practitioner; Mabini Ext. Cabanatuan City, Philippines

Galang, Ernesto, professor; Wesleyan University, Philippines

Genes, Antonio, Talabutab Norte, Gen. Natividad, Nueva Ecija, Philippines

Abesamis, Armand, Cabanatuan City, Philippines

Calalang, Mary Gener G., medical practitioner; Taal, Bocaue, Bulacan, Philippines

Ramos Norberto S., Jr., Liang, Malolos, Bulacan, Philippines

Castillo, Bernardo J., businessman; Plaridel, Bulacan, Philippines

Petines, Alice S., Taal, Bocaue, Bulacan, Philippines

Aniag, Pacifico B., business; Atlag, Malolos, Bulacan, Philippines

Ocampo, Eunice M., deaconess/teacher; San Agustin, Hagonoy, Bulacan, Philippines
Tecson, Vicente
Lumba, Dorcas, medical practitioner; La Paz, Tarlac, Philippines
Garcia, Jeremias, administrative assistant; Wesleyan University, Cabanatuan City, Philippines
Carpio, Adela C., Diaat. Ma. Aurora, Aurora, Philippines
Marquez, Danny, engineer; Baler, Aurora, Philippines
Agulan, Benny, university employee; Wesleyan University, Cabanatuan City, Philippines
Mendillo, Magdalena R., deaconess; Union Theological Seminary, Dasmarinas, Cavite, Philippines
Manio, Carlos M., manager; Malolos, Bulacan, Philippines
Estiller, Benjamin, Rizal, Nueva Ecija, Philippines
Calagui, Domingo; Tarlac, Tarlac, Philippines

Sierra Leone

Section D Row 20 Seats 1-2

Reserves

Tommy, Francis B.J., 31 Lightfoot Boston Street, Freetown, Sierra Leone
Lagawo, Richard E. S.31 Lightfoot Boston Street, Freetown, Sierra Leone

Southern Zaire (8)

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Djungu, Nkemba (10), district superintendent; P.O. Box 22037, Kitwe, Zambia
Mutombu, Nduu M. (1), director/pastor; P.O. Box 22037, Kitwe, Zambia
Katwebe, Mwenze (8), district superintendent; P.O. Box 22037, Kitwe, Zambia
Kamukwapa, Kanpunzu (2), teacher; P.O.Box 22037, Kitwe, Zambia
Kalau, Mwamb (5), hospital administrator; P.O. Box 22037, Kitwe, Zambia
Muyepwe, Jacqueline Kyupa (6), school inspector; P.O. Box 22037, Kitwe, Zambia
Munung, A-Kafat (3), teacher; P.O. Box 22037, Kitwe, Zambia

Reserves

Tepa, Mbangu, pastor; P.O. Box 22037, Kitwe, Zambia
Mpoyo, Bwishita, pastor; P.O. Box 22037, Kitwe, Zambia
Chipi, Chenu, P.O. Box 22037, Kitwe, Zambia
Musonda, Shimpundu, school coordinator; P.O. Box 22037, Kitwe, Zambia

Zimbabwe (2)

Section B, Row 15, Seats 11-12

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*Kangara, Pedzisai (3), headmaster; P.B. Box 210, Mutoko, Zimbabwe

Reserves

Mukwindidza, Kennedy F. conference council director; P.O. Box 3408, Harare, Zimbabwe
Jokomo, Christopher C., headmaster; P.O. Box 662, Murewa, Zimbabwe
Mudiwa, Peter, pastor in charge; P.O. Box 90, Nhedziwa, Zimbabwe
Chiza, Richard, district superintendent; P.O. Box 662, Murewa, Zimbabwe
Mwandira, Kelvin, circuit pastor; P.O. Box 3408, Harare, Zimbabwe
Nhiwatiwa, Eben K., pastor; P.O. Box 3408, Harare, Zimbabwe
Banda, Josphat C., lecturer; P.Bag H97 Hatfield, Harare, Zimbabwe
Marange, Kennedy, circuit pastor; P.Bag P7024, Mutare, Zimbabwe
Mukangara, Martha, circuit pastor; No. 1091 Dangamvura, Mutare, Zimbabwe
Zvinoira, John J., businessman; P.O. Box 666, Mutare, Zimbabwe
Mutasa, Beatrice, lecturer; P.O. Box 3408, Harare, Zimbabwe
Marima, William F., stewardship director; P.O. Box 3408, Harare, Zimbabwe
Chitsiku, Theodore, headmaster; P.O. Box 100, Nhedziwa, Zimbabwe
Marange, Newton, P.O. Box 666, Mutare, Zimbabwe
Gumiro, J., education officer; P.O. Box 666, Mutare, Zimbabwe
Nyamupanda, Enock, headmaster; P.O. Box 666, Murewa, Zimbabwe
Mutize, teacher; P.O. Box 58, Mutoko, Zimbabwe
Tabvuma, Wilbert, manager; P.O. Box 3408, Harare, Zimbabwe

Non-Voting Delegates from Affiliated Autonomous Methodist and United Churches

Argentine Evangelical Methodist Church (2)

Section D, Row 21, Seats 3-4

Caceres, Raquel M. ( ), E. Carbo 253, 3100 Parana-Entre Rios, Argentina

Ostapczuc, Jorge ( ), Mitre 1741 2 A, 2000 Rosario-Santa Fe, Argentina

The United Protestant Church in Belgium (2)

Section D, Row 21, Seats 5-6

Beukenhorst, Martin J., ( ), president of the United Protestant Church in Belgium; c/o United Protestant Church in Belgium, rue du Champ de Mars, 5, B-1050, Brussels, Belgium

Fraisse-Lheureux, Ruth ( ), c/o United Protestant Church in Belgium, rue du Champ de Mars, 5, B-1050, Brussels, Belgium

Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia (2)

Section B, Row 22, Seats 4-5

Cespedes, Simon ( ), General Secretary of Services; Landaeta 423, Casilla 356, La Paz Bolivia

Huacani, Carlos N. ( ), bishop; Landaeta 423, Casilla 356, La Paz, Bolivia.

The Methodist Church in Brazil (2)

Section B, Row 22, Seats 1-3

**Maia, Adriel de Souza (4), bishop; Caixa Postal 1466, 30160 Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil*

deOliveira, Lucia Leiga,(1), Rua Itajub'a, 2086 Apto. 402, 30130 Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil

Fleischner, Renato Sodres (5), Caixa Postal 55.202, 04799 Sao Paulo, SP, Brazil

The Methodist Church in Burma (2)

Section D, Row 21, Seats 7-8

Khin, Daw Khin ( ), The Methodist Headquarters, No. 22 Alanpya Pagoda Road, Yangon, Myanmar, Burma

Wai, U. Thein ( ), The Methodist Headquarters, No. 22, Alanpya Pagoda Road, Yangon, Myanmar, Burma

Methodist Church in Chile (2)

Section D, Row 22, Seats 11-12

Cartes, J. Gaston ( ), Casilla 753, Valdivia, Chile

Romero, Quintin ( ), Casilla 67, Santiago, Chile

Methodist Church of the Republic of China (2)

Section D, Row 22, Seats 9-10

Kuey, Enoch (4), Bishop, The Methodist Church in the Republic of China; 6F, Chi Nan Road, Section 3, Taipei, Taiwan 10625 Rep. of China

Mei, Juanita (8), principal; 6F, Chi Nan Road, Section 3, Taipei, Taiwan 10625 Rep. of China

Methodist Church in Cuba (2)

Section D, Row 21, Seats 9-10

Sanchez, Humberto Fuentes ( ), San Lazaro #167, entre Aguila y Crespo, Ciudad Habana 10200, Cuba

Castellanos, Cesar Blanc ( ), H-140 Apartado 5, Jose Marti District, Santiago de Cuba 90100. Cuba

The Methodist Church in Indonesia (2)

Section D, Row 21, Seats 1-2

Situmorang, Moto ( ), Jalan Kramat Jaya Baru, Blok GI/330, Jakarta Pusat, Indonesia 10560

Gultom, Julianus H. ( ), Jalan Dr. Prof. Latumetten, Gang Rahayu I No. 2, Jakarta Barat, Indonesia

The Methodist Church in Malaysia (2)

Section D, Row 22, Seats 7-8

Seng, Soon Jin, Chinese Methodist Church, 28, Jalan Kg. Empat, 75300 Melaka, Malaysia

Hii, Ching-Chiong (1), P.O.Box 827, 96008 SIBU, Sarawak, East Malaysia

Reserves

Arputharqj, Noel, Wisma TAC, Tingkat Satu, 42-1, Jalan Tun Sambanthan 3, 50490 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Ting, Kuin Mee, P.O. Box 2659, Bandar Seri Begawan 1926, Brunei Darussalam

Jingin, Baleng, 34, Lorong 10, Rejang Park, 9600 SIBU, Sarawak, Malaysia

The Methodist Church Singapore (2)

Section D, Row 21, Seats 11-12

Hong ,Chong Shit (1), Geylang Chinese Methodist Church, 52 Aljunied Road, Singapore 1438

Chiang, Gilbert ( ), 6 Thomson Walk, Singapore 2057

Methodist Church in India (3)
Section D, Row 22, Seats 1-3

Lal, Benjamin B. (4), Christ Methodist Church, Bareilly-243 001, India

Christian, Vidya G. ( ), Navapura Pensionpura, Fatehganj, Vadodara-390 002, India

Prasad, J. ( ), food inspector; House No. 1-5-96, I.B. Road, Station Area, Raichur-584 101, India

The Korean Methodist Church (3)
Section D, Row 22, Seats 4-6

Kim, Jong Soo, bishop; Room 1114 Jung Woo Bldg., 13-25 Yoido-Dong, Young Deung Po-Ku, Seoul, Korea 150-010

Park, Woo Sung ( ), lay elder; Room 1114 Jung Woo Bldg., 13-25 Yoido-Dong, Young Deung Po-Ku, Seoul, Korea 150-010

Um, Mary ( ), General Secretary WSCS; Room 1114 Jung Woo Bldg., 13-25 Yoido-Dong, Young Deung Po-Ku, Seoul, Korea 150-010

Additions and Changes to Listing of Voting and Reserve Delegates

(Pages 23-66 Advance DCA I)

Baltimore

Correct Name: *Crider, R. Frederick*
Wogaman, J. Philip,

Central Zaire

Chair of Delegation: *Djundu, Lunge*

German Northwest

Chair of Delegation: Magdowski, Axel

German Southwest

Chair of Delegation: *Els, Albrecht*

Hungary Provisional

Remove: **Wladar, Antonia W.A.* (deceased)
Add: **Csernak, Istvan* (7), pastor, Szinhas utca 6, H-4400 Niregyhaza, Hungary
Remove: *Hecker, Frigyes H.F.*
Add to end of reserve list: *Szabo, Andor Sz. A.*, conference secretary, Londoni, krt. 30, Szeged, H-6722, Hungary

Iowa

Remove: Beardsley, Harry W. (deceased)
Koth, C. Eugene (resigned)
Add to end of reserve list: Christensen, Harlan L., retired firefighter, 3826 E. Tiffin, Des Moines, IA 50317
Trusheim, Rudolf, pastor, 614 Randolph, Waterloo, IA 50702

Memphis

Remove: Clark, N. Jean
Add to end of reserve list: Mills, David E., student, 2749 Cloverdale Road, Obion, TN 38240

Mexico

Remove: Silva de Fuentes, Maria Elena
de Maldonado, Narcedalia B., Justo Sierra No. 1812, Col. Viveros, 88070 Nuevo Laredo, Tamps, Mexico.

North Arkansas

Remove: Nixon, Freddie (resigned)
Nixon, Victor H. (resigned)
Add to end of reserve list: : *Clark, N. Wayne,* district superintendent, 1700 Barnhill Road, Paragould, AR 72450
Quick, Jeff, student, 1910 Old Wire Road, Fayetteville, AR 72703

North Central Philippines

Add to end of reserve list: Lazaro, Menah A., deaconess, 17 Luna Street, San Mateo, Isabela, Philippines
Quidasol, Bienvenido M., land surveyor, Bantog Lintao, Roxas, Isabela, Philippines
Cacayan, Charlie L., businessman, Rizal, Alicia, Isabela, Philippines

North Georgia

Correct Name: Darko, Morrell T.

North Shaba

Chair of Delegation: *Nqeleka, Mpanga*

Northest Philippines

Add as No. 13 reserve: Antonio, Jose M., diaconal minister, Phase II, Baptista Village, Santiago, Isabela, Philippines

Northeast Zaire

Chair of Delegation: *Okoko, Luhata R.*

Northern Philippines

Remove: *Siazon, Francisco M., Jr.* (deceased)
Add to end of reserve list: *Cabulisan, Martin*

Sierra Leone

Chair of Delegation: *Renner, Joseph J. K.*

Sweden

Remove: *Jansson, Sven-Erik*
Add to end of reserve list: *Lindberg, Bo*

West Middle Philipppines

Chair of Delegation: Dizon, Rolando A.

Western Angola

Chair of Delegation: Agostinho, Vicoria J.S.

Western New York

Correct Name: Bigler, Patricia A.

Western North Carolina

Remove: *Middlebrooks, Willie L., Jr.* (resigned)
Add to end of reserve list: *Sherrill, Katherine C.*, pastor, 4814 Zephyr Lane, Charlotte, NC 28209

Western Pennsylvania

Remove : Hopson, Esther (resigned)
Add to end of reserve list: Johnson, John "Jerry" G., retired, 314 E. Butler Street, Mercer, PA 16137

Changes in Standing Legislative Committees

Church and Society

Remove: *Greenway, Harold E.* (Western Pennsylvania)
Massey, Mary Alice (Florida)
Add: Chiang, Gilbert (Singapore)
de Oliveira, Lucia Leiga (Brazil)
Hii, Ching-Chiong (Malaysia)
Hodge, Rachel (Great Britain)
Mutombu, Nduu M. (Southern Zaire)
Pearce, Charles W. (Florida)

Conferences

Remove: Morrell, J. Darko (North Georgia)
Add: *Beck, Brian E.* (Great Britain)
Cavunge, Miquel M. (Eastern Angola)
Darko, J. Morrell (North Georgia)
Kumukwapa, Kampunzu (Southern Zaire)
Mafondokoto, Jairus W. (Zimbabwe)
Muteb, Mufind (Southern Zaire)

Discipleship

Remove: *Marquardt, Manfred* (German Northwest)
Silva de Fuentes, Maria Elena (Mexico)
Add: de Maldonado, Narcedalia B. (Mexico)
Dydahl, Christine A. (Great Britain)
Els, Albrecht (German Southwest)
Gala, Rosendo (Southwest Philippines)
Kangara, Pedzisai (Zimbabwe)
Kuey, Enoch (China)
Munung, A-Kafat (Southern Zaire)

Faith and Mission

Remove: *Els, Albrecht (German Southwest)*
Add: *Lal, Benjamin B.* (India)
Maia, Adriel de Souza (Brazil)
Marquardt, Manfred (German Northwest)

Financial Administration

Remove: Djamba, Wunga (Central Zaire)
Add: de la Cruz, Cherry (Southwest Philippines)
Fleischner, Renato Soares (Brazil)
Kalau, Mwamb (Southern Zaire)
Lomoto, Ombaku (Central Zaire)
Samson, Gerardo F.,Jr. (Middle Philippines)

General Administration/Judicial Administration

Add: Muyepwe, Jacqueline Kyupa (Southern Zaire)

Global Ministries

Remove: Clark, N. Jean (Memphis)
Hopson, Esther E. (Western Pennsylvania)
Pearce, Charles W. (Florida)
Add: Archer, Anita K. (Memphis)
Csernak, Eva (Hungary Provisional)
Csernak, Istvan (Hungary Provisional)
Green, William E. (Western Pennsylvania)
Hong, Chong Shit (Singapore)
Massey, Mary Alice (Florida)
Roughface, Thomas (Okla. Indian Missionary)
Timothy, Bankole (Great Britain)

Higher Education and Chaplaincy

Remove: *Roughface, Thomas* (Okla. Indian Missionary)
Siazon, Francisco M., Jr. (Northern Philippines)
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Independent Commissions

Add: *Greenway, Harold E.* (Western Pennsylvania)

Local Church

Add: Andre, Joaquim G. (Eastern Angola)
Ndjungu, Nkemba (Southern Zaire)

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Remove: *Jansson, Sven-Erik* (Sweden)
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Organization of Standing Administrative Committees

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Add: *Howard Daughenbaugh*
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Add: *Philip D. Brooks*
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Add: Dolores B. Queen

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Rows 19-20-21 *Bradley F. Watkins* (Central Illinois)

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Rows 7-8-9 *Carrol D. Newquist* (Troy)
Rows 10-11-12 Susan D. Sherbrooke (Pacific Northwest)
Rows 13-14-15 *Paul V. Marchbanks* (Holston)
Rows 16-17-18 *Christine Xavier* (Rocky Mountain)
Rows 19-20-21 Joe N. Pevahouse (Memphis)

Reserve Tellers

Rows 1-2-3 *Sarah H. Miller* (Wyoming)
Rows 4-5-6 James H. Salley (South Carolina)
Rows 7-8-9 *Bob E. Waters* (Texas)
Rows 10-11-12 Judith Dye (Nebraska)
Rows 13-14-15 *Philip A. Amerson* (South Indiana)
Rows 16-17-18 Connie L. Mitchell (Kentucky)
Rows 19-20-21 Margaret Ann Williams (Northern Illinois)

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Section Captain: *Ruth E. Harper* (North Carolina)
Reserve Section Captain: Catherine M. Dunlap (East Ohio)

Regular Tellers

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Rows 4-5-6 *C. Garland Young* (Western North Carolina)
Rows 7-8-9-10 Barbara E. Jantz (Oklahoma)
Rows 11-12-13 *John D. Cooke* (Western New York)
Rows 14-15-16-17 Bernice D. Johnson (North Carolina),
Rows 18-19-20-21 *Marcos V. Berbano, Jr.* (Iowa)

Reserve Tellers

Rows 1-2-3 Phyllis R. Rodriguez (Wisconsin)
Rows 4-5-6 *Patricia A. Jarvis* (West Virginia)
Rows 7-8-9-10 *Kelly Byron Bender* (Kansas East)
Rows 11-12-13 *Phylemon D. Titus* (Detroit)
Rows 14-15-16-17 Nancy G. Zabel (Baltimore)
Rows 18-19-20-21 Olgierd Benedyktowicz (Poland)

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Section Captain: *James R. King (Tennessee)*
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Rows 10-11-12-13 *James J. Bryan* (Missouri West)
Rows 14-15-16-17 Hattie Hamilton (Eastern Pennsylvania)
Rows 18-19-20 Marion Muthiah (North Dakota)

Reserve Tellers

Rows 1-2-3 Ann-Marie Eliasson (Sweden)
Rows 4-5-6 *Antti Mustonen* (Finland-Finnish)
Rows 7-8-9 *Marvin B. Rosa* (West Michigan)
Rows 10-11-12-13 William S. Hatcher (South Georgia)
Rows 14-15-16-17 Penney Schwab (Kansas West)
Rows 18-19-20 *Joseph J.K. Renner* (Sierra Leone)

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Section Captain: *Charles W. Nicholson* (Mississippi)
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Rows 1-2-3-4 *Wesley D. Williams* (Southern New England)
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Rows 15-16-17-18 *Fred Trevino* (Desert Southwest)
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Reserve Tellers

Rows 1-2-3-4 *Joan G. Labarr* (North Texas)
Rows 5-6-7 W. J. Tiller (Southwest Texas)
Rows 8-9-10-11 *Helmut Nausner* (Austria)
Rows 12-13-14 *Marvin Abrams* (California-Pacific)
Rows 15-16-17-18 Rhoda A. Peters (Louisville)
Rows 19-20-21 Stephen R. Pacey (Central Illinois)

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Section Captain: Arlene F. Wood (Alaska)
Reserve Section Captain: Jean Henderson (Holston)

Regular Tellers

Rows 1-2-3 Donald C. Minturn (Wyoming)
Rows 4-5-6 *Debra A.S. Quilling* (South Carolina)
Rows 7-8-9 Robert M. Jackson (Texas)
Rows 10-11-12 *Donald G. Klarup* (South Dakota)
Rows 13-14-15 David L. White, Jr. (South Indiana)
Rows 16-17-18 Jean Dowell (Minnesota)
Rows 19-20-21 *Victor L. Bonilla* (Puerto Rico)

Reserve Tellers

Rows 1-2-3 Caryl Krill (West Ohio)
Rows 4-5-6 *Sharonn D. Halderman* (Central Pennsylvania)
Rows 7-8-9 Julius Archibald (Troy)
Rows 10-11-12 Randall C. Brock (Red Bird)
Rows 13-14-15 *Jiros Mafondokoto* (Zimbabwe)
Rows 16-17-18 Rodney D. Anderson (Rocky Mountain)
Rows 19-20-21 Beverly Abbott (Maine)

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Section Captain: Janet E. Stephenson (Iowa)
Reserve Section Captain: *Joseph L. Harris* (Oklahoma)

Regular Tellers

Rows 1-2-3 *Christine A. Bethke* (Wisconsin)
Rows 4-5-6 Betty S. Gordon (West Virginia)
Rows 7-8-9-10 Jerry D. Holliday (Kansas East)
Rows 11-12-13 Stephen T. Euper (Detroit)
Rows 14-15-16-17 *Bernard Keels* (Baltimore)
Rows 18-19-20-21 *Esther J. Angel* (East Ohio)

Reserve Tellers

Rows 1-2-3 *Paul J. Meuschke* (Western Pennsylvania)
Rows 4-5-6 Roberta E. Blackwell (Western North Carolina)
Rows 7-8-9-10 Harold D. Nixon (Northwest Texas)
Rows 11-12-13 *Peter F. Chen* (California-Nevada)
Rows 14-15-16-17Dorothy Luckert (Southern Illinos)
Rows 18-19-20-21*D. Min. Armin E. Besserer* (German South)

Section D

Section Captain: Kermit O. Burrous (North Indiana)
Reserve Section Captain: Charles W. Pearce (Florida)

Regular Tellers

Rows 1-2-3 Della Escareno (Rio Grande)
Rows 4-5-6 *Beth O. Benham* (North Central New York)
Rows 7-8-9 Alice Fleming (West Michigan)
Rows 10-11-12-13*James H. Rush* (South Georgia)
Rows 14-15-16-17 Sue E. Davidson (New Hampshire)

Rows 18-19-20 *Barbara E. Harper* (North Alabama)

Reserve Tellers

Rows 1-2-3 *Thomas Roughface* (Oklahoma Indian)
Rows 4-5-6 Loreto G. Lazaro (North Central Philippines)
Rows 7-8-9 *Theo W. Schaad* (Switzerland-France)
Rows 10-11-12-13 Jeannie Trevino-Teddlie (Central Texas)
Rows 14-15-16-17 *Katharine W. Lehman* (North Indiana)
Rows 18-19-20 Velma Bunch (Tennessee)

Petitions to the 1992 General Conference

The following is a list of 2,433 petitions that the secretary of General Conference has forwarded to the Committee on Reference for its review and referral to appropriate legislative committees. Abbreviations and the petition code may be found on pages 1017-1018 of *Advance Edition II.*

This list is sorted in alphabetical order by source. Petitions from individuals are sorted by last name, petitions from local church groups are sorted by the local church name, and petitions from annual conferences and conference committees are sorted by the annual conference abbreviation. Petitions from multiple sources are sorted by the first source listed on the petition, or the source of the first petition received in the case of duplicate petitions.

GM-12226-8000-R Native American Religious Freedom Act of 1978. *Marvin B. Abrams, Native American UMC, Norwalk, CA.*

GM-12277-0755-D Constitution of District United Methodist Men. *David C. Adams + 12 Other Individuals, Bellevue UMC, Nashville, TN.*

FA-12216-8000-R Financial Support for Country and Rural Churches. *Administrative Board, Addison UMC, Maine Conference, MA.*

HE-12280-1519-D Institutional Affiliation with The United Methodist Church. *12 Local Church Administration/Boards + 54 Ind.*

LC-11171-0216-D Baptism and Confirmation. *Administrative Board, 4 local church groups + 1 individual.*

FM-10040-0071-D Human Sexuality. Retain Para. 71-F. *Administrative Boards, Clapps, Normandale, First, Rev. Freeman + 96 Individuals, Corryton, TN.*

FA-11567-8000-R General Board of Pensions. *Conference Board of Pensions and Home Claimants, AFL.*

LC-10182-0106-D The Sacrament of Baptism. *AFL, CTX.*

FA-10884-8000-R Retain Budget Request at Level Funding. *AFL, KEN, NMX, SCA, LRK, CTX.*

CS-10108-8000-R Oppose the Promotion and Distribution of Pornography. *AFL.*

CS-10967-8000-R$ Commission on Alcohol and Drugs. *AFL.*

CS-10989-8000-R Letter Writing Campaign Regarding Health Care. *AFL.*

GJ-10060-0805-D Membership on Program Boards. *AFL.*

GJ-10126-2621-D Chargeable Offenses. *AFL.*

CO-11548-0704-D Business of the Conference. *Theodore L. Agnew, First UMC, Stillwater, OK.*

GJ-11568-1001-D Continue the General Council on Ministries. *Theodore L. Agnew, First UMC, Stillwater, OK.*

IC-11574-2101-D Continue the General Commission on Religion and Race. *Theodore L. Agnew, First UMC, Stillwater, OK.*

IC-11575-2401-D Continue in the World Methodist Council. *Theodore L. Agnew, First UMC, Stillwater, OK.*

IC-11576-2402-D Continue Membership in CCUIC, NCCC and WCCC. *Theodore L. Agnew, First UMC, Stillwater, OK.*

IC-12227-8000-R Adopt "Toward an Ecumenical Future". *Theodore L. Agnew, First UMC, Stillwater, OK.*

MN-11591-0509-D Termination of Office. *Theodore L. Agnew, First UMC, Stillwater, OK.*

MN-11598-0580-D Responsibility of Pastors and Clergy. *Theodore L. Agnew, First UMC, Stillwater, OK.*

MN-12289-0404-D The Ordained Ministry. *Theodore L. Agnew, First UMC, Stillwater, OK.*

CO-10598-0660-D Organizations of a Missionary Conference. *AKM.*

FA-10888-0787-D Proportional Payments for Pastoral Support. *AKM.*

GJ-10488-0810-D General Agency Membership. *AKM.*

CS-12305-0716-D Abortion and the Nurturing Community. *Adm. Bd. + 3 Other Local Churches + 85 Individuals, Aldersgate UMC, College Station, TX.*

MN-12398-0402-D Human Sexuality. *Adm. Council + 568 individuals + 127 groups, Aldersgate UMC, Dobbs Ferry, NY.*

CS-11258-8000-R Stewardship of Creation. *Council on Ministries, Alplaus UMC, Alplaus, NY.*

CS-12420-8000-R Oppose Support for the Freedom of Choice Act of 1991. *Administrative Council, Alva UMC, Alva, FL.*

CS-12426-8000-R Regarding State-By-State Legislation Regarding Abortion. *Administrative Board, Alva UMC, Alva, FL.*

MN-11790-8000-R Council of Bishop Theological Deliberation on Abortion. *Administrative Council, Alva UMC, Alva, FL.*

FM-12359-0071-R Human Sexuality. *Administrative Council, Amboy UMC, WV.*

DI-11469-8000-R Object to Removing the Word "Faith" from the Book of Worship. *William and Marlene Ambrose, First UMC, Parsons, WV.*

HE-11488-1530-D Purpose of the Schools of Theology. *Robert L. Anderson, WOH.*

HE-11489-1531-D Schools of Theology. *Robert L. Anderson, WOH.*

CS-11294-8000-R The Appalachian Mission. *Appalachian Development Committee.*

CS-11825-8000-R Increase Commitment to End World Hunger and Poverty. *Appalachian Development Committee.*

CS-11826-8000-R Homelessness in the USA. *Appalachian Development Committee.*

CS-11827-8000-R Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse. *Appalachian Development Committee.*

FA-11076-2553-D Requirements of Trustees of Church Institutions. *Appalachian Development Committee.*

FA-11482-8000-M$ Church Wide Study of Clergy Salary and Support Structure. *Appalachian Development Committee.*

GM-11857-8000-R Church and Community Workers. *Appalachian Development Committee, Hagerstown, MD.*

IC-11859-0738-D Conference Archives and History. *Archives and History, Silver Springs, MD.*

IC-11809-8000-R Election of Local Church Historian. *Ark. Area Joint Commission on Archives and History, Arkansas.*

CO-11846-0611-D Resolutions and Positions Adopted by the General Conference. *Administrative Board, Aroma, Laton UMC, Bucky Turk and Mr & Mrs. Geyer, Laton, Miamisburg, OH and St. Bryan, TX, CA.*

CS-11940-8000-R The Oxford House Model for Drug and Alcohol Abuse. *Administrative Council, Asbury UMC, Prairie Village, KS.*

FM-12366-0071-D Human Sexuality. *Administrative Council and Members, Ashford UMC, Houston, TX.*

CO-11807-0726-D Annual Conference Council on Ministries. *Association of Physically Challenged UM Ministers, Wallingford, CT.*

CO-11810-8000-R Americans with Disabilities Act. *Association of Physically Challenged UM Ministers, Wallingford, CT.*

CS-11816-8000-R Accessibility of Parsonages and Churches. *Association of Physically Challenged UM Ministers, Wallingford, CT.*

FA-11881-8000-R Accessibility Grants to Local Churches. *Association of Physically Challenged UM Ministers, Wallingford, CT.*

MN-11898-0503-D Open Itineracy and Handicapping Conditions. *Association of Physically Challenged UM Ministers, Wallingford, CT.*

MN-12251-8000-M Judicial Administration and Procedures. *Hardin L. Atkins, III, NMX.*

FA-11079-8000-R Relocation of the General Board of Global Ministries. *Charles W. Avery, AFL.*

LC-11169-0106-D Baptismal Regeneration. *Charles W. Avery, AFL.*

CO-11458-0704-D Business of the Annual Conference. *Sue Avery, Christ UMC, Kettering, OH.*

CS-12415-0071-D Abortion. *Administrative Council, Avon UMC, Mt. Vernon, WA.*

CS-11920-0071-D The Scientific Community. *George E. Bailey, EOH.*

CS-11921-0076-D Our Social Creed. *George E. Bailey, EOH.*

DI-11923-1201-D The Purpose of the General Board of Discipleship. *George E. Bailey, EOH.*

DI-11924-1202-D Responsibilities of the General Board of Discipleship. *George E. Bailey, EOH.*

DI-11925-1207-D Educational Responsibilities of the General Board of Discipleship. *George E. Bailey, EOH.*

DI-11926-1212-D Responsibilities of the General Board of Discipleship/Evangelism. *George E. Bailey, EOH.*

DI-11927-1214-D Worship Responsibilities of the General Board of the General Board of Discipleship. *George E. Bailey, EOH.*

DI-11928-1216-D Devotional Life Responsibilities of the General Board of Discipleship. *George E. Bailey, EOH.*

DI-11929-1225-D The Curriculum Resources Committee. *George E. Bailey, EOH.*

FM-11932-0069-D The Present Challenge to Theology in the Church. *George E. Bailey, EOH.*

GM-11933-1402-D Responsibilities of the General Board of Global Ministries. *George E. Bailey, EOH.*

LC-11935-0202-D The Local Church. *George E. Bailey, EOH.*

LC-11936-0263-D The Church School. *George E. Bailey, EOH.*

CO-11192-0726-D Conference Council on Ministries. *George W. Baldwin, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

CS-11195-3000-R Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines. *George W. Baldwin, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

CS-11196-3000-R Low Intensity Conflict. *George W. Baldwin and Rev. James D. Uhlig, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

DI-11197-1202-D General Board of Discipleship. *George W. Baldwin, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

DI-11198-1305-D United Methodist National Youth Ministry. *George W. Baldwin, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

FA-11184-1604-D General Authorization of the General Board of Pensions. *George W. Baldwin, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

FA-11200-0709-D Responsibilities of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration. *George W. Baldwin, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

FA-11204-0906-D General Council on Finance and Administration. *George W. Baldwin, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

FA-11205-1604-D General Board of Pensions. *George W. Baldwin, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

FA-11206-1608-D Conference Board of Pensions. *George W. Baldwin, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

FA-11207-2512-D Annual Conference Property. *George W. Baldwin, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

GJ-11212-0816-D Policies Relative to Socially Responsible Investments. *George W. Baldwin, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

GJ-11213-1006-D General Council on Ministries. *George W. Baldwin, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

GM-11215-1402-D Duties of the General Board of Global Ministries. *George W. Baldwin, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

GM-11216-1411-D Policies of investment of the General Board of Global Ministries. *George W. Baldwin, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

HE-11217-0732-D Responsibilities of the Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry. *George W. Baldwin, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

HE-11219-1506-D Duties of the General Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry. *George W. Baldwin, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

HE-11220-1516-D Responsibilities of the University Senate. *George W. Baldwin, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

LC-11227-0247-D Promotion of Policies Relative to Socially Responsible Investments. *George W. Baldwin, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

LC-11229-2532-D Local Church Property. *George W. Baldwin, Central UMC, Kansas City, KS.*

FM-12340-0071-D Human Sexuality. Amend 71F. *Linda Bales + 3 Ad Boards + 3 individuals, Ohmer Park UMC, Dayton, OH.*

CS-12301-3000-R Defining the Beginning of Life. *James Curtis Ballard, First UMC, Euless, TX.*

CS-12410-0071-D Abortion. *James Curtis Ballard, First UMC, Euless, TX.*

FM-12370-3000-R Adoption of the Minority Report of the Commission to Study Homosexuality. *James Curtis Ballard, First UMC, Euless, TX.*

LC-11878-0245-D Staff-Parish Relations Committee. *Dulaney Barrett, NMX.*

MN-12119-0451-D Qualifications for Ordination. *Dulaney Barrett, NMX.*

FM-11818-3000-R Baptism and Confirmation. *R. Dulaney Barrett, NMX.*

MN-11892-0422-D Members in Full Connection. *R. Dulaney Barrett, NMX.*

MN-12397-0402-D Human Sexuality. *Jean Barthel, Mt. Orab UMC, Bethel, OH.*

CO-11116-0506-D Election of Bishops. *Reta Barto, Reading, PA.*

LC-12179-0224-D Baptized Children Retained as Preparatory Members. *Arlinda P. Baszner, St. Luke UMC, Kokomo, IN.*

FA-11866-0710-D Clergy Support Budgets. *Jim Beal, Little Rock, AR.*

FA-11867-0718-D Plan and Method of Clergy Support. *Jim Beal, Little Rock, AR.*

FA-11868-0719-D Clergy Support. *Jim Beal, Little Rock, AR.*

FA-11869-0720-D Determination of the Pastor's Salary. *Jim Beal, Little Rock, AR.*

FA-11870-0721-D Claim for Unpaid Salary. *Jim Beal, Little Rock, AR.*

FA-11871-0722-D Commission on Equitable Salary. *Jim Beal, Little Rock, AR.*

FA-11872-0724-D Reporting of Travel and Other Expenses. *Jim Beal, Little Rock, AR.*

FA-11873-0725-D Compensation for Clergy Appointed Beyond the Local Church. *Jim Beal, Little Rock, AR.*

FA-11875-0907-D National Association of Commission on Equitable Salaries. *Jim Beal, Little Rock, AR.*

LC-11274-0244-D The Administrative Council or Administrative Board. *Jim Beal, NAK.*

LC-11891-0247-D Compensation of the Pastor and Other Staff Appointed by the Bishop. *Jim Beal, Little Rock, AR.*

LC-11894-0256-D Recommendation of Pastor's Compensation to Charge Conference. *Jim Beal, Little Rock, AR.*

LC-11896-0269-D Pulpit Supply and Proposal for Compensation. *Jim Beal, Little Rock, AR.*

MN-11400-0313-D Maintain Compensation of Pastors. *Jim Beal, Little Rock, AR.*

MN-11412-0408-D Compensation Established by the Annual Conference for Full time Local Pastors. *Jim Beal, NAK.*

MN-11413-0414-D Qualification for Election to Probationary Membership. *Jim Beal, NAK.*

MN-11417-0441-D Support for Ordained Ministers Appointed to a Pastoral Charge. *Jim Beal, NAK.*

MN-11418-0446-D Sabbatical Leave for Ordained Ministers. *Jim Beal, NAK.*

MN-11419-0449-D Maternity/Paternity Leave. *Jim Beal, NAK.*

MN-11421-0451-D Retirement of Ordained Ministers. *Jim Beal, NAK.*

MN-11423-0528-D Responsibilities of District Superintendents. *Jim Beal, NAK.*

IC-12106-0788-D Duties of the Conference Commission on Archives and History. *Marvin Bean, WOH.*

GJ-12275-2821-D Chargeable Offenses. *Christi Beasley, Indian River City UMC, Titusville, FL.*

GJ-12220-0821-D Meetings Open to News Media. *Lewis H. Beckford, MNE.*

CS-11553-3000-R Condemn All Sexual Acts Outside Marriage. *Administrative Board, Bedford UMC, Bedford, PA.*

CS-12422-3000-R Take a Stronger Stand Against Abortion. *Administrative Board, Bedford UMC, Bedford, PA.*

FM-11565-3000-R Reaffirm our United Methodist Doctrinal Position. *Administrative Board, Bedford UMC, Bedford, PA.*

FM-12352-0071-D Human Sexuality. Amend 71F. *Administrative Board, Bedford UMC, Bedford, PA.*

HE-11571-1550-D Accountability of the Theological Schools. *Administrative Board, Bedford UMC, Bedford, PA.*

GJ-12184-0004-C Inclusiveness of the Church. *Dorothy Bedwell, First UMC, Morehead City, NC.*

GM-12276-0742-D Establish a Conference United Methodist Men Organization. *David C. Adams + 25 Other Individuals, Bellevue UMC, Nashville, TN.*

LC-12281-0254-D Support Scouting Ministry. *David Adams + 26 Other Individuals, Bellevue UMC, Nashville, TN.*

LC-12282-0268-D Coordinator of Scouting Ministry. *David C. Adams + 24 Other Individuals, Bellevue UMC, Nashville, TN.*

LC-12283-0268-D Coordinator of Scouting Ministry. *David C. Adams + 24 Other Individuals, Bellevue UMC, Nashville, TN.*

FA-12286-8000-R Retirees Defined Benefit Program. *80 Members of the Benefit Program.*

GJ-12821-8000-R Conference Adjudicatory Board. *Teodoro Bernardo, Central UMC, Manila, Philippines.*

MN-12826-0518-D Limitations on Years of Service for a D.S. *Teodoro Bernardo, Central UMC, Manila, Philippines.*

MN-12838-0533-D Confirmation of Appointments. *Teodoro Bernardo, Central UMC, Manila, Philippines.*

CS-11852-0071-D Death with Dignity. *Dale E. Best, CIL.*

CS-11853-0072-D Rights of Children. *Dale E. Best and Ward Boyd, CIL.*

CS-11854-0073-D Abstinence of Gambling. *Dale E. Best and Ward Boyd, CIL.*

CS-11855-0074-D Criminal Justice and the Political Community. *Dale E. Best and Ward Boyd, CIL.*

FM-12875-8000-R Human Sexuality. *Administrative Council, Bethany UMC, Middletown, OH.*

DI-11822-8000-R All Inclusive Language. *Administrative Board, Bethlehem UMC, Thornton, PA.*

GJ-11945-8000-M$ Task Force to Study Ways to Resolve Theological Disputes. *Pastor and Members, Bethlehem UMC, Thornton, PA.*

HE-11868-8000-R Feminist Theology. *Administrative Board, Bethlehem UMC, Thornton, PA.*

MN-11278-0485-D Support Pastoral Appointments for a Minimum of Four Years. *Administrative Council, Big Springs UMC, Lecompton, KS.*

CS-11511-0072-D Media, Violence and Christian Values. *Bishop's Task Force for Responsible Media and Administrative Board, Green Memorial UMC, Richmond, VA.*

CO-11906-8000-R Affirmation of Zoar UMC of Philadelphia. *Black Methodist for Church Renewal, Dayton, OH.*

CS-11907-8000-R Human Intervention: No Military Involvement. *Black Methodist for Church Renewal, Dayton, OH.*

CS-11908-8000-R Comprehensive Health Care. *Black Methodist for Church Renewal, Dayton, OH.*

CS-11909-8000-R Care Giving Teams for Aids Victims and Their Families. *Black Methodist for Church Renewal, Dayton, OH.*

DI-11910-8000-R Advisory/Coordinating Committee on Older Adults. *Black Methodist for Church Renewal, Dayton, OH.*

DI-11911-8000-R Black Leadership. *Black Methodist for Church Renewal, Dayton, OH.*

FA-11912-8000-R$ Historically Black Colleges Related to the UMC and the Black College Fund. *Black Methodist for Church Renewal, Dayton, OH.*

GJ-11913-8000-R Black Church Growth. *Black Methodist for Church Renewal, Dayton, OH.*

GJ-11914-8000-R Ethnic Membership on Boards and Agencies. *Black Methodist for Church Renewal, Dayton, OH.*

GJ-11915-8000-R Ethnic Local Church Concerns. *Black Methodist for Church Renewal, Dayton, OH.*

GJ-11916-8000-R Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century. *Black Methodist for Church Renewal, Dayton, OH.*

GM-11917-8000-R National Plan for Hispanic Ministries. *Black Methodist for Church Renewal, Dayton, OH.*

HE-11918-8000-R Africa University. *Black Methodist for Church Renewal, Dayton, OH.*

IC-11919-8000-R Sexism and Support COSROW. *Black Methodist for Church Renewal, Dayton, OH.*

IC-11168-8000-R Eradication of Language that Promotes Divisiveness, Segregation or Racism. *Donald E. Blair, Cliftondale UMC, College Park, GA.*

IC-11868-8000-R Adopt Consultation on Church Union's Plan. *Comm. on Christian Unity and Interreligious Conc., BLT, PNW.*

MN-12051-8000-M$ Task Force to Study Ways to Address the Concerns of Pastoral Care and Counseling. *Pastoral Care and Counseling Commission and G.C., BLT.*

CS-12210-8000-R Terrorism. *Peace with Justice Task Force Bd. of Church and Soc, BLT.*

IC-11860-1812-D Add Cox Memorial United Methodist Church, Hallowell, MA. *United Methodist Historical Society, BLT.*

LC-11874-0247-D Election of a Church Historian. *United Methodist Historical Society, BLT.*

MN-10151-0402-D Accepting Practicing Homosexuals into the Ministry. *BLT.*

CS-11557-8000-R Violence in our Society. *Administrative Board, Blue Valley Memorial UMC, Manhattan, KS.*

HE-12278-1517-D Membership and Organization of the University Senate. *10 Local Church Adm. Boards/Councils + 47 Ind.*

GJ-11163-8000-R Termination of United Methodist Members Membership in the Masonic Lodge. *Charles R. Bolyard, Mercer, PA.*

FA-11078-8000-R General College and Mission University Fund. *Rebekah Bolyard, Mercer, PA.*

FM-12332-8000-R Reject the Recommendation to Develop Study Materials on Homosexuality. *Administrative Council, Boone Hill UMC, Summerville, SC.*

MN-10030-0506-D Nomination for the Episcopacy. *Seth P. Bower, WPA.*

MN-10170-0517-D Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. *Rev. Richard Bowyer.*

CS-12000-8000-R Gun Control. *Ronald E. Bowyer, WVA.*

FM-10785-8000-S Report of the Baptism Study Committee. *BPSC.*

GJ-11806-0000-C Eligibility of all United Methodist Members to Vote in General and Special Elections. *John R. Brawthen, Asbury UMC, Minneapolis, MN.*

FA-11516-0921-D Ministerial Education Fund. *David W. Breeden, VIR.*

CS-11153-0071-D Support the Present Statement Regarding Abortion. *Administrative Board, Bright Star UMC, Atlanta, GA.*

DI-11158-8000-R Inclusive Language. *Administrative Board, Bright Star UMC, Atlanta, GA.*

CS-12254-8000-R Labeling of Intoxicants. *Church and Society Work Area, Broadmoor UMC, Shreveport, LA.*

CS-12314-8000-R Pornography. *Church and Society Work Area, Broadmoor UMC, Shreveport, LA.*

CO-11791-0507-D The Appointment Process. *Charles A. Brockwell, Jr., LVL.*

CO-11794-0612-D Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. *Charles W. Brockwell, Jr., LVL.*

CO-11795-0620-D Authority of the College of Bishops of a Jurisdiction. *Charles W. Brockwell, Jr., LVL.*

CO-11796-0623-D Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. *Charles W. Brockwell, LVL.*

CO-12085-0613-D The Jurisdictional Conference. *Charles W. Brockwell, LVL.*

MN-11884-0052-C Episcopal Supervision. *Charles W. Brockwell, Jr., LVL.*

CS-12168-8000-R Drug and Alcohol Concerns. *Ellen Broderick + 13 Individuals, Metropolitan Memorial UMC, Washington, DC.*

CO-11060-0037-C Provision for Annual Conference Reporting of Delegates. *Lonnie D. Brooks, East Anchorage UMC, Anchorage, AK.*

CO-11424-0010-C The Constitution of The United Methodist Church on the Status of Annual Conference. *Lonnie D. Brooks, East Anchorage UMC, Anchorage, AK.*

GJ-11086-0802-D Strengthen General Council on Ministries' Supervisory role. *Lonnie D. Brooks, East Anchorage UMC, Anchorage, AK.*

GJ-11087-2615-D Access to Judicial Council. *Lonnie D. Brooks, East Anchorage UMC, Anchorage, AK.*

GJ-11162-0825-D Limitation of Boycotts. *Lonnie D. Brooks, East Anchorage UMC, Anchorage, AK.*

CO-11453-0036-C Duties of the Annual Conference. *Lonnie D. Brooks, East Anchorage UMC, Anchorage, AK.*

LC-11871-0227-D Affiliate and Associate Membership. *David W. Brown, WOH.*

LC-11872-0230-D Care of Members. *David W. Brown, WOH.*

LC-12180-0282-D Maintain Accurate Membership Rolls. *David W. Brown, WOH.*

LC-11868-0216-D Admission into the Church. *Donald W. Brown, WOH.*

MN-11698-8000-M$ Terms of Episcopacy Leadership. *Charles M. Bryan, TEN.*

DI-11518-0277-D Lay Speakers. *Donald L. Buege, WMI.*

DI-11759-0278-D Certified Lay Speaker. *Donald L. Buege, WMI.*

FA-12316-0906-D Financial Responsibilities. *Finance Committee, Burnt Hills UMC, Burnt Hills, NY.*

FA-11608-8000-R Ministerial Pension Plan. *Lorraine B. Burt, First UMC, Olympia, WA.*

MN-11151-0451-D Effective Date of Retirement for Ordained Ministers. *Billy M. Caden, NCA.*

CO-11595-0507-D The Assignment Process of Bishops. *Allison Cambre, TEX.*

FA-11606-0921-D The Ministerial Education Fund. *Allison Cambre, TEX.*

FA-12029-2520-D Relocation Across District Boundaries. *Allison Cambre, TEX.*

FA-12030-8000-M The Black College Fund. *Allison Cambre, TEX.*

LC-12036-0216-D Admission into the Church. *Allison Cambre, TEX.*

LC-12037-0282-D Membership Records and Reports. *Allison Cambre, TEX.*

LC-12039-0268-D Program Agencies. *Allison Cambre, TEX.*

MN-11584-0405-D Continuation of Candidacy. *Allison Cambre, TEX.*

MN-11585-0408-D Categories of Local Pastors. *Allison Cambre, TEX.*

MN-11586-0420-D Requirements for Election as an Associate Member. *Allison Cambre, TEX.*

MN-11587-0448-D Leave of Absence. *Allison Cambre, TEX.*

MN-11590-0453-D Base of Complainte. *Allison Cambre, TEX.*

MN-11633-0427-D Transfers from Other Methodist Denominations. *Allison Cambre, TEX.*

MN-11634-0439-D Responsibilities and Duties of a Pastor. *Allison Cambre, TEX.*

MN-12044-0433-D Classification of Ordination. *Allison Cambre, TEX.*

MN-12045-0437-D The Itinerant System. *Allison Cambre, TEX.*

MN-12047-0512-D Bishops in Central Conference. *Allison Cambre, TEX.*

LC-11445-2540-D Local Church Property-Sale, Transfer, Lease, or Mortgage. *Conference Commission on Religion and Race, CAP.*

LC-11446-2550-D Study of Local Church Potential. *Conference Commission on Religion and Race, CAP.*

CS-11427-8000-R Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. *Peace with Justice Committee, CAP.*

FM-10094-0071-D Human Sexuality. Amend para. 71 F. *CAP, SNE, CNV, NYK.*

CS-10283-8000-R Forced Contraceptive Use and Sterilization. *CAP.*

CS-10343-8000-R$ Anniversary Edition of "The Bishops Call for Peace and the Self-Development of Peoples". *CAP.*

FA-10299-2512-D Landmark Policy. *CAP.*

GJ-10122-0810-D Conference Nominating Committee. *CAP.*

IC-10352-8000-R Continue the Commission of Religion and Race and Continue Status Role of Women. *CAP.*

MN-10174-0735-D Conference Committee on Episcopacy. *CAP.*

CS-11512-8000-R Developing a National Consensus for Clergy and Laity. *Methodists United for Peace with Justice, Capitol UMC, Washington, DC.*

LC-11170-0112-D Affirmation and Stress of Clergy. *John A. Carr and Nancy J. Webb, Association of Physically Challenged UM Ministers, Wallingford, CT.*

FM-12350-0071-D Human Sexuality. Amend 71F. *Herman Y. Carr, New Brunswick UMC, Bridgewater, NJ.*

LC-11102-2543-D Planning and Financing Requirements for Local Church Buildings. *John A. Carr and Nancy J. Webb, Association of Physically Challenged UM Ministers, Wallingford, CT.*

LC-11176-0269-D Accessibility of Facilities. *John A. Carr and Nancy J. Webb, Association of Physically Challenged UM Ministers, Wallingford, CT.*

DI-12287-1225-D Curriculum Resources Review Committee. *14 Local Church Groups + 48 Individuals, Carroll UMC, Carroll, OH.*

GJ-12272-2621-D Chargeable Offenses. *Shalom Ministries + 29 Local Church Groups + 245 Ind, Carroll UMC, Carroll, OH.*

FM-12090-0069-D Ecumenical Commitment. *Riley Case, NIN.*

FM-12091-0069-D The Doctrinal Statement. *Riley B. Case, NIN.*

FM-12092-8000-M The Study on Baptism Report. *Riley B. Case, NIN.*

FM-12093-8000-M Study on Baptism Report. *Riley B. Case, NIN.*

GJ-11480-0805-D Additional Membership on General Program Boards. *Riley B. Case, NIN.*

GJ-11481-0810-D General Agency Membership. *Riley B. Case, NIN.*

MN-11502-1529-D Responsibilities of the Division of Ordained Ministry. *Riley B. Case, NIN.*

DI-11604-8000-R Amendments to the Proposed Book of Worship. *Riley B. Case, St. Luke UMC, Kokomo, IN.*

MN-11901-0518-D Limitations on Years of Service. *Robert T. Casey, Newport News, VA.*

DI-10176-8000-S United Methodist Book of Worship. *CBOW.*

FA-11943-8000-R The Proposed Budget From GCFA. *Administrative Council, Centenary UMC, Cape Girardeau, MO.*

GJ-11946-8000-M$ Create Commission to Study Structure of Boards and Agencies. *Administrative Council, Centenary UMC, Cape Girardeau, MO.*

MN-11886-0309-D Rights of Diaconal Ministers. *Administrative Council, Centenary UMC, Cape Girardeau, MO.*

LC-12040-0269-D Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *Administrative Board, Central Park UMC, Birmingham, AL.*

DI-11515-8000-R God Language in the Book of Worship. *Administrative Board, Central Terrace UMC, Winston Salem, NC.*

FA-11517-8000-R Reduction in Budget and Bureaucracy. *Administrative Council, Central Terrace UMC, Winston Salem, NC.*

FM-11519-0066-D Doctrinal Accountability. *Administrative Council, Central Terrace UMC, Winston Salem, NC.*

FM-12328-8000-R No Further Funds for a Study Committee Regarding Homosexuality. *Administrative Council, Central Terrace UMC, Winston Salem, NC.*

LC-11529-0221-D Baptism and Confirmation. *Administration Board, Central Terrace UMC, Winston Salem, NC.*

CS-12417-0071-D Belief in Sanctity of the Unborn. *Administrative Board, Central Terrace UMC, Winston-Salem, NC.*

CS-12404-0071-D Include the Durham Declaration in Paragraph 71. *Administrative Council, Central UMC, Laurinburg, NC.*

FM-12378-0071-D Human Sexuality. *Administrative Board, Central UMC, Toledo, OH.*

MN-12382-0402-D Human Sexuality. Delete para. 402.2. *Administrative Board, Central UMC, Toledo, OH.*

CO-11597-0611-D The Book of Resolutions Up-Dating. *Christ UMC and Adm. Bd. Shiloh UMC, Goshen, KY, Florence, KY.*

CO-11779-0701-D Voting Rights for Deaconesses. *Church and Community Workers National Organization, Berea, KY.*

GM-11784-1418-D Voting Rights for Deaconesses. *Church and Community Workers National Organization, Berea, KY.*

LC-11787-0206-D Cooperative Parish Ministries. *Church and Community Workers National Organization, Berea, KY.*

MN-11789-0582-D Criteria in the Appointment Making Process. *Church and Community Workers National Organization, Berea, KY.*

IC-11861-8000-M$ Task Force to Study Racism and Sexism Rural Churches and Institutions. *Church and Community Workers National Organization, Berea, KY.*

MN-11954-8000-R Considering Community Contexts in the Appointment Making Process. *Church and Community Workers National Organization, Berea, KY.*

FA-12392-0906-D Human Sexuality. *Administrative Council, Church of the Cross, Toledo, OH.*

LC-11837-0208-D Full Membership in The United Methodist Church. *Administrative Board, Church Street and First UMC Atlantic Beach, NC, Knoxville, TN.*

LC-11838-0209-D Membership of a Local United Methodist Church. *Administrative Board, Church Street UMC and Dorothy Bedwell, Knoxville, TN.*

GJ-11828-0004-C Inclusiveness of the Church. *Administrative Board, Church Street UMC, Knoxville, TN.*

CO-10117-0703-D Accountability for Church Membership. *CIL.*

CS-10363-8000-R Statement on Abortion. *CIL.*

DI-10297-0635-D Jurisdictional Committee on UMM. *CIL.*

DI-10298-1222-D Men's Work Responsibilities. *CIL.*

GJ-10309-2621-D Chargeable Offenses. *CIL.*

IC-10314-0741-D Establish an Annual Conference UM Men Organization. *CIL.*

MN-10375-0450-D Voluntary Family Leave. *CIL.*

CS-12133-8000-R Aids Education. *13 Members Theological Dimensions Class, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA.*

CO-11797-8000-R Information on the Status of Business During the General Conference. *Zach Clayton, Epworth UMC, Columbus, OH.*

DI-10695-0000-D$ Establish a Committee on Older Adult Ministries. *CNV + 13 Other Annual Conferences.*

HE-10849-8000-R Higher Education Training and Scholarships. *CNV and NAK.*

MN-11545-0452-D Clergy Who Fail to Submit Annual Reports. *Bd. of Ordained Ministry and the Bishop's Cabinet, CNV.*

FA-12888-0906-D Affirm Full Participation of Gaye and Lesbians in the church. *323 Clergywomen of the United Methodist Church, CNV and other Conferences.*

FM-12877-0071-D Human Sexuality. *323 Clergywomen of the United Methodist Church, CNV and other Conferences.*

LC-11814-0252-D0 Removal of Local Church Officers. *Conference Cabinet and San Jose District COM., CNV.*

FM-10196-0072-D Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men. *CNV, GBCS.*

GM-10441-8000-R National Plan for Hispanic Ministries. *CNV, NMX, CAP, DSW, NCA, PEN.*

MN-10238-0404-D The Moral and Social Responsibility of Ordained Ministers. *CNV, NYK.*

MN-10624-0402-D Ordination or Appointment of "Self-Avowed" Practicing Homosexuals. *CNV, NYK.*

CS-10988-8000-R Health Care Service for All Persons. *CNV.*

DI-10367-8000-R$ Resources and Materials for Families of Incarcerated Persons. *CNV.*

DI-10603-8000-R African American Family Life. *CNV.*

FA-10382-8000-R Student Local Pastor Enrollment in the Comprehensive Protection Plan. *CNV.*

GJ-10974-8000-R Study and Celebration of Native American People. *CNV.*

LC-10221-0208-D Celebrating the Diversity of Church Members. *CNV.*

MN-10258-0450-D Extended Family Leave. *CNV.*

MN-10980-0804-D Candidacy for Diaconal Ministry. *CNV.*

MN-10981-0404-D The Certified Candidate. *CNV.*

MN-10982-0414-D Qualification for Election to Probationary Membership. *CNV.*

MN-10983-0420-D Requirements for Election as an Associate Member. *CNV.*

MN-10984-0424-D Requirement for Admission to the Ministry. *CNV.*

MN-10985-0431-D Qualifications for Ordination. *CNV.*

MN-11280-8000-R Pastor/Clergy/Chaplain Consecrated Through a Ceremony of Laying on of Hands. *Lawrence P. Coates, West Derfield UMC, Fostoria, MI.*

LC-10144-0269-D Chairperson of Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *Flora Thompson Cobb, Edenton Street UMC, Raleigh, NC.*

FA-11825-0906-D Fiscal Responsibilities. *Administrative Board, Coker UMC, San Antonio, TX.*

MN-12824-0058-C Episcopal Supervision. *Lelia Shore Commander, First UMC, Cory, NC.*

CO-10002-0505-D Bishops in Jurisdictions. Amend para. 505.1 & 2 *So. Central Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, SDA.*

CO-11808-0608-D Petitions to General Conference. *Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Ord, Delaware, OH.*

FM-12006-8000-M Oppose Elimination of Confirmation. *Administrative Board, Community UMC, Belle Glade, FL.*

LC-11588-2548-D Planning Requirements for Local Church Building. *Committee on Persons with Handicapping Conditions, Community UMC, Dayton, OH.*

CO-10015-0038-C Ministerial Delegates to General, Jurisdictional and Central Conferences. *Administrative Council, Community UMC, Wrightwood, CA.*

LC-10072-0252-D The Administrative Council: Membership and Responsibilities. *Administrative Council, Community UMC, Wrightwood, CA.*

GJ-12224-8000-R Adopt "Peace with Justice as a Special Program". *Church and Society Committee, Concord UMC, Athens, WV.*

LC-11124-0263-D Guidelines for the Church Library. *Lois M. Cone, First UMC, Okeechobee, FL.*

DI-12003-8000-M Publish a Youth Devotional. *Conference Council on Youth Ministries, Sr. High UMYF, Hartford, SD.*

DI-11758-0277-D Lay Speaking. *Conway District Council on Ministries, Conway, AR.*

DI-11760-0278-D Lay Speaker. *Conway District Council on Ministries, Conway, AR.*

DI-11761-0279-D Church Lay Speaker. *Conway District Council on Ministries, Conway, AR.*

LC-11582-2539-D Incorporated Local Church Property. *W. Vernon and Shirley Cook, First UMC + 13 individuals, Chula Vista, CA.*

CS-11599-0072-D Rights of Children. *Beth A. Cooper, New Wilmington, PA.*

MN-11841-0053-C Limiting the Bishop's Tenure. *Jack M. Copas, NJY.*

MN-11843-0453-D Recommendation to Administrative Location. *Jack M. Copas, NJY.*

CS-11818-0074-D Military Service. *John Copenhaver, Jr., VIR.*

MN-11899-0000-D Limit Tenure for Bishops. *Jack M. Copus, NJY.*

FA-12172-0787-D Membership of the Conference Board of Pensions. *Delos Corderman, SCA.*

MN-11450-8000-R The office of District Superintendent. *Edward M. Cotten, AFL.*

CC-10995-0030-C Episcopal Administration in Central Conferences. *Council of Bishops.*

CC-10996-0527-D The Accredited Representative of the Council of Bishops. *Council of Bishops.*

CC-10997-0647-D Concordat Agreement with an Autonomous Methodist Church. *Council of Bishops.*

CC-10998-0648-D Affiliated Autonomous Methodist Churches. *Council of Bishops.*

CC-10999-0650-D Establishing A Covenanting Church. *Council of Bishops.*

CO-11000-0505-D Bishops in Jurisdictions. *Council of Bishops.*

CO-11001-0506-D Episcopal Nomination and Election. *Council of Bishops.*

CO-11002-0507-D The Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy Assignment Process. *Council of Bishops.*

CO-11003-0701-D Composition and Character of Clergy Membership of an Annual Conference. *Council of Bishops.*

CO-12052-0507-D The Assignment Process. *16 Members of The Council of Bishops.*

CO-12053-0612-D The Jurisdictional Conference. *16 Members of The Council of Bishops.*

CO-12054-0620-D The Committee on Episcopacy. *16 Members of The Council of Bishops.*

CO-12055-0623-D Duties of the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. *16 Members of The Council of Bishops.*

FA-11004-0787-D Proportional Retirement Payments. *Council of Bishops.*

GJ-11005-0805-D Nominations for Membership to General Agencies. *Council of Bishops.*

GJ-11006-0814-D Process for General Board Staff Positions. *Council of Bishops.*

GJ-11007-8000-R The Global Nature of the United Methodist Church. *Council of Bishops.*

GJ-11008-8000-R Continuation of the Present Special Sundays. *Council of Bishops.*

IC-11009-8000-R Pan Methodist Unity and the Consultation of Methodist Bishops. *Council of Bishops.*

IC-11010-8000-R The UMC and Churches in Covenanting Communions. *Council of Bishops.*

MN-11011-0406-D Rights of Local Pastors. *Council of Bishops.*

MN-11012-0407-D Licensing as a Local Pastor. *Council of Bishops.*

MN-11013-0408-D Course of Study for Ordained Ministry. *Council of Bishops.*

MN-11014-0409-D Educational Requirements for Continuance as a Local Pastor. *Council of Bishops.*

MN-11015-0412-D Action on Granting Status Regarding License, Ordination or Conference Membership. *Council of Bishops.*

MN-11016-0439-D Responsibilities and Duties of a Pastor. *Council of Bishops.*

MN-11017-0442-D Appointments Beyond the Local United Methodist Church. *Council of Bishops.*

MN-11018-0508-D Vacancy in the Office of Bishop. *Council of Bishops.*

MN-11019-0509-D Termination of Office. *Council of Bishops.*

MN-11020-0510-D Status of Retired Bishops. *Council of Bishops.*

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CO-11345-0608-D Focus of Petitions to General Conference. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

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GJ-11331-2620-D Annual Conference Judiciary Committee. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

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GJ-11948-3000-R Recompense for Reverend Gordan Johnson. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

GJ-11949-3000-R Recompense for Reverend Dr. William Gandy. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

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MN-11114-0533-D The Appointment Making Process. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

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MN-11322-0735-D Conference Committee on Episcopacy. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

MN-11342-0448-D Clarification of the Leave of Absence. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

MN-11398-0000-D Mediation as a Process of Reconciling. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

MN-11416-0440-D Prohibiting Private One-on-one Pastoral Care. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

MN-11422-0458-D Grievance Procedures. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

MN-11533-0000-D The Appointment Making Process. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

MN-12433-0402-D Listing of Comparable Sins with Homosexuality. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

GJ-11525-3000-R Recompense for a Widow. *Jerry Eckert, WIS.*

CS-12411-0071-D Abortion. *Margaret & Richard Eddy + 37 other endorsers, Simms, Montana UMC, Great Falls, MT.*

MN-11319-0448-D Leave of Absence of Ordained Ministers. *Frank Edwards, Donald Haynes, Charles D. White Jr., WNC.*

GM-11856-3000-R Affirmation of Basic Rural Worth. *Wanda Eichler, First UMC, Pigeon, MI.*

FM-11564-3000-R Amendment to the Baptism Study. *Carolyn P. Elias, Grace UMC, Jacksonville, IL.*

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FA-11121-2518-D Board of Church Location and Building. *Hap Eliason, TEN.*

FA-11301-2518-D Authority of the Board of Church Location and Building. *Hap Eliason, TEN.*

LC-11315-2527-D Fair Share of Property in a Realignment Charge. *Hap Eliason, TEN.*

MN-11125-0528-D Realignment of Churches. *Hap Eliason, TEN.*

MN-11452-3000-M$ Study for the Office of District Superintendency. *Floyd Emfinger, AFL.*

LC-10142-0269-D Responsibility of Local Lay Leader. *EPA.*

LC-10622-0251-D Duties of a Lay Leader. *EPA.*

MN-10172-0733-D Orientation for New Members of Board of Ordained Ministry. *EPA.*

MN-10175-0752-D District Committee on Ordained Ministry. *EPA.*

CO-12196-0606-D Provide Senders the Status of their Petitions and Resolutions Submitted to General Council. *Adult Education Class, Epworth UMC, Columbus, OH.*

DI-12307-3000-R Reject the New God-Language Being Proposed. *Adm. Board + 104 local church groups + 37 persons, Essex UMC, Richwood, OH.*

CO-11598-3000-R Individual Delegate Votes at General Conference to be Recorded and Published. *Evangelical Fellowship, Richmond, VA.*

IC-12009-1906-D Responsibilities of the Commission on Communication. *Exec. Committee of the GA Communications Council, Atlanta, GA.*

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LC-12013-0252-D The Work Area on Evangelism. *Exec. Committee of the GA Communications Council, Atlanta, GA.*

LC-12014-0257-D The Council on Ministries. *Exec. Committee of the GA Communications Council, Atlanta, GA.*

LC-12015-0260-D The Work Area Chairperson. *Exec. Committee of the GA Communications Council, Atlanta, GA.*

LC-12016-0262-D The Coordination of Communications. *Exec. Committee of the GA Communications Council, Atlanta, GA.*

CS-12421-3000-M The United Methodist and Abortion. *Olga Fairfax, Wheaton, MD.*

FA-12236-0726-D Shared Salary Options. *Administrative Board, Fairview UMC, Washington, WV.*

CS-11510-0071-D Death with Dignity. *Administrative Board, Faith UMC, Bryan, OH.*

FM-12373-0071-D Human Sexuality and Ministry. *Administrative Boards, Falling Creek and Brogden UMCs, Dudley, NC.*

CS-12414-0071-D Regarding Abortion. *Administrative Board, Falling Creek UMC, Dudley, NC.*

FM-11566-3000-M The Continuance of Confirmation. *Administrative Board and Wilbur C. Teachey, Farmville UMC, Farmville, NC.*

CS-11473-0072-D Rights of the Unborn. *Denise Fennell, Windfall UMC, Windfall, IN.*

IC-11490-2003-D Responsibilities of GCCUIC. *Denise Fennell, Windfall UMC, Windfall, IN.*

CS-11922-3000-R The Political Community. *Charles J. Ferris and Eddie Carter Jr.*

GJ-12175-2607-D Responsibility of the Judicial Council. *David M. Finch, NJY.*

GJ-12176-2612-D Duties of the Judicial Council. *David M. Finch, NJY.*

FA-12292-3000-R Relocate in Accord with Findings by Study Committee Site Selected by End of 1994. *Administrative Board + 5 Individuals, First and Gray UMC, Knoxville, TN.*

FA-11302-3000-R Apportioned General Funds for the 1993-1996 Quadrennium. *Administrative Board, First and St. Paul UMCs, Roswell and Las Cruces, NM.*

MN-12432-3000-R Reject Ordination of Homosexuals as Ministers. *Adm. Bds.& members of First of LaPorte, Prospect, Hillsboro, Osgood & Aberdeen UMCs, LaPorte, IN.*

LC-11177-3000-R Infants as Full Members Before Confirmation. *Administrative Board, First and Myrtle Grove UMCs.*

FA-11263-0921-D The Ministerial Education Fund. *Administrative Board, First UMC + 11 other local church groups & 50 ind., Blackwell, OK.*

FM-12313-0071-D Reject the Adoption of the Report on Homosexuality. *First UMC + 11 local church groups + 5, Individuals, Cocoa, FL.*

GJ-11271-2621-D Chargeable Offenses. *Administrative Board, First UMC + 5 other UMCs, Circleville, OH.*

HE-11272-1518-D Purpose and Objectives of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. *Administrative Board, First UMC +11 local church groups + 53 individuals, Blackwell, OK.*

GM-11387-1404-D The Budget of the General Board of Global Ministries. *Board of Stewards, First UMC and Grafton Pressley, Griffin, GA.*

GJ-11330-1001-D Eliminate General Council on Ministries. *Bd. of Stewards, Adm. Board and WMI Bd. Evangelism, First UMC and Groesbeck UMC, Griffin and Cincinnati, GA, OH & MI.*

DI-11466-1224-D Curriculum Resource Materials. *First UMC of Mt. Vernon, IL + 3 other local groups.*

FA-11081-3000-R Relocation of the General Board of Global Ministries. *Administrative Board, First UMC, St. Andrews UMC, Pensacola, FL, Niceville, FL.*

GJ-11089-3000-R Mandatory Quotas on Boards and Agencies. *Administrative Board, First UMC, St. Andrews and Myrtle Grove UMC, Niceville and Pensacola, FL.*

CS-10016-0071-D Conflicts of Life That May Justify Abortion. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Abilene, TX.*

FM-10018-0071-D Human Sexuality. Amend para. 71-F. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Abilene, TX.*

FM-10019-0071-D Human Sexuality. Amend para. 71-F. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Abilene, TX.*

MN-10150-0402-D Homosexuals in the Ministry. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Abilene, TX.*

FA-11264-8000-R Support Relocation of the General Board of Global Ministries. *Charge Conference, First UMC, Atlanta, TX.*

CS-11246-0071-D Decisions Concerning Abortion. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Blackwell, OK.*

FA-11265-8000-R Optional Enrollment of Full-time Employees of Local Churches in the Church's Medical Insurance. *Charge Conference, First UMC, Brevard, NC.*

CS-12022-0000-D Pornography Issues. *168 Members + Genesis Sunday School Class, First UMC, Claremore, OK.*

CS-11551-0071-D The Nurturing Community and Divorce. *Sunday Seekers Sunday School Class, First UMC, Fairport, NY.*

FM-12837-8000-R Oppcee Developing Study Materials for the Church Regarding Homoeexuality. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Ft. Walton Beach, FL.*

LC-11579-0280-D Care of Members. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Gadsden, AL.*

GJ-11522-0805-D General Agency Membership. *Board of Stewards, First UMC, Griffin, GA.*

GJ-11947-8000-R Management Consultant to Evaluate the General Boards and Agencies of the Church. *Lay Delegates, First UMC, Houston, TX.*

FM-11805-0071-D Retain the Present Statement on Marriage. *Administrative Council, First UMC, Jay, OK.*

FA-12268-0906-D Quadrennium Budget. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Knoxville, TN.*

FA-11826-0906-D Budget Not to Exceed Previous Quadrennium Receipts. *Lafayette United Methodist Women, First UMC, Lafayette, OH.*

FA-12291-8000-R Relocate to Houston Texas. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Longview, TX.*

FA-12294-8000-R Relocate the General Board of Global Ministries Within One Year After End of General Conference. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Longview, TX.*

MN-10026-0451-D Mandatory Retirement Age of Ministers. Amend para. 451.6. *Adult Senior Sunday School Class, First UMC, Monticello, FL.*

CO-11456-0610-D Speaking for the Church. *7 local church groups, First UMC, N. Vernon, IL.*

GJ-11482-2621-D Chargeable Offenses. *First UMC, N. Vernon, IN, Groesbeck UMC, Cincinnati.*

CS-10039-0071-D Abortion. Amend para. 71-G. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Niceville, FL.*

GJ-11088-8000-R Two Quadrennia (1992-2000) Emphasis on Building New Churches. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Niceville, FL.*

GJ-11090-8000-M$ Study to Streamline the Church Boards, Agencies and Committees. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Niceville, FL.*

CS-12285-8000-R A Plan to Provide Housing for the Homeless. *United Methodist Women, First UMC, Santa Monica, CA.*

LC-10187-0280-D Removal of Names from Membership Role. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Scottsboro, AL.*

CO-11504-0012-C Delegate Selection to General Conference. *Administrative Board, First UMC, Tavares, FL.*

LC-11580-0280-D Care of Members. *Church Annual Charge Conference, First UMC, Vancouver, WA.*

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MN-11680-0404-D The Certified Candidate. *Paul A. Harman III, Grace UMC, Delaware, OH.*

FA-12296-3000-R Retain General Board of Global Ministries in NY at Least Until 1993-96 GCOM Review of all Boards. *Pat Callbeck Harper, St. Paul's UMC, Helena, MI.*

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CS-11781-8000-R Health Care Program. *Linda R. Harris, NDK.*

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DI-12263-1204-D Jurisdictional Committee on United Methodist Men. *Richard A. Waters + 25 Other Individuals, Harris Street UMC, Harrisburg, PA.*

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DI-11783-8000-R Traditional Language in the Book of Worship. *Linda R. Harris, NDA.*

DI-11801-8000-R Amendments to The Book of Worship. *James V. Heidinger, II, EOH.*

MN-12123-0451-D Retired Ordained Ministers. *Richard E. Held, KEN.*

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DI-11468-8000-M$ Committee on Older Adult Ministries. *Mattie Henderson, Gaines UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

GJ-11841-0059-C The Judicial Council. *Nyle M. Hershberger, Belmont UMC, Johnstown, PA.*

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CO-12253-8000-M Praying for God's Will to Prevail at General Conference. *26 Individuals, High Street UMC, Lima, OH.*

MN-11588-0451-D Retirement of Clergy. *David A. Highfield, BLT.*

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FM-11878-8000-R Amendment to the Baptismal Paper. *William A. Hines + 5 other individuals, WOH.*

GM-12149-8000-R General Board of Global Ministries Budget. *William A. Hines, WOH.*

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HE-11094-8000-M$ Task Force to Study Merging Prayer and Medicine at United Methodist Hospitals. *Kilton Holmes, First UMC, Tulsa, OK.*

CS-10091-0070-D Energy Resources Utilization. *Kilton Holmes, Poynette UMC, Poynette, WI.*

CS-11062-8000-M$ Task Force to Examine the Effectiveness of Economic Boycotts. *Kilton Holmes, First UMC, Tulsa, OK.*

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CS-11287-8000-M$ Task Force for Integrated Transportation Data Base System. *Kilton Holmes, Poynette, WI.*

CS-11288-8000-M$ Task Force to Study U.S. Japanese Business Practice and Impact on Trade Relations. *Kilton Holmes, Poynette, WI.*

CS-11289-8000-M$ Task Force to Study Waste Management Systems. *Kilton Holmes, Poynette, WI.*

CS-11290-8000-M$ Task Force to Study the North American Free Trade Agreements' Impact on the Western Hemisphere. *Kilton Holmes, Poynette, WI.*

CS-11291-8000-M$ Task Force to Study Cleaning up the Environment. *Kilton Holmes, Poynette, WI.*

CS-11292-8000-M$ Task Force to Study the Impact of Trade Relations Between the U.S. and Cuba. *Kilton Holmes, Poynette, WI.*

CS-11296-8000-M$ Task Force to Study Feasibility of Transportation for UMCOR. *Kilton Holmes, Poynette, WI.*

FM-11083-8000-M$ Task Force to Study What Christians Really Believe. *Kilton Holmes, First UMC, Tulsa, OK.*

GJ-11807-8000-M$ Task Force to Find Cost Savings for All United Methodist Agencies. *Kilton Holmes, Poynette, WI.*

MN-12241-0423-D The Guaranteed Appointment. *James W. Holsinger Jr., Arlington, VA.*

MN-10087-0533-D The Process of Appointment Making. *Dennis Howard, First UMC, Guthrie, OK.*

MN-11178-0406-D Authority and Duties of Local Pastors. *Robert M. Hrisak, WOH.*

FM-10093-0071-D Human Sexuality. *Administrative Council, Humboldt-Table Rock UMC, Humboldt, NE.*

HE-11572-8000-R Change the Name of Wesley Foundation. *Fred W. Hunter, Dumas, AR.*

HE-11771-8000-M$ Task Force to Study Sophia Theology. *Jesus Christ is Lord Task Force, 9 Adm. Bds. EPA, Huntingdon Valley UMC, Philadelphia, PA.*

HE-11772-8000-M$ Task Force to Study Feminist Theology. *Jesus Christ is Lord Task Force, 9 Adm. Bds. EPA, Huntingdon Valley UMC, Philadelphia, PA.*

GJ-11765-8000-M$ Task Force to Formulate Procedures for Resolving Theological Disputes. *Jesus Christ is Lord Task Force, 9 Adm. Bd. Member, Huntington Valley UMC, Philadelphia, PA.*

LC-11099-0106-D General Ministry of All Christian Believers. *Adm. Board, Hurtsboro UMC and Flora R. Upshaw, Overtone Park UMC, Fort Worth, TX.*

DI-11132-1218-D Ministry of the Laity. *William J. Hust, Methodist Temple UMC, Evansville, IN.*

FA-12005-8000-R Board and Agency Budget Handling. *William W. Hutchinson, NMX.*

CO-11282-0602-D Composition of the Voting Membership of General and Jurisdictional Conferences. *Nancy Iden and Ruth F. Dion, Concord-St. Andrews UMC, Bethesda, Md.*

CS-11068-8000-R Police Firearms Policies. *Allyn Ijams, Atlanta UMC, Atlanta, IL.*

CS-11069-8000-R Responsible Firearm Ownership and Training. *Allyn Ijams, Atlanta UMC, Atlanta, IL.*

GJ-11614-2621-D Chargeable Offenses. *Council on Ministries, Indian River City UMC, Titusville, FL.*

CO-11596-0611-D The Book of Resolutions. *Indian River UMC + 6 other local church groups and 47 individuals.*

CO-11804-0612-D The Jurisdictional Conference. *Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, Baltimore.*

CO-12252-0611-D The Jurisdictional Conference. *Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, Severna Park, MD.*

LC-11148-0269-D Committee on Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations. *Intersharing Board, N.C. Jurisdiction Volunteers in Mission Agency, Des Moines, IA.*

FA-11607-1606-D Power, Duties and Responsibilities of Annual Conference. *Ruth Ann Ivey, Bethany UMC, Summerville, SC.*

MN-11628-0315-D Relationship of a Diaconal Minister. *Ruth Ann Ivey, Bethany UMC, Summerville, SC.*

FA-10336-8000-M$ Study of Clergy Salary and Support Structure. *IWA, DET and NEB.*

CO-10003-0701-D Clergy Membership of Annual Conference. Amend para. 701.1. *IWA.*

CO-10004-0701-D Composition of Annual Conference. Amend para. 701.1d. *IWA.*

CO-10005-0701-D Seating of Pastors at Annual Conference. Amend para. 701.2 *IWA.*

CS-10365-8000-R$ Drug Trafficking and Operations. *IWA.*

FA-10112-0722-D Basic Salary Plan for Clergy. *IWA.*

MN-10014-0412-D Clergy Membership of Annual Conference. *IWA.*

MN-11496-0424-D Continuance of Full Membership in the Annual Conference. *JoAnne Jackson, Wilbur and Margaret Dye, Lakewood UMC, Lake Odessa, MI.*

FA-12032-8000-R Standard Salary for Pastors. *William M. Jeffries, NCA.*

DI-11160-8000-R Service of Infant Dedication. *Michael Johnson, BLT.*

MN-11821-0518-D Limitation on Years of Service for District Superintendents. *W. Garrett Judson, NNY.*

CO-10318-0627-D The Official Journal of the Jurisdictional Conference. *Jurisdictionals (?).*

DI-12171-8000-R Addition to the Proposed Book of Worship. *Steven Kaehr, NIN.*

MN-12240-0418-D Conference and District Board of Ordained Ministry. *Teresea Keezel, Dinwiddie UMC, Dinwiddie, VA.*

CS-11180-8000-R Association With and Support to, the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights. *Glenn Keller, VIR.*

MN-12247-0783-D Election of Lay Members on the Board of Ordained Ministry. *Joan T. Kelsey, University UMC, East Lansing, MI.*

MN-12248-0752-D Membership of the Board of Ordained Ministry. *Joan T. Kelsey, University UMC, East Lansing, MI.*

FA-10208-0906-D Fiscal Responsibilities Regarding Abortion. *KEN.*

GM-10218-1411-D Composition of Board of Trustees of Mission Agencies and Institutions. *KEN.*

HE-10378-8000-R Scholarship Endowment Fund. *KEN.*

MN-10248-0481-D Qualifications for Ordination. *KEN.*

CO-11285-8000-R Inclusiveness of the Physically Challenged at All Conferences. *Mary Louise Kendall, St. Paul UMC, Elizabethtown, PA.*

FM-12360-0071-D Human Sexuality. *Burrell M. Ketchersid, HOL.*

DI-11941-8000-M Discontinue Use of Term "Act of God". *Arthur R. Kirk, EOH.*

GJ-11569-8000-R The Mission Society for United Methodist as a Mission Organization. *Arthur R. Kirk, EOH.*

GJ-11768-8000-R Institute "One Member, One Vote" Democracy for our Church. *Arthur R. Kirk, Cambridge UMC, Cambridge, OH.*

GJ-12094-8000-M Reduce Administration of the United Methodist Church. *Arthur R. Kirk, EOH.*

HE-11578-8000-R Cease Giving Bachelor's Degrees. *Arthur R. Kirk, EOH.*

FA-11562-8000-R Formula for Apportionments. *Arthur Kirk & the Finance Committee of Providence, EOH.*

MN-11904-8000-R Call on Bishops to Clarify Terms Renewed, Redeemed Consultation. *Catherine Kirk, TEN.*

GJ-11270-0805-D Add Lesbians and Gay Men to Membership of Program Boards and Agencies. *Alice Knotts + 8 other individuals, Denver, CO.*

GJ-11520-0278-D Special Sunday to Pray for the President of the United States. *K. Henry Koestline, FLA.*

GJ-11521-0801-D National and General Agencies. *K. Henry Koestline, FLA.*

MN-11277-0416-D Requirements for Admittance to Probationary Membership. *James F. Kremer, CPA.*

CO-10187-0701-D Voting Rights of Local and Associate Pastors. *KSE and DET.*

MN-10260-0783-D Ordained Associate Members as Observers of Board of Ordained Ministry. *KSE.*

MN-10266-0752-D Participation of Observers in the Work of the Board. *KSE.*

CO-10360-8000-M District Listing in the General Minutes. *KSW.*

FA-10381-8000-R Ministerial Pension Plan. *KSW.*

FM-12218-8000-R Amend the Study on Baptism Report. *Council on Ministries, Lacon UMC, Lacon, IL.*

CS-11402-8000-R The "Memphis Declaration". *Administrative Board, Lakeside UMC, Lake Village, AR.*

MN-11542-0424-D Requirements for Admission. *Council on Ministries + 3 individuals, Lakewood UMC, Lake Odessa, MI.*

CS-11064-8000-R Re-organize The United Nations. *Allen C. Lambert, ORI.*

MN-11589-0451-D Retirement of Clergy Members. *Homer W. Landis and Division of Chaplains, VIR.*

FM-12367-0071-D Human Sexuality. *Administrative Boards, Laton and Aromona UMCs, Laton, CA.*

MN-12246-0518-D Limitations on Years of Service. *Bishop David J. Lawson, WIS.*

MN-11951-0406-D Church Membership of Part-Time Local Pastors. *Administrative Board, Lawsonham and Rimersburg UMCs.*

MN-11278-0518-D Higher Education Apportionments. *Church Conference, Leander UMC, Leander, TX.*

FM-12374-0071-D Oppose Any Action Making Homosexuality Compatible with Christian Teaching. *Administrative Council, Leavittsville UMC, Dellroy, OH.*

FM-12217-0068-D The Article of Religion. *June Leckrone, Portsmouth, VA.*

LC-11627-0255-D Organization of the Administrative Board. *Dennis R. Lee, SCA.*

MN-12249-8000-M Support the Report of the Study on Ministry. *Jo Ann Leifeste, Herndon UMC, Herndon, VA.*

MN-12284-0481-D Requirements for Ordination. *Laura Lentell + 9 Other Individuals, Milton, FL.*

CS-12087-1104-D Responsibilities of the GBCS. *Ralph J. Lepley, WNC.*

FA-11561-0709-D Conference Council on Finance and Administration. *Ralph J. Lepley, WNC.*

MN-11817-0441-D Support for Ordained Ministers Appointed to a Pastoral Charge. *Ralph J. Lepley, WNC.*

CS-12423-8000-R Opposition to a Call for a Constitutional Convention. *Lifewatch Task Force of UM on Abortion, Bryan, TX.*

FM-12288-8000-R$ Resources for Healing Ministries with Homosexuals. *6 Local Church Groups + 42 Individuals.*

CO-11594-0505-D Bishops in Jurisdictions. *1 Member, Long's UMC, Lake Junaluska, NC.*

CS-12399-8000-R Social Principle Statement on Abortion. *Bishop Richard C. Looney, SGA area.*

GJ-12188-2623-D Investigations Procedures. *Bishop Richard C. Looney, SCA.*

CS-11856-8000-R The Requirement of Blood Testing Prior to Marriage. *Conference Church and Society + 12 individuals, LRK.*

FM-10611-8000-R Retain the Term, Practice and Service of Infant Baptism. *LRK, CNV, EPA, NNY.*

IC-10354-8000-R Support the Efforts of Consultation on Church Union. *LRK.*

CS-11403-8000-R Membership in Club or Organizations which Practice Exclusivity. *Commission on Religion and Race and COM., LVL.*

IC-11492-2201-D Support the Work and Urge Continuance of General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. *Conference COSROW and Theodore Agnew, OK, LVL.*

FA-10106-0709-D Funding Church Building Facilities and Programs for Accessibility. *LVL, MNN.*

GJ-10120-0275-D Special Sundays without Church-wide Offerings. Access Sunday. *LVL, NIN, MNN.*

LC-10076-0262-D Responsibilities of the Coordinator of Communications. *LVL, NIN.*

CO-10153-0745-D Committee on Ministry to Persons with Handicapping Conditions. *LVL.*

FA-10968-8000-R Accessibility for Persons with Handicapping Conditions. *LVL, NIN.*

GJ-11040-8000-R Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. *LVL.*

LC-10141-0262-D Annual Accessibility Audit. *LVL.*

LC-10146-2543-D Righte of Persons with Handicapping Conditions. *LVL.*

MN-10044-0503-D Offices of Bishops and District Superintendents. *LVL.*

MN-10166-0439-D Responsibilities and Duties of a Pastor. *LVL.*

CO-11455-0507-D Term of Service for Bishops in Their Area. *Howard Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, TX.*

CO-11459-8000-R Terms Used in the Book of Discipline. *Howard Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, TX.*

CO-11938-8000-M Commend Rev. Donald E. Wildman for his Efforts Regarding Sex and Homosexuality in the Media. *Howard Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, TX.*

CS-11939-0070-D The Pure Unfermented Juice of the Grape in Holy Communion. *Howard Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, TX.*

DI-11470-8000-R Include the Hymn Eternal Father, Strong to Save in the Next Printing of the United Methodist Hymnal. *Howard Lydick, Eleanor Hamlett, J. Hamlett, First UMC, Richardson, TX.*

DI-11471-8000-R Inclusion in the Next Printing of the United Methodist Hymnal. *Howard Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, TX.*

DI-11472-8000-R Omit the 4th verse of the Hymn Praise to The Lord, The Almighty. *Howard Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, TX.*

DI-11930-8000-R Amend Wording of Service for Holy Communion in Hymnal. *Howard Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, TX.*

FM-12848-8000-R No Practicing Homosexual to be Utilized as Paid Staff or Volunteer. *Howard Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, TX.*

GJ-11768-0804-D Travel of Members of General Boards and Agencies. *Howard Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, TX.*

GJ-12108-2621-D Chargeable Offenses. *Howard Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, TX.*

GJ-12274-2621-D Chargeable Offenses Regarding Alcoholic Beverages. *Howard Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, TX.*

MN-11501-0509-D Retirement Age of Bishops. *Howard Lydick, First UMC, Richardson, TX.*

CS-12200-8000-R The Political Community and Military Service. *M.D. Lyons, Rainbow City UMC, Rainbow City, AL.*

CS-12349-0070-D The Natural World. *District Supt., Pastor and Lay Leaders, Lytton Springs, Fentress and Prairie Lea UMCs, Austin, TX.*

CS-11812-0072-D Rights of Persons with Handicapping Conditions. *Administrative Council, Main Street UMC, Alton, IL.*

CS-12170-8000-R National Health Ineurance Program. *Administrative Council, Main Street UMC, Alton, IL.*

FA-11942-8000-R Limit Apportionmente to 2% Increase. *Administrative Council, Main Street UMC, Alton, IL.*

MN-10088-0436-D Pastoral Appointment. Amend para. 436. *Rev. Harry E. Mann, FLA.*

FM-11268-0071-D Marriage a Shared Fidelity Between a Man and a Woman. *Rev. and Mrs. Arthur L. Mansure, DSW.*

MN-11409-0430-D Statement on Ordination. *Rev. and Mrs. Arthur L. Mansure, DSW.*

CS-11464-8000-R Oppose Food and Medicine Blockade or Embargoes. *MARCHA.*

FA-11475-8000-R Health Insurance for Ministers. *MARCHA, Perth Amboy, NJ.*

GJ-11484-8000-R New Beginning. *MARCHA, Perth Amboy, NJ.*

GM-11486-8000-R Support the National Plan for Hispanic Ministry including Funding. *MARCHA, Perth Amboy, NJ.*

GM-11487-8000-R Access of Hispanics to Higher Education. *MARCHA, Perth Amboy, NJ.*

GM-12152-8000-R Puerto Rico Colonial Status. *MARCHA, Perth Amboy, NJ.*

GM-12153-8000-R Affiliated Autonomous Methodist Church of Puerto Rico and The United Methodist Church. *MARCHA, Perth Amboy, NJ.*

GM-12154-8000-R Continuance of Funding to the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico. *MARCHA, Perth Amboy, NJ.*

GM-12155-8000-R Understanding The United Methodist Church as a Global Church. *MARCHA, Perth Amboy, NJ.*

IC-11785-8000-R Celebrate and Affirm the Work of GCORR. *MARCHA, Perth Amboy, NJ.*

IC-11786-8000-R Celebrate and Support the Work of the General Commission on the Statue and Role of Women. *MARCHA, Perth Amboy, NJ.*

MN-11584-0404-D Candidacy for Ordained Ministry. *Administrative Board, Marion UMC, Marion, AL.*

MN-10164-0431-D Qualifications for Ordination. *Pastor and Officers, Markle UMC, Markle, IN.*

IC-11491-2008-D Responsibilities of GCCUIC. *Susan Marsh, Kokomo, IN.*

CS-12403-0071-D The Nurturing Community and Abortion. *Vicki Martin, Wesley UMC, Parsons, KS.*

CS-12181-0078-D The Economic Community and Gambling. *Anne K. Martz, North Bethesda UMC, Bethesda, MD.*

FM-12356-0071-D Human Sexuality. Amend 71F. *John A. Mason, WVA.*

LC-12088-0251-D Tenure of Office. *John A. Mason, WVA.*

CS-12418-0072-D Rights of the Unborn. *Pamela Maurer, St. Luke UMC, Kokomo, IN.*

GJ-11211-0818-D Election of the General Secretary of Each Board and Agency. *Hazel McDaniel, Roswell UMC, Roswell, GA.*

GJ-11214-1006-D Election of General Secretaries. *Hazel McDaniel, Roswell UMC, Roswell, GA.*

CO-11849-8000-R Inclusiveness at General and Jurisdictional Conferences. *Walter H. McKelvey, WNC.*

MN-11635-0446-D Voluntary Leave of Absence. *Robert C. McKibben, AFL.*

MN-11636-0449-D Call to Active Military Duty. *Robert C. McKibben, AFL.*

MN-11637-0453-D Base for Complaints. *John Patton Meadows, Pleasant Hill UMC, McCalla, AL.*

GJ-11488-2621-D Chargeable Offenses. *John Patton Meadows, Pleasant Hill UMC, McCalla, AL.*

MN-12245-0453-D The Grievance Process. *John Patton Meadows, Pleasant Hill UMC, McCalla, AL.*

CO-12197-0701-D Lay and Clerical Delegates Voting Rights. *George C. Megill, NCA.*

LC-12157-0262-D To Permit the Local Coordinator of Communications to Record a Video History of the Congregation. *Virgil G. Megill, NGA.*

LC-12257-2542-D Repaire and Upkeep of Church Property. *Board of Trustees, Melrose Avenue UMC, Roanoke, VA.*

CO-11425-0702-D Conference Committee on Scheduling. *Lay members of Annual Conference, MEM.*

FA-12318-8000-R Church Owned Agricultural and Other Rural Property. *National UM Rural Fellowship Legislature Committee, MEM.*

FA-10200-0725-D Shared Salary Options. *MEM, WVA, NYK.*

CS-10845-8000-R$ Education on Alcohol and Substance Abuse. *MEM.*

HE-10874-8000-R Development of Programs on Campus Ministry. *MEM.*

MN-10287-0317-D Diaconal Ministers. *MEM.*

GJ-12104-2622-D Filing of Charges Against a Member of The United Methodist Church. *Donald E. Messer, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO.*

GJ-12105-2623-D Investigative Procedures. *Donald E. Messer, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO.*

CS-11468-8000-M$ Task Force on the American Free Trade Agreement. *Meth. Assoc. to represent Cause of Hispanic Amer., Perth Amboy, NJ.*

FA-12298-8000-R Continue Present Location of General Board of Global Ministries in New York. *Meth. Fed. for Soc. Action, 8 Church Org., 72 Ind., Bozeman, MT.*

FM-12843-0072-D Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men. *Meth. Fed. for Social Action + Ad Council, Grant Park-Aldersgate UMC, Atlanta, GA.*

CS-11460-8000-R Bilingual Education. *Methodist Assoc. to represent Hispanic Americans.*

MN-12831-0402-D Human Sexuality. Delete para. 402.2. *Methodist Federation for Social Action, NY & MN, + 1 Administrative Board.*

CS-11674-8000-R Justice for Reverend Alex Awad. *Methodist Federation for Social Action, Staten Island, NY.*

CS-11675-8000-R Nuclear Weapons Production at the General Electric Company. *Methodist Federation for Social Action, Staten Island, NY.*

CS-11676-8000-R Investment Ethics. *Methodist Federation for Social Action, Staten Island, NY.*

CS-11677-8000-R National Health Care. *Methodist Federation for Social Action, Staten Island, NY.*

FA-11681-0725-D Share Salary Option. *Methodist Federation for Social Action, Also the Minnesota Chapter, Staten Island, NY.*

FA-11683-1604-D Corporate Reeponsibility and the General Board of Pensions. *Methodist Federation for Social Action, Staten Island, NY.*

FA-11684-2512-D Annual Conference Investment Stewardship. *Methodist Federation for Social Action, Staten Island, NY.*

FA-12283-2523-D Local Church Investment Stewardship. *Methodist Federation for Social Action, Staten Island, NY.*

FA-12310-8000-R No Curb on Discussion on Homosexuality. *Methodist Federation for Social Action, Dumbarton UMC and Robert Simison.*

IC-11688-8000-R Holy Land Tours. *Methodist Federation for Social Action, Staten Island, NY.*

LC-12178-0202-D The Local Church and Eco-Justice. *Methodist Federation for Social Action, Staten Island, NY.*

LC-12228-0208-D The United Methodist Church Celebrates the Diversity of its Members. *Methodist Federation for Social Action, Staten Island, NY.*

MN-12188-0414-D Qualifications for Election to Probationary Membership. *Methodist Federation for Sociol Action, Staten Island, NY.*

FA-12287-8000-R Establish the National Aesociation of United Methodist Retired Persons. *77 Individual Members of the Pension Plan.*

CS-11782-8000-R Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option. *Methodists United for Peace with Justice, Washington, DC.*

LC-12161-0269-D Committee and/or Employing Agency. *Patricia Ann Meyers, Diaconal Ministers of Oregon-Idaho Conference.*

FA-11682-0921-D Spiritual Growth. *Jane Allen Middleton and George Douglas McClain, Staten Island, NY.*

MN-11691-0423-D Spiritual Growth. *Jane Allen Middleton and George Douglas McClain, Staten Island, NY.*

MN-11693-0445-D Spiritual Growth. *Jane Allen Middleton and George Douglas McClain, Staten Island, NY.*

MN-11695-0520-D Duties of the District Superintendent. *Jane Allen Middleton and George Douglas McClain, Staten Island, NY.*

MN-11696-1529-D Responsibilities of the Board of Ordained Ministry. *Jane Allen Middleton and George Douglas McClain, Staten Island, NY.*

CO-12481-0085-C Composition of Annual Conference. *Chita R. Millan, Vinluan Memorial UMC, Pangasinan, Philippines.*

DI-11861-8000-R Introduction to lection in the lectionary. *Clarence P. Miller, WOH.*

CS-11673-0072-D Rights of the Unborn. *Dewey Miller, NIN.*

LC-12323-8000-R The Committee on Nominations. *Milton M. Miller, KSE.*

FA-11480-1715-D Net Income from the United Methodist Publishing House. *Perry S. Miller, WNC.*

FA-11481-8000-R Clergy Status for Income Tax Purpcees. *Perry S. Miller, WNC.*

LC-11580-0283-D Pastor's Report at Charge Conference. *Perry S. Miller, WNC.*

LC-11581-0247-D Pastor's Report to Charge Conference. *Perry S. Miller, WNC.*

CO-12020-0610-D Speaking for the Church. *Roland Dean Miller, Christ Church UMC, Louisville, KY.*

GJ-12033-8000-R Policies Relative to Socially Responsible Investments. *Roland Dean Miller, Christ Church UMC, Louisville, KY.*

MN-12395-0402-D Retain Paragraph 402 Regarding Homoeexuality. *Adm. Bd + 90 local church groups + 548 individuals, Milnor UMC, Milnor, ND.*

LC-11892-2540-D Local Church Property. *Ministry Development Committee, Fayetteville, NC.*

LC-11883-2550-D Study of Local Church Potential. *Ministry Development Committee, Native American International Caucus, Fayetteville, NC.*

MN-12325-0313-D Conference Relationship of Diaconal Members. *Ralph L. Minker, VIR.*

MN-11889-0404-D Candidacy for Ordained Ministry. *United Methodist Federation for Social Action, MNN.*

MN-11891-0420-D Requirement for Election as Associate Members. *United Methodist Federation for Social Action, MNN.*

CS-10231-8000-R A Resolution on Investments Policy. *MNE.*

FA-10059-1604-D Pensions and Investment Policies. *MNE.*

MN-10727-8000-S$ Study Commission to Revisit the Effective Role of National Bishops. *MNE.*

LC-10284-2543-D Planning and Financing Requirements for Local Churches. *MNN and NIN.*

LC-11878-0261-D The Chairperson of Worship. *United Methodist Federation for Social Action, MNN.*

MN-11885-0304-D Candidacy for Diaconal Ministry. *United Methodist Federation for Social Action, MNN.*

MN-11888-0401-D Ministry in the Christian Church. *United Methodist Federation for Social Action, MNN.*

MN-11890-0414-D Election to Probationary Membership. *United Methodist Federation for Social Action, MNN.*

MN-11893-0424-D Requirements for Admission. *United Methodist Federation for Social Action, MNN.*

MN-11894-0424-D Requirements for Admission. *United Methodist Federation for Social Action, MNN.*

MN-11895-0431-D Qualifications for Ordination. *United Methodist Federation for Social Action, MNN.*

LC-10220-0208-D Accepting the Diversity of Church Members. *MNN, WIS.*

FA-10205-2512-D Annual Conference Board of Trustees. *MNN, WYO, NYK.*

CS-10293-8000-R Population Policy. *MNN.*

CS-10344-8000-R Energy Policy. *MNN.*

CS-10990-8000-R Hate Crimes. *MNN.*

FA-10056-0787-D Proportional Payments. *MNN.*

FA-10058-0925-D Episcopal Budget. *MNN.*

FA-10110-0719-D Apportionments and Equitable Salary Fund. *MNN.*

FA-10198-0721-D Basic Salary Plan for Clergy. *MNN.*

FA-10204-1604-D Corporate Responsibility and the General Board of Pensions. *MNN.*

FA-10269-0906-D Fiscal Responsibilities. *MNN.*

GJ-10972-8000-R Church-wide Year of Remembrance, Repentance and Renewal. *MNN.*

HE-10991-8000-R Peace Studies Scholarships. *MNN.*

LC-10068-0247-D Recording Secretary of Charge Conference. *MNN.*

LC-10069-0247-D Members at Large of the Administrative Board / Council. *MNN.*

LC-10074-0256-D Responsibilities of the Administrative Board. *MNN.*

LC-10188-0249-D Local Church Offices and Chairpersonship. *MNN.*

LC-10229-0251-D Definitions of the Chairman of the Administrative Board of Council. *MNN.*

LC-10280-0256-D Adequate Housing for the Pastor. *MNN.*

LC-10288-2582-D Local Church Board of Trustees. *MNN.*

LC-10819-0262-D Interpreters for Persons with Handicapping Conditions. *MNN.*

MN-10079-0304-D Candidacy for Diaconal Ministry. *MNN.*

MN-10081-0404-D The Declared Candidate for Ordained Ministry. *MNN.*

MN-10244-0424-D Requirements for Admission in an Annual Conference. *MNN.*

MN-10268-0783-D Duties of Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. *MNN.*

MN-10821-0421-D Rights of Persons with Handicapping Conditions. *MNN.*

MN-10998-0752-D Lay Members on the Board of Ordained Ministry. *MNN.*

FA-12884-0906-D Discussion, Debate, or Education Regarding Homoeexuality. *Board of Church and Society, MOE.*

FA-12028-0725-D Shared Compensation Option. *Conference Board of Church and Society, MOE.*

DI-11428-8000-R$ Stewardship Initiative in the 1993-96 Quadrennium. *National Association of Stewardship Leaders, MOE, CNV and EOH.*

MN-10256-0514-R Responsibilities of Bishops. *MOE, NEB.*

CO-10182-0629-D Jurisdictional Council on Ministries. *MOE.*

CO-10189-0726-D Annual Conference Council on Ministries. *MOE.*

CO-10361-8000-M$ Task Force to Study Jurisdictional System and Demographics. *MOE.*

GJ-10210-1001-D Eliminate Structure of GCOM. *MOE.*

GM-10212-0742-D Annual Conference Commission on the Small Membership Church. *MOE.*

LC-10217-0206-D Annual Conference Plan for Cooperative Parish Ministries. *DET and MOE.*

MN-10167-0446-D Ministers Sabbatical Leave. *MOE.*

MN-10251-0437-D Part-time Appointment of Full-time Pastors. *MOE.*

MN-10252-0437-D Interim Appointments. *MOE.*

MN-10255-0514-D Specific Responsibilities of Bishops. *MOE.*

MN-10257-0583-D Pastors Appointed to Rural Congregations. *MOE.*

MN-10262-0785-D Annual Conference Committee on Episcopacy. *MOE.*

MN-10268-0752-D Laity as Members of District Board of Ordained Ministers. *MOE.*

MN-10271-1528-D Laity to the Division of Ordained Ministry of the GBHE and Ministry. *MOE.*

MN-10855-8000-M$ Study of Bishop's Relationship to Annual Conference. *MOE.*

FA-11605-0710-D Separate World Service Funds from Conference Benevolences Funds. *Monticello District Council on Ministries, Little Rock, AR.*

CS-11251-8000-R Oppcee the Violence and Profanity Displayed on Television. *Council on Ministries, Moody Memorial First UMC, Galveston, TX.*

MN-12162-8000-R Diaconal Minister's Relationship to the Employing Agency. *Eleanor K. Morrow, Annandale UMC, Annondale, VA.*

IC-10064-2201-D Delete the Organization and Responsibility of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women. *Adm. Board, Lamesa Pators Cluster & Bd. of Steward, St. Oak UMC, Mitchellville, MD.*

CS-10020-8000-R Parental Family Responsibility. *Administrative Board, Mount Oak UMC, Mitchellville, MD.*

CS-10021-8000-R Responsible Parenthood. *Administrative Board, Mount Oak UMC, Mitchellville, MD.*

FA-11074-0912-D The World Service Fund. *Administrative Board, Mount Oak UMC, Mitchellville, MD.*

GJ-10022-1001-D Eliminate the Organization and Responsibility of GCOM. *Administrative Board, Mount Oak UMC, Mitchellville, MD.*

GJ-10023-0805-D Eliminate Additional Membership to General Boards. *Administrative Board, Mount Oak UMC, Mitchellville, MD.*

GJ-10024-0806-D Committee to Nominate Additional Members. *Adm. Board & Comm. to Nominate Additional Members, Mount Oak UMC, Mitchellville, MD.*

HE-10129-1617-D Member and Organization Senate. *Administrative Board, Mt. Oak UMC & First UMC, Mitchellville & Blackwell, MD & OK.*

HE-10130-1618-D Purposes and Objectives of the University Senate. *Administrative Board, Mt. Oak UMC, Marilyn Thompson, Mitchellville, MD., Starksville, MS.*

HE-10131-1519-D Affiliation of Theological Seminaries. *Administrative Board, Mt. Oak UMC, Mitchellville, MD.*

IC-10068-2001-D Eliminate General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. *Administrative Board & Board of Stewards, Mount Oak UMC & First UMC, Mitchellville & Griffin, MD & GA.*

LC-10070-0247-D Notifying the Local Church of Amount Apportioned for World Service and Conference Benevolence. *Administrative Board, Mt. Oak UMC, Mitchellville, MD.*

MN-10029-0733-D Duties of Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. Amend para. 733.2. *Administrative Board, Mount Oak UMC, Mitchellville, MD.*

CO-10006-0726-D Age Level and Family Councils. Amend para. 726.6. *MOW, CNV, NEB, SGA, TRY, KSW, KSE, AFL, SNJ, NAL.*

FA-10389-8000-R Justice Issues of Clergy Salary System. *MOW, NCA.*

CS-12299-0000-D Non Support for Unrestricted Abortions. *Administrative Council, Moyock UMC, Moyock, NC.*

DI-11299-0000-D$ Establish a Committee on Older Adult Ministry. *Older Adult Ministry, MSS.*

CO-12195-0035-C Membership to College Age Level. *Statewide Student Council, MSS.*

DI-10696-8000-M Study of the Holy Spirit. *MSS.*

FA-10201-0737-D Proportional Payments for Retired Ministers. *MSS.*

FA-10305-8000-R Relocating the General Board of Global Ministries. *MSS.*

GJ-10825-8000-R Gospel Call to a New Beginning. *MSS.*

GJ-10986-8000-R The Celebration of Pentecost. *MSS.*

GM-10620-8000-R$ Mission in the Local Community Enabling Resolution. *MSS.*

GM-10975-8000-R Resourcing Black Churches in Urban Communities. *MSS.*

MN-10320-8000-R Authority and Rights of Lay, Local and Associate Pastors. *MSS.*

MN-10411-8000-R Recruitment and Development Plan for Local Pastors. *MSS.*

CS-11556-8000-R Boycott of Motion Pictures and T.V. Programs That Show Violence. *Church and Society Committee, Mt Hope UMC, Lansing, MI.*

FA-11082-8000-R Relocation of the General Board of Global Ministries. *Administrative Board, Mt. Pleasant UMC, Winchester, VA.*

LC-10037-0269-D Committee on Nominations and Personnel. Amend para. 269.L. *Rev. Douglas Mullins, WOH.*

DI-11429-1301-D Global Mission Outreach. *Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.*

FM-11435-8000-R Support the Recommendation of the Study Committee on Understanding Baptism. *Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.*

MN-11443-8000-R Delay Action on the Ministry Study until the 1996 General Conference. *Administrative Board, Munsey Memorial UMC, Johnson City, TN.*

FA-10300-8000-M$ Translating Book of Disciples into Hausa Language. *MUR.*

FA-10301-8000-M$ Translate UMC Hymnal into Hausa Language. *MUR.*

FA-10302-8000-M$ Translate Book of Worship into Hausa Language. *MUR.*

FM-11478-0066-D The Word "Christian" be Given a Specific Definition. *Pastor and organizations, Mustang UMC, Mustang, ?*

GJ-11687-8000-R Streamline Church Bureaucracy Place in Council of Bishops. *Administrative Board, Myrtle Grove UMC, Pensacola, FL.*

FM-11380-8000-M Baptism of All Christian Children. *Steven C. Nadworny, Center UMC, Saugus, MA.*

FA-10116-0906-D Human Sexuality. Retain Present Stand on Funding "Gay" Caucus or Group. *NAK + 11 other Annual Conferences.*

HE-10515-8000-R$ Adopt "Campus Ministry: Mission at the Center" Special Program for 1993-96. *NAK + 29 other Annual Conferences.*

FA-10303-8000-R Support Relocating the GBGM. *NAK, AFL, CIL and TEX.*

CO-10045-0701-D Annual Conference Membership of Local Pastors. *NAK.*

CO-10046-0701-D Composition of Annual Conference. *NAK.*

IC-10360-8000-R Continue the Commission on the Status and Role of Women. *NAK.*

IC-10361-8000-R Retain the Commission on Religion and Race. *NAK.*

LC-10071-0251-D Duties of Church Lay Reader. *NAK.*

MN-10088-0481-D Qualifications for Ordination. *NAK.*

MN-11688-0785-D Conference Committee on Episcopacy. *NAK.*

CO-11805-0702-D Election of the Conference Lay Leader. *Committee of the Laity, NAL.*

LC-11876-0249-D Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *Committee of the Laity, NAL.*

LC-11880-0269-D Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *Committee of the Laity, NAL.*

FA-11120-0710-D World Service and Conference Benevolence. *General Conference Delegation, NAL.*

FA-11122-8000-R General Budget Funding. *General Conference Delegation, NAL.*

DI-10846-8000-R$ Spiritual Directors Program. *NAL, CAP, MEM, IWA and MNN.*

MN-11461-8000-R The Study of Ministry Dealing with the Office of Deaconesses. *Nat. Assoc. of Deaconesses and Home Missionaries, + 50 individuals.*

GJ-12309-8000-R Program to Emphasize Inclusiveness in All Dimensions of the Church. *National and Western Jurisdictional BMCR.*

CO-12021-0702-D Organization of Annual Conference. *National Assoc. of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, Springfield, NE.*

CO-12060-0726-D Annual Conference Council on Ministry. *National Assoc. of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, Springfield, NE.*

DI-12023-0729-D Conference Board of Discipleship. *National Assoc. of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, Springfield, NE.*

DI-12024-0730-D Conference Board of Laity. *National Assoc. of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, Springfield, NE.*

DI-12025-0746-D Coordinating Committee on Lay Work. *National Assoc. of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, Springfield, NE.*

DI-12026-0753-D The District Board of Laity. *National Assoc. of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, Springfield, NE.*

DI-12027-1218-D Leadership and Ministry Development. *National Assoc. of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, Springfield, NE.*

LC-12041-0269-D Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *National Assoc. of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, Springfield, NE.*

MN-12048-0733-D Membership of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. *National Assoc. of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, Springfield, NE.*

MN-12049-0762-D The District Committee on Ordained Ministry. *National Assoc. of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, Springfield, NE.*

MN-12050-8000-R Amendment to the Ministry Study Regarding Ordination. *National Assoc. of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, Springfield, NE.*

GJ-11615-8000-R Service of Revival and Commitment. *National Association of Conference Presidents and, Five UMM Jurisdictional Presidents.*

GM-12225-8000-M$ Study Committee for Asian - American Language Ministries. *National Federation of Asian-American U.M., San Francisco, CA.*

LC-11839-0255-D Organization of the Administrative Board. *National Federation of Asian-American U. M., San Francisco, CA.*

LC-11840-2552-D Shared Church Facilities. *National Federation of Asian-American U.M., San Francisco, CA.*

MN-11844-0517-D Administration of and Ministering to Language Churches. *National Federation of Asian-American U.M., San Francisco, CA.*

GM-11405-8000-R Native American History and Contemporary Culture as Related to Effective Church Participation. *National United Methodist Native American Center.*

GM-11406-8000-R$ Shared Financial Support for the Native American Center. *National United Methodist Native American Center.*

GM-11407-8000-R$ Increased Support for Programs Impacting Higher Education of Native Americans. *National United Methodist Native American Center.*

GM-11408-8000-R Native American Representation in the United Methodist Church. *National United Methodist Native American Center.*

CO-12129-0746-D Committee on Native American Ministry. *Native American International Caucus, Fayetteville, NC.*

GJ-12185-0274-D Native American Awareness Sunday. *Native American International Caucus, Fayetteville, NC.*

GM-12187-8000-R A New Beginning. *Native American International Caucus, Fayetteville, NC.*

GM-12188-1480-D Sovereign Indian Nations Within the U.S. *Native American International Caucus, Fayetteville, NC.*

GM-12189-1481-D Responsibilities of the World Division. *Native American International Caucus, Fayetteville, NC.*

GM-12140-1482-D Authority of the World Division. *Native American International Caucus, Fayetteville, NC.*

GM-12141-1487-D Administration of New Commitment. *Native American International Caucus, Fayetteville, NC.*

GM-12142-8000-M$ Study on the Building of Community in Rural Native American Communities. *Native American International Caucus, Fayetteville, NC.*

GM-12143-8000-R Native American Young Adults in Mission. *Native American International Caucus, Fayetteville, NC.*

GM-12144-8000-R Native American Social Witness Program. *Native American International Caucus, Fayetteville, NC.*

GM-12145-8000-R$ Education Responsibilities Concerning Native American Cultural Traditions. *Native American International Caucus, Fayetteville, NC.*

GM-12146-8000-R$ Native American School of Evangelism. *Native American International Caucus, Fayetteville, NC.*

GM-12147-8000-R$ Pastoral Care and the Aids Epidemic in Native American Communities. *Native American International Caucus, Fayetteville, NC.*

GM-12148-8000-R$ National Convocation on the Ordained Ministry for Native Americans. *Native American International Caucus, Fayetteville, NC.*

IC-11865-8000-R Retain the Commission on the Status and Role of Women. *Black Methodist for Church Renewal, NCA.*

IC-11862-8000-R Retain Religious Race. *Commission on Status and Role of Women and BMCR, NCA.*

CS-10694-8000-R Research the AIDS Situation. *NCA.*

FM-10612-8000-R Support Present Stand on Homoexuality. *NCA.*

FM-10614-0216-D Retain Confirmation Classes as Prerequisite to Full Membership. *NCA.*

CO-11454-0505-D Bishops in Jurisdictions. *NCJ and Ill. Area Committee on the Episcopacy.*

CO-11248-0612-D The Functions of the Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. *NCJ, WJ, & Ill. area Committees on Episcopacy.*

CO-11778-0505-D Bishops in Jurisdictions. *NDK.*

FA-10970-8000-M$ Church Owned Agricultural Land and Real Estate. *NEB, MOE, DET.*

MN-10159-0406-D Authorities and Duties of a Local Pastor. *NEB, OKL, MOE, HOL.*

CS-10102-0072-D Driving Under the Influence. *NEB.*

CS-10524-8000-R Driving Under the Influence. *NEB.*

FA-10389-8000-R Basic Salary Plan. *NEB.*

MN-10378-8000-R Ordained Deacon's proposal. *NEB.*

FM-11379-8000-M The Basis of the Bible and the Godly Principles of The United Methodist Church. *William David Neese, Corsica, PA.*

LC-11389-0227-D Nonparticipatory Membership. *Roy E. Nelson, KSW.*

LC-11442-0246-D Membership of Charge Conference. *Roy E. Nelson, KSW.*

LC-11443-0248-D The Administrative Conference. *Roy E. Nelson, KSW.*

FM-12394-8000-R Retain Present Stand Regarding Homoexuality. *Outreach Ministry + 70 church groups + 82 Individ., New Bethel UMC, Crestview, FL.*

CS-12088-8000-R Support Action Opposing Pornography. *Pastor + 63 Members, New Bloomington Charge UMC, New Bloomington, OH.*

FA-12089-8000-R General Council on Finance and Administration: Proposed Budget. *Pastor + 63 Members, New Bloomington Charge UMC, New Bloomington, OH.*

DI-11158-8000-R Establish Preferred Language to Describe God. *Administrative Board, New Castle UMC, New Castle, KY.*

FA-12297-8000-R Urge That All Proposals to Relocate the General Board of Global Ministries be Defeated. *Committee of 100 + 7 Other Individuals, New Hartford, NY.*

IC-11621-0741-D Eliminate COSROW. *CS Newberry and Evelyn DeLong, Circleville, OH, Marvin UMC, Tyler, TX.*

DI-11603-1307-D Membership of the NYMO Steering Committee. *CS Newberry, Marvin UMC, Tyler, TX.*

FA-12817-0911-D Removal of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. *CS Newberry, Marvin UMC, Tyler, TX.*

GJ-11611-0803-D Eliminate the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. *CS Newberry, Marvin UMC, Tyler, TX.*

IC-11622-0741-D The Responsibility of COSROW in the Annual Conference. *CS Newberry, Marvin UMC, Tyler, TX.*

IC-11625-2201-D Eliminate General Commission on Status and Role of Women. *CS Newberry and Evelyn DeLong, Circleville, OH, Marvin UMC, Tyler, TX.*

CS-12416-0071-D Abortion. *22 individual members, Newport UMC, Newport, KY.*

FM-10615-8000-R Retain the Term, Practice and Service of Confirmation as Is. *NGA, FLA.*

CS-10366-8000-R Responsible Parenthood. *NGA.*

GJ-10971-8000-R "MAY" as Christian Family Month. *NGA.*

GJ-10121-0805-D General Program Boards Membership. *NHA, WPA.*

CO-10113-0623-D Jurisdictional Committees on Episcopacy. *NHA.*

CS-12302-8000-M$ Task Force on Abortion Prevalence. *Philip M. Niblack, MOW.*

CS-12303-8000-M$ Task Force to Study the Church's Teaching on Abortion. *Philip M. Niblack, MOW.*

DI-12389-8000-R Baptism and Church Membership. *Philip M. Niblack, MOW.*

FM-12355-8000-R No Quadrennial Study of Homoexuality for 1992-96. *Philip M. Niblack, MOE.*

CS-11252-8000-R Promote Campaign of Disapproval of Careless and Open Displays of Violence. *Robert and Lou Nicks, Beaufort, NC.*

CO-11671-8000-R On-Site Child Care at the 1996 General Conference. *Gen./Jurisdictional Delegation of NIL Conference, Sycamore, IL.*

CO-11806-0706-D Privilegee Granted to Full-Time, Part-Time and Student Local Pastors. *Members of Standing Rules Committee, NIL.*

FA-10057-0906-D Oppose Funding "Gay" Caucus or Groups. *NIL, CIL.*

FA-10969-8000-R Annual Accessibility Audit. *NIL, LVL, NIN.*

CO-10051-0745-D Annual Conference Committees Regarding Persons with Handicapping Conditions. *NIL, MNN.*

FA-10107-0709-D Funding to Local Churches for Accessible Buildings and Programs. *NIL, MNN.*

LC-10065-0202-D Function of the Local Church. *NIL, MNN.*

MN-10165-0439-D Ministering to Persons with Handicapping Conditions. *NIL, NIN, MNN.*

FM-10103-0072-D Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men. *NIL, NYK.*

IC-10621-3000-R Opposing the Incorrect Use of the Word "Ethnic". *NIL.*

IC-10978-3000-R Holy Land Tours. *NIL.*

LC-10077-0263-D Coordinator of Communications. *NIL.*

CS-11815-3000-R National Health Care Plan. *Health Care Task Force, NIN and COM.*

CO-10963-3000-R Editorial Changes in the Discipline. *NIN, NIL.*

FM-10616-3000-R United Methodist Baptism Study. *NIN, SIL.*

CO-10599-0701-D Composition and Character of the Annual Conference. *NIN.*

CO-10987-0701-D The Purpose of the Annual Conference. *NIN.*

CS-10295-3000-R Support and Concern to Mozambique. *NIN.*

CS-10606-3000-R Bring Peaceful Solution to Sierra Leone and Liberia. *NIN.*

DI-10296-0279-D Transfer of Certification by Lay Readers. *NIN.*

FA-10383-3000-R Personal and Tax-Deferred Accumulations. *NIN.*

GJ-10848-3000-R$ Constitutional Convention for Church Structure. *NIN.*

HE-10214-1518-D Purposes and Objectives of University Senate. *NIN.*

LC-10216-0202-D Function of the Local Church. *NIN.*

MN-10264-0783-D Work of the Board of Ordained Ministry. *NIN.*

MN-10270-1527-D Responsibilities of the Division of Ordained Ministry. *NIN.*

CO-10119-0704-D Lay Observers Elected the Board of Ordained Ministry. *NIS.*

???-11092-3000-R Support the Adoption of the National Plan on Hispanic Ministries. *Hispanic Work Coordinating Committee, NJY.*

MN-10245-0424-D Requirements for Admission in an Annual Conference. *NJY.*

CS-10966-3000-R Ban on Alcohol Beverage Advertisements. *NMX.*

FA-10330-0911-D The Appointments Subject to Reduction. *NMX.*

GJ-10347-3000-M$ Restructuring Task Force for General Church. *NMX.*

CS-11814-3000-R The United Nations Women's Convention. *Committee on the Status and Role of Women, NNY.*

MN-11896-0453-D Grievance Procedures. *Committee on the Status and Role of Women, NNY.*

MN-11316-0439-D Responsibilities and Duties of a Pastor. *Conference Council on Finance and Administration, NNY.*

FA-10306-3000-R Reaffirm New York City as the Location for the Office of the General Board of Global Ministries. *NNY, TRY, NYK.*

CS-10288-3000-R UMC Position on Gambling. *NNY.*

CS-10605-3000-R National Health Care Plan. *NNY.*

FA-10111-0721-D Clergy Support. *NNY.*

FA-10338-3000-R Conference Basic Salary Plan. *NNY.*

CS-12209-3000-R Support Domestic Partnership Legislation. *Clarence R. Norment, Lebanon UMC, Hanover, VA.*

CS-12182-3000-R Aids Ministry Task Force in Each Local Church. *North American International Caucus, Fayetteville, NC.*

CO-12096-0745-D Annual Conference Committee on Accessibility. *North Central Jurisdiction Accessibility Advocates.*

CO-12097-3000-R Editorial Change. *North Central Jurisdiction Accessibility Advocates.*

FA-12099-0709-D Responsibilities of Annual Conference Council on Ministries. *North Central Jurisdiction Accessibility Advocates.*

GJ-12102-0275-D Special Sundays - Access Sunday. *North Central Jurisdiction Accessibility Advocates.*

LC-12111-0202-D Function of the Local Church. *North Central Jurisdiction Accessibility Advocates.*

LC-12113-0262-D Coordinator of Communications. *North Central Jurisdiction Accessibility Advocates.*

LC-12114-2543-D New Buildings and Parsonages. *North Central Jurisdiction Accessibility Advocates.*

MN-12116-0424-D Educational Requirements for Ordination. *North Central Jurisdiction Accessibility Advocates.*

MN-12122-0439-D Responsibilities and Duties of a Pastor. *North Central Jurisdiction Accessibility Advocates.*

LC-12158-0262-D Annual Accessibility Audit. *North Central Jurisdiction Accessibility Advocates.*

CS-12315-3000-R Accessibility of Meeting Places Beyond the Local Church. *North Central Jurisdiction Accessibility Advocates and Philip Niblack, St. Louis, MO.*

CO-11457-0623-D Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. *Committee on Episcopacy, North Central Jurisdiction.*

IC-12306-3000-R Elimination of the Commission on Status and Role of Women. *Administrative Council, North Lewisburg UMC, North Lewisburg, OH.*

MN-11320-0517-D Selection and Assignment of District Superintendents. *Jurisdiction Urban Steering Committee, Northeastern Jurisdiction.*

CC-11057-3000-R Creation of a Shaba-Tanzania Annual Conference. *NSH.*

IC-12308-3000-M$ Independent Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs. *NTX + 40 local church groups+ 917 individuals, Evanston, IL.*

CO-11549-0726-D Age Level and Family Ministries. *NTX and Wesley Youngblood Coord. Older Adults.*

FA-11563-3000-R Maintain the 1992 General Fund Apportionments as Maximum to be Apportioned. *NTX Conference and Don Strickland, Somerville, TX.*

IC-11311-3000-R Delay Action on the Churchee in Covenant Communion a Proposal until 1996. *Conference CCUIC, NTX.*

GJ-12221-1006-D Prioritization of Funding Requests. *Delegation, NTX.*

CS-11552-0071-D Single Persons. *NTX.*

CS-11558-3000-R Concern for El Salvador. *NTX.*

IC-11577-3000-R Continue General Commission on Religion and Race. *NTX.*

CS-10607-3000-M Boards and Agencies Regarding Abortion. *NWT.*

FA-10008-0710-D World Service and Conference Benevolence Budget. Amend para. 710.3D. *NWT.*

GJ-10697-3000-R$ Establish General Board of Evangelism. *NWT.*

LC-10010-0247-D World Service and Conference Benevolence. Amend para. 247. *NWT.*

MN-10625-3000-R Revising Proposed Description of Deacon's Ministry. *NWT.*

MN-11546-3000-R Commission to Study The Ministry Report. *Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, NYK.*

FM-12347-3000-R Human and Civil Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men. *Methodist Federation for Social Action, NYK.*

FM-12351-0071-D Human Sexuality. Amend 71F. *Methodist Federation for Social Action, NYK.*

MN-12381-0402-D Removal of Ban on Homosexuals as Ordained Ministers. *Methodist Federation for Social Action, NYK.*

CS-11041-3000-R Prejudice Against Muslims and Arabs in the U.S.A. *NYK.*

FA-11042-0906-D Fiscal Responsibility and Homosexuality. *NYK.*

FA-11045-3000-R Continuation of Accessibility Grants to Local Churches. *NYK.*

GJ-11044-3000-R Quadrennial Emphasis on Reclaiming the Cities. *NYK.*

GJ-11045-3000-R Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act for employers. *NYK.*

LC-11046-2548-D Discontinuation or Abandonment of Local Church Property. *NYK.*

MN-12330-0402-D Ordination and Appointment of Homosexual Persons. *Adm. Bd + 59 other local groups and 162 individual, Obetz UMC, Obetz, OH.*

CO-11669-0010-C Annual Conference. *Stephen Ohnsman, NJY.*

FA-11679-0717-D Clergy Support. *Stephen Ohnsman, NJY.*

MN-11689-0056-C Episcopacy Assistance. *Stephen Ohnsman, NJY.*

MN-11690-0057-C Episcopal Supervision. *Stephen Ohnsman, NJY.*

MN-11692-0441-D Support for Ordained Ministers Appointed to a Pastoral Charge. *Stephen Ohnsman, NJY.*

MN-11631-0408-D Full-Time Local Pastors. *OK. Fellowship of Assoc. Members and Local Pastors, Oklahoma City, OK.*

MN-11632-0419-D Rights of Associate Members of Annual Conference. *OK. Fellowship of Assoc. Members and Local Pastors, Oklahoma City, OK.*

IC-11098-2201-D Supports the Continued Existence of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. *Commission on the Status and Role of Women, OKL.*

LC-11875-0247-D Lower the Age for Older Adults to Over 55. *Older Adult Council of South Georgia, Macon, GA.*

LC-11877-0249-D Change the Age for Older Adults. *Older Adult Council of South Georgia, Macon, GA.*

MN-12117-0427-D Transfers from Other Annual Conferences. *Keith R. Olson, SIN.*

CS-11857-3000-R National Health Insurance Program. *Administrative Council, Oneco UMC, Oneco, FL.*

MN-12017-0307-D Consecration of the Diaconal Minister. *Board of Diaconal Ministry, ORI.*

CS-11298-3000-R End U.S. Military presence in Bolivia. *Peace with Justice Div. & Bd. of Church & Society, ORI.*

CS-11286-0072-D The Drug Dependent Person and Their Family. *Task Force on Addiction and Annis Rae Henson, ORI, Bend, OR.*

MN-12018-3000-R One Conference Board of Ministry. *Board of Diaconal Ministry, ORI.*

CS-11298-3000-R The English Language Movement. *Frank R. Ostertag, NJY.*

CS-12300-0906-D Funds for "Gay" Caucuses. *Members, Ottebein UMC, Robinson, IL.*

MN-11276-0416-D Required College Credit Hours to Become Elder. *21 members, Otter Creek UMC, Westville, FL.*

LC-11172-0224-D Baptism and Confirmation of Children. *Administration Board, Overton Park and Grace UMCs.*

CS-11154-0071-D Retain the Present Statement Regarding Abortion. *Administration Board, Overton Park UMC, Fort Worth, TX.*

GJ-11085-0016-C Restrictive Rules. *Administrative Board, Overton Park UMC, Fort Worth, TX.*

GJ-11091-3000-R Mandatory Quotas on Boards, agencies and committees. *Administrative Board, Overton Park UMC, Fort Worth, TX.*

HE-11096-3000-R Requirements for Seminary Teachers. *Administrative Board, Overton Park UMC, Fort Worth, TX.*

LC-11173-0225-D Baptism and Confirmation. *Administration Board, Overton Park UMC, Fort Worth, TX.*

CS-11071-3000-R Rights of United States Citizens. *Administrative Board, Overton Park UMC, Forth Worth, TX.*

CO-11190-0701-D Clergy Membership of the Annual Conference. *Margaret A. Paige and James E. Paige Jr., DET.*

FA-11201-0722-D Basic Salary Plan for Active and Itinerant Local Pastors. *Margaret A. Paige and James E. Paige Jr., DET.*

FA-11208-3000-M$ Committee on Church Owned Agriculture Land. *Margaret A. Paige and James E. Paige Jr., DET.*

FA-11209-3000-M$ Church-wide Study of Clergy Salary/Support Structure. *Margaret A. Paige and James E. Paige Jr., DET.*

GJ-11210-0275-D Rural Life Sunday, Fifth Sunday after Easter. *Margaret A. Paige and James E. Paige Jr., DET.*

LC-11225-0206-D Cooperative Parish Ministries. *Margaret A. Paige and James E. Paige Jr., DET.*

LC-11226-0244-D Organization of the Local Church. *Margaret A. Paige and James E. Paige Jr., DET.*

LC-11788-0245-D Local Church Organization and Administration. *Margaret A. Paige and James E. Paige Jr., UM Town and Rural Fellowship - Detroit Conf. Chap.*

MN-11232-0406-D Authority and Duties of Local Pastors. *Margaret A. Paige and James E. Paige Jr., DET.*

MN-11233-0408-D Local Pastors as Delegates and Serve on Boards. *Margaret A. Paige and James E. Paige Jr., DET.*

MN-11234-0412-D Clergy Membership of the Annual Conference. *Margaret A. Paige and James E. Paige Jr., DET.*

MN-11235-0419-D Rights of Associate Members of Annual Conference. *Margaret A. Paige and James E. Paige Jr., DET.*

MN-11236-0437-D The Itinerant System. *Margaret A. Paige and James E. Paige Jr., DET.*

MN-11237-0514-D Specific Responsibilities of Bishops. *Margaret A. Paige and James E. Paige Jr., DET.*

MN-11238-0527-D Election of General Secretaries by the Council of Bishops. *Margaret A. Paige and James E. Paige Jr., DET.*

MN-11239-0733-D Membership and Duties of the Board of Ordained Ministry. *Margaret A. Paige and James E. Paige Jr., DET.*

MN-11240-0752-D District Committee on Ordained Ministry. *Margaret A. Paige and James E. Paige Jr., DET.*

CO-11191-0706-D Local Pastors Rights in Annual Conferences. *Margaret A. Paige and James E. Paige Jr., DET.*

DI-11678-3000-R Emphasizing Theological and Moral Teaching of the United Methodist Church. *Alfred I. Palmer, Beckley, WV.*

HE-11620-1519-D Institutional Affiliation. *Administrative Board, Panther Springs UMC, Morristown, TN.*

MN-11105-0406-D Authority and Duties of a Local Pastor. *39 members, Paperville and Sinking Springs UMCs, Bristol, TN.*

FM-12313-3000-R Reject the Homosexuality Study Recommendations. *Administrative Board and the Joy Class, Parkview UMC, Miamisburg, OH.*

CS-11602-3000-R Fund Full-Time with Justice Staff. *Members of the Peace with Justice Committee, Holston Conference, Gatlinburg, TN.*

GJ-11164-3000-R Peace with Justice Special Sunday Offering. *Peace with Justice Project, Lakeside Peace and Justice Coalition, Cleveland Heights, OH.*

GJ-11766-3000-R Non-Financial Constitution Needs of General Boards and Agencies. *Charles W. and Wilma T. Pearce, Silver Palm UMC, Homestead, FL.*

GJ-11944-3000-R Meetings of General Boards and Agencies. *Charles W. and Wilma T. Pearce, Silver Palm UMC, Homestead, FL.*

GM-11769-1412-D Limit Meetings of the General Board of Global Ministries. *Charles W. and Wilma T. Pearce, Silver Palm UMC, Homestead, FL.*

IC-11778-2202-D General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. *Charles W. and Wilma T. Pearce, Silver Palm UMC, Homestead, FL.*

MN-10027-0458-D$ Joint Review Committee for Pastors. Amend para. 453.1C. *Administrative Council, Pella UMC, Pella, IA.*

CS-10602-3000-R Reaching Out to the Homeless. *PEN.*

DI-11364-3000-R Enlist and Involve the Youth in the Life of the Church. *Thomas R. Pendell and Herman Will, CAP.*

MN-10149-0402-D Acceptance of Persons Practicing Homosexuality. *Administrative Board, Pender UMC, Fairfax, VA.*

DI-12265-1224-D Curriculum Resource Materials. *Admin. Board + 21 other groups + 48 individuals, Perry Hall UMC, Baltimore, MD.*

CO-12095-0507-D Two Quadrennia, Maximum Years a Bishop Assigned to an Area. *Paul F. Perry, TEX.*

DI-12098-3000-R Support Adoption of Proposed Book of Worship. *Paul F. Perry, TEX.*

FA-12100-3000-R Support Proposed Budget For 1993-96 With Annual Increase of 4.2%. *Paul F. Perry, TEX.*

FM-12101-0069-D Our Theological Task. *Paul F. Perry, TEX.*

FM-12371-3000-R Adoption of the Majority Report of the Commission to Study Homosexuality. *Paul F. Perry, TEX.*

IC-12107-3000-M Adopt the Document Churches in Covenant Communion. *Paul F. Perry, TEX.*

IC-12108-3000-M Supporting the Resolution on Christian-Muslim Relations. *Paul F. Perry, TEX.*

IC-12109-3000-R Support Continued Membership in WCC, NCCC and COCU. *Paul F. Perry, TEX.*

LC-12110-0201-D A Local Church. *Paul F. Perry, TEX.*

MN-12118-0430-D The Purpose of Ordination. *Paul F. Perry, TEX.*

MN-12120-0436-D Clergy Appointment Designation. *Paul F. Perry, TEX.*

MN-12121-0439-D Responsibilities and Duties of a Pastor. *Paul F. Perry, TEX.*

MN-12125-0509-D Termination of Office. *Paul F. Perry, TEX.*

MN-12126-0527-D The Bishop as the Ecumenical Officer within the Judicatory and Districts. *Paul F. Perry, TEX.*

MN-12127-0533-D The Process of Appointment Making. *Paul F. Perry, TEX.*

MN-12128-3000-R Revise the Study of the Ministry Report. *Paul F. Perry, TEX.*

GJ-11138-0275-D The Observance of Heritage Sunday. *David E. Persons, TEX.*

CO-12376-0085-C Composition of Annual Conference. *Association of Deaconesses, PHI.*

CS-11127-1104-D Responsibilities of the General Board of Church and Society. *Larry D. Pickens, NIL.*

IC-11140-2003-D Responsibilities of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. *Larry D. Pickens, NIL.*

IC-11165-2103-D Responsibilities of The Commission on Religion and Race. *Larry D. Pickens, NIL.*

GJ-11767-3000-R Establish a "Drug Awareness Sunday". *Betty Pickett and 13 Individuals, Ulta Woods UMC, Jackson, MS.*

FM-11819-8000-R Rebaptism for Those Baptized as Infants or Children. *Members, Pilot Knob UMC, Milltown, IN.*

LC-11869-0221-D Infant Baptism/Dedication. *Members, Pilot Knob UMC, Milltown, IN.*

MN-11537-0416-D Special Conditions. *Charge Conference, Pine Hill UMC, Pine Hill, AL.*

CS-12002-8000-R Violence and Pornography on TV. *Administrative Council, Pioneer UMC, Portland, OR.*

CS-12418-0071-D Abortion. *96 individual members, Pleasant View UMC, Abingdon, VA.*

FA-12290-8000-R Relocate to Less Expensive and Central City - No Further Study. *144 Individual Members, Pleasant View UMC, Abingdon, VA.*

FA-10115-0906-D Fiscal Responsibilities. *PNW, EPA, TRY, CNV.*

CS-10158-8000-R Support Legislation Prohibiting Malicious Harassments. *PNW.*

CS-10285-8000-R Affirm Support for Civil Rights. *PNW.*

GJ-10125-0820-D UMC Program and Fiscal Year. *PNW.*

IC-10277-8000-R In Support of COCU Proposal. *PNW.*

LC-10184-0208-D Affirm the Churches Open to all Believers. *PNW.*

MN-10025-8000-R One Ordination with Two Tracks. *PNW.*

MN-10169-0452-D Retirement of Ministers on Honorable Location. *PNW.*

CS-11259-8000-R Circumcision Viewed as Cruel and Inhuman. *Ted Pong, Langley UMC, Langley, WA.*

FM-11610-8000-R Reject Report of Committee to Study Baptism. *Administrative Council, Port William UMC, Port William, OH.*

GM-12150-8000-R Pastors of the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico Continuance in the Pension Plan. *PRC.*

GM-12151-8000-R Relationship Between United Methodist Church and New Affiliated Autonomous Methodist Church of P.R. *PRC.*

FM-12388-8000-R Perverts Not to be Considered Clergy Members of The United Methodist Church. *Paul N. Prentice, UMC at Church St., Hyde Park, NY.*

FM-11484-0068-D Complete Re-examination of Our Beliefs in God's Holy Word. *Gloria R. Price, Union Memorial UMC, St. Louis, MO.*

FM-11486-8000-R Elements of Doctrine and Discipline Documents Referenced to the Holy Scripture. *Gloria R. Price, Union Memorial UMC, St. Louis, MO.*

FM-11487-8000-R Addition to Our Heritage and Standards That We "Love One Another". *Gloria R. Price, Union Memorial UMC, St. Louis, MO.*

CS-11426-0072-D Righte of Racial and Ethnic Persons. *Gloria Reagon Price, Union Memorial UMC, St. Louis, MO.*

FM-11488-0066-D Re-examine Christian Affirmations of Faith of The United Methodist Church. *Gloria R. Price, Union Memorial UMC, St. Louis, MO.*

FM-12361-8000-R Report of the Committee Regarding Homosexuality. *Administrative Board, Prospect UMC, Prospect, OH.*

CO-11505-0035-C Annual Conference. *Administrative Board, Providence UMC, Birmingham-West, AL.*

FA-11518-8000-R Establish Equalized Salaries of All Ministers. *Administrative Board, Providence UMC, Birmingham.*

IC-11867-8000-R$ "Catch the Spirit" Funding. *Margaret J. Pullman, Saint James UMC, Newport, NC.*

GJ-11846-2621-D False Claims of Credentials. *Robert S. Pullman, Saint James UMC, Newport, NC.*

LC-11870-0227-D Staff-Parish Relations Affiliate Member. *Robert S. Pullman, Saint James UMC, Newport, NC.*

MN-11499-0446-D Renewal Leave for Ministers. *Phyllis and Robert Rabb, Stuart, FL.*

FA-10513-8000-S Report of Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Relocating to the GBGM. *RBGM.*

FM-10198-0071-D Human Sexuality. Retain the present wording of 71 F. *RDM + 25 Other Annual Conferences.*

MN-10359-8000-R Authority and Duty of Local Pastors. *RDM and KSW.*

FA-10208-2553-D Trustees of Church Institutions. *RDM.*

CS-11129-8000-R Opposition to a Call for a Constitutional Convention. *Derek E. Reinhard and William H. Detling, First UMC, Clovis, NM.*

CO-12260-0726-D The Conference Scouting Coordinator. *Gilbert Rhoades, Jr. + 12 Other Individuals, Bells UMC, Baltimore, MD.*

CO-12261-0749-D The District Scouting Coordinator. *Gilbert Rhoades, Jr. + 24 Other Individuals, Bells UMC, Clinton, MD.*

MN-11694-0458-D Joint Review Committee. *Sally R. Rice, Stonington, ME.*

LC-11444-0263-D Prison Ministry. *Peggy Richards, CIL.*

CC-11179-0027-C Changing "Ministerial" to "Clergy". *C. Faith Richardson, Newton UMC, Newton, MA.*

CO-11180-0012-C Changing the Wording "Ministerial" to "Clergy". *C. Faith Richardson, Newton UMC, Newton, MA.*

CO-11181-0014-C Update Language of the Constitution. *C. Faith Richardson, Newton UMC, Newton, MA.*

CO-11182-0023-C Update the Language of the Constitution. *C. Faith Richardson, Newton UMC, Newton, MA.*

CO-11183-0025-C The Distinction Between "Ministers" and "Clergy". *C. Faith Richardson, Newton UMC, Newton, MA.*

CO-11184-0035-C The Distinction of "Minister" Between Clergy and Laity. *C. Faith Richardson, Newton UMC, Newton, MA.*

CO-11185-0036-C Changing the Wording "Ministerial" to "Clergy". *C. Faith Richardson, Newton UMC, Newton, MA.*

CO-11186-0037-C Update the Language of the Constitution. *C. Faith Richardson, Newton UMC, Newton, MA.*

CO-11187-0038-C Update the Language of the Constitution. *C. Faith Richardson, Newton UMC, Newton, MA.*

GJ-11404-0061-C Update the Language of the Constitution. *C. Faith Richardson, Newton UMC, Newton, MA.*

MN-11280-0018-C Update the Language of the Constitution. *C. Faith Richardson, Newton UMC, Newton, MA.*

MN-11281-0063-C Update the Language of the Constitution. *C. Faith Richardson, Newton UMC, Newton, MA.*

CO-11937-0701-D Composition and Character of Clergy Membership. *Administrative Board, Rimersburg and Lawsonham UMCs.*

MN-11952-0408-D Categories of Local Pastors. *Administrative Boards, Rimersburg and Lawsonham UMCs.*

MN-11953-0412-D General Provision Admission and Continuance. *Administrative Boards, Rimersburg and Lawsonham UMCs.*

CO-10042-0036-C The Annual Conference, Basic Body in the Church. *RIO.*

MN-10088-0733-D Membership of Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. *RIO.*

MN-10089-0752-D District Committee on Ordained Ministry. *RIO.*

FM-12391-0071-D Human Sexuality. Retain para. 71F. *532 individuals and 301 local groups, RKM.*

IC-11388-8000-R Eradication of Racism. *RKM and Black Methodist for Church Renewal.*

CO-11847 0704-D The Laity Address to Annual Conference. *RKM and the Nat. Assoc. of Conference Lay Leaders.*

CO-11851-8000-R Executive Session. *RKM Conference and the National Association of, Conference Lay Leaders.*

MN-11414-0485-D Laying on of Hands. *National Association of Conference Lay Leaders, RKM.*

HE-11770-8000-R$ Campus Ministry Special Program 1993-96. *RKM, NTX and TEX.*

CO-11850-8000-R Inclusive Delegation from Annual Conferences. *RKM.*

CS-11358-8000-R Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan. *RKM.*

CS-11359-8000-R Nuclear Safety in the United States. *RKM.*

CS-11360-8000-R Support for Recommendations of the Genetic Task Force. *RKM.*

FA-12385-0906-D Fiscal Responsibilities of General Commission of Finance and Administration Regarding HIV Epidemic. *RKM.*

GJ-11381-0815-D Policies Relative to Non-discrimination. *RKM.*

GJ-11384-8000-R Support to Strengthen Ethnic Minority Local Church. *RKM.*

GJ-11385-8000-R Columbus Quintcentenary. *RKM.*

GJ-11386-8000-R Earth Day Observance. *RKM.*

LC-11392-0251-D Local Church Lay Leader. *RKM.*

LC-11395-0269-D Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *RKM.*

CO-10081-0704-D Annual Conference Executive Session. Amend para. 704.6. *J. David Roberts, BLT.*

CS-12304-8000-R Abortion - Amend 71g. *Gertrude Rohrbach and Dan Johnson, Indian River City UMC, Titusville, FL.*

CO-11809-8000-R Recycled or Reclaimed Paper. *Eric V. Rothe, White Rock UMC, Dallas, TX.*

MN-12390-0402-D Experimental and Provisional. *Philip Rudisill, St. Mark UMC, Atlanta, GA.*

CS-12199-0072-D The Social Community Population. *Population Subcommittee of Church and Society, Sage UMC, Monterey, CA.*

CS-12202-8000-M$ Task Force on World Population. *Population Subcommittee of Church and Society, Sage UMC, Monterey, CA.*

FM-11840-8000-R Baptized Infants as Full Members. *Administrative Board, Saint Andrew UMC, Pensacola, FL.*

GJ-11189-8000-M$ Committee to Study General Council on Ministries and Other Committees, Boards and Agencies. *Administrative Board, Saint Andrew UMC, Pensacola, FL.*

FA-11680-0725-D Shared Salary Options. *Salary Equalization Task Force, Highland Park, IL.*

CS-11554-8000-R Adopt the Memphis Declaration as Policy. *Sardis UMC + 3 other local church groups and, 3 individuals.*

DI-11559-1212-D Board of Evangelism. *Administrative Board, Sardis UMC, Sardis, MS.*

DI-11560-8000-M Retain Biblical Language in the Book of Worship. *Administrative Board, Sardis UMC, Sardis, MS.*

IC-12177-1906-D Organization and Membership of the Commission on Communication. *Council on Ministries, Sardis UMC, Sardis, MS.*

GM-11441-8000-R Abolish the "Grant System" of the General Board of Global Ministries. *W. Ernest Saunders, First UMC, Key West, FL.*

MN-12244-0452-D Honorable Location. *Board of Ordained Ministry, SCA.*

CO-10190-0726-D Age Level and Family Councils. *SCA.*

GJ-10208-0276-D Golden Cross Sunday. *SCA.*

HE-10215-1521-D Consultative Relationship with UM Schools of Theology. *SCA.*

MN-10247-0424-D Clergy Requirements for Admission into Full Connection. *SCA.*

MN-10272-1529-D Responsibilities of the Division of Ordained Ministry. *SCA.*

CS-12402-0071-D Abortion. *William Schafer Jr. + 5 other individuals, Indian River City UMC, Titusville, FL.*

FA-12271-0921-D The Ministerial Education Fund. *Stan Schilffarth, KEN.*

FM-11859-8000-R Response to The Study Document "By Water and the Spirit". *Stan Schilffarth, KEN.*

GJ-11849-8000-R Moratorium on Study Committees Through the 1993-96 Quadrennium. *Stan Schilffarth, KEN.*

HE-12279-1517-D Membership of the University Senate. *Stan Schilffarth, KEN.*

MN-12285-0788-D Duties of the Board of Ordained Ministry. *Stan Schilffarth, KEN.*

MN-10161-0414-D Questions for the Order of Deacon. *Rev. Margaret Roohan Schmitz, WVA.*

MN-10163-0424-D Question for the Order of Elder. *Rev. Margaret Roohan Schmitz, WVA.*

CO-12130-8000-R Committee to Propose Revisions in the Book of Discipline. *Dale A. Schoening, IWA.*

CO-12134-0608-D Petitions to General Conference. *Dale A. Schoening, IWA.*

HE-11095-8000-M$ Study Guidelines on the Use of D.D. Degrees for Clergy. *Albert J. Schrader, VA.*

FM-12389-0071-D Human Sexuality. *C. Bubois Schutt, NCA.*

LC-11879-0269-D Family Members. *C. Dubois Schutt, NCA.*

CO-10181-0623-D Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. *SDA.*

DI-10609-8000-R Age Level and Family Ministries. *SDA.*

GJ-11485-8000-M$ Committee to Study Expanding United Methodist Mission in Alaska. *Carol Ann Seckel, AKM.*

CO-11547-0602-D Composition of General Conference. *SEJ Association of Conference Lay Leaders, Arlington, VA.*

MN-11592-0528-D Preservation of District Records. *SEJ Commission on Archives and History, Southeastern Jurisdiction.*

LC-11581-0247-D Mandatory Church Historian. *SEJ Commission on Archives and History, Jackson, TN.*

LC-11582-0250-D Mandatory Church Historian. *SEJ Commission on Archives and History, Jackson, TN.*

GJ-11612-0805-D Nominations by Conferences to Jurisdictional Pool. *David L. Severe, OKL.*

CS-11996-8000-R Employment Provisions for Disabled Persons Who are Ordained Ministers. *David T. Seymour, PEN.*

MN-11997-0451-D Employment Provisions for Disabled Ordained Ministers. *David T. Seymour, PEN.*

MN-11998-0453-D Employed of Disabled Ordained Ministers. *David T. Seymour, PEN.*

MN-11999-0509-D Involuntary Retirement. *David T. Seymour, PEN.*

CS-10608-8000-R Discontinue all Forms of Support to RCAR. *SGA, TEN, KEN, WVA, AFL, WPA.*

CO-10100-0610-D Speaking for the Church. *SGA.*

CS-10284-8000-R Abortions as an Acceptable Means of Birth Control. *SGA.*

CS-10289-8000-R Constitutional Convention. *SGA.*

CS-10290-8000-R Medical Rights for Children and Youth. *SGA.*

CS-10291-8000-R Incorporate the Durham Declaration into Abortion Statement. *SGA.*

CS-10292-8000-R The Population and Family Planning. *SGA.*

LC-11397-0269-D Duties of the Pastoral Advisory Committee. *John J. Shaffer, AKM.*

FA-11827-0911-D Support of Missionaries. *Administrative Council, Sharonville UMC, Cincinatti, OH.*

GM-11852-1404-D Budget of General Board of Global Ministries. *Administrative Council, Sharonville UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

FM-12389-8000-R Affirm Our Ministry for and with Lesbians and Gay Men. *Wally Shearbon, Toledo, OH.*

CS-11989-0070-D The Natural World and Animal Life. *Joseph M. Shreve, Kee Street UMC.*

CS-11990-0071-D Death With Dignity. *Joseph M. Shreve, Kee Street UMC.*

CS-11991-0072-D The Social Community and Tobacco. *Joseph M. Shreve, Kee Street UMC.*

CS-11992-0073-D The Economic Community Collective Bargaining and Consumption. *Joseph M. Shreve, Kee Street UMC.*

CS-11993-0074-D The Political Community Criminal Justice and Military Service. *Joseph M. Shreve, Kee Street UMC.*

CS-11994-0075-D War and Peace. *Joseph M. Shreve, Kee Street UMC.*

CS-11995-0076-D Our Social Creed. *Joseph M. Shreve, Kee Street UMC.*

CS-12407-0071-D Abortion. *Joseph M. Shreve, Kee Street UMC.*

FM-12353-0071-D Human Sexuality. Amend 71F. *Joseph M. Shreve.*

IC-11166-8000-R Membership in the National Council of Churches of Christ. *Philip K. Shriver, Sweet Home UMC, Sweet Home, OR.*

CS-11128-8000-R Amendment to the Social Creed. *Charles B. Shuman, First UMC, Sullivan, IL.*

CS-10195-0071-D Abortion. *SIL, RDM and CTX.*

FA-10337-8000-R Limit Budget Increase for Next Quadrennium. *SIL.*

GM-10275-1411-D Board of Trustees on Directors of Mission Agencies. *SIL.*

CO-11241-0506-D Episcopal Search Committee in Each Jurisdiction. *Robert D. Simison, KSW.*

FM-12362-0071-D Human Sexuality. *Robert D. Simison, KSW.*

CS-12204-8000-M Response when Expressing Personal Injury. *Edward W. Simons, West Burlington UMC, Wellsboro, PA.*

LC-11494-0269-D Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations. *Betty Simpson, North Street UMC, Port Huron, MI.*

CO-11193-0726-D Conference Council on Ministries. *21st. Century Task Force, SIN.*

CS-11194-0728-D Conference Board of Church and Society. *21st. Century Task Force, SIN.*

DI-11199-0729-D Conference Board of Discipleship. *21st. Century Task Force, SIN.*

FA-11202-0722-D Commission on Equitable Salary. *21st. Century Task Force, SIN.*

FA-11203-0787-D Conference Board of Pensions. *21st. Century Task Force, SIN.*

HE-11218-0782-D Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry. *21st. Century Task Force, SIN.*

IC-11221-0788-D Conference Commission on Archives and History. *21st. Century Task Force, SIN.*

IC-11222-0789-D Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. *21st. Century Task Force, SIN.*

IC-11223-0740-D Conference Commission on Religion and Race. *21st. Century Task Force, SIN.*

IC-11224-0741-D Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women. *21st. Century Task Force, SIN.*

CS-10964-0072-D Alcohol and Other Drugs. *SIN.*

MN-10623-0402-D Human Sexuality. *SIN.*

CS-11066-8000-R Oppoee Support For and Membership in the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights. *Administrative Board, Singer's Gap UMC, Mount Union, PA.*

CS-11065-8000-R Oppose Church's Support of Abortion Organizations. *Administrative Council, Skyland UMC, Atlanta, GA.*

CC-11956-0653-D Concordat Agreements. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

CO-11792-0608-D Petitions to General Conference. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

CO-11957-0044-C Transfer of Local Churches. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

CO-11958-0602-D Reduce Size of General Conference. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

CO-11959-0704-D Business of the Conference. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

CS-11798-1106-D Organization of General Board Church and Society. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

DI-11799-1204-D Commission on Central Conference Affairs. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

DI-11800-1301-D United Methodist National Youth Ministry Organization. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

FA-11824-0905-D Membership of the General Council on Finance and Administration. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

FA-11960-0787-D Two Retired Ministers in Membership of Annual Conference Board of Pensions. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

FA-11961-0905-D General Council on Finance and Administration's Committee structure. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

FM-11962-0068-D Our Doctrinal Standards. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

GJ-11844-1007-D Additional Representation on General Council on Ministries. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

GJ-11963-0805-D Representation of Central Conferences on General Program Boards. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

GJ-11964-0808-D Board Meetings of General Agencies and Executive Committees. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

GJ-11965-0810-D Maximum Period of Membership on a General Agency to Three Consecutive Terms. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

GJ-11966-1006-D Study Composition and Number of Members of Governing Boards of Program and Other Agencies. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

GJ-11967-1006-D Study of the Jurisdictional System by the General Council on Ministries. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

GJ-11968-2605-D Members of the Judicial Council. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

GJ-11969-2614-D Power to Review Decisions of a Committee on Appeals of a Central Conference. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

GJ-11970-2821-D Chargeable Offenses. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

GJ-11971-2624-D General Trial Procedures. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

GJ-11972-2625-D General Appeal Procedures. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

GM-11853-1412-D Nomination and Election of Central Conference Representatives on the GBGM. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

GM-11973-1424-D Composition of the Executive Committee of the Women's Division and Other Divisions. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

GM-11974-1428-D Number and Method of Election of Women Members of the General Board of Global Ministries. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

HE-11975-1505-D Refer Studies of Ministries or Diaconate to General Board of Higher Education. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

HE-11976-1507-D Central Conference Members of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

IC-11977-1804-D Members of Central Conference on General Commission on Archives and History. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

IC-11978-1907-D Members of Central Conference on the General Commission on Communication. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

IC-11979-2008-D Responsibilities of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

IC-11980-2006-D Representation from Central Conferences on GCCUIC. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

IC-11981-2108-D Representation of Central Conferences on General Commission on Religion and Race. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

IC-11982-2204-D Repreeentation from the Central Conferences on Gen. Commission on the Status and Role of Women. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

LC-11983-0271-D Transfer of a Local Church. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community Church, Cincinnati, OH.*

MN-11984-0309-D Relations of Diaconal Ministers to Annual Conferences. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

MN-11985-0458-D Affirm Clearly the Right to Trial. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

MN-11986-0510-D Rights of a Retired Bishop. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

MN-11987-0788-D To Add Lay Members to the Board of Ordained Ministry. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

MN-11988-0752-D Add Two Lay Members to District Committee on Ordained Ministry. *Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

CO-11126-0701-D Equality of Voting Rights of Clergy. *Robert B. Smeltzer, Scott Memorial UMC, Cadiz, OH.*

LC-10082-0221-D Infant Baptism/Dedication. Amend para. 221. *Dr. Robert B. Smeltzer, WOH.*

LC-10083-0222-D Infant Baptismal Certificate. Amend para. 222. *Dr. Robert B. Smeltzer, WOH.*

LC-10084-0223-D Infant Baptismal Register. Amend 223. *Dr. Robert B. Smeltzer, WOH.*

LC-10085-0224-D Baptized Children as Preparatory Members. Amend para 224. *Dr. Robert B. Smeltzer, WOH.*

LC-10086-0225-D Confirmation Classes: Duty of the Pastor. *Dr. Robert B. Smeltzer, WOH.*

FA-11803-8000-R Special Arrangements for Participation in the Comprehensive Protection Plan. *Donald A. Smith, First UMC, Marion, IN.*

FA-11804-8000-R Interpretation of Retirement Benefits from the Death Benefit Program. *Donald A. Smith, First UMC, Marion, IN.*

GJ-11228-8000-R Copyright Rules and the United Methodist Church. *Richard H. Smith, Antioch UMC, Colonial Beach, VA.*

CS-10049-8000-R National Health Care Plan. *SNE.*

GJ-10209-0824-D Church Funding Dates. *SNE.*

GJ-10619-8000-R Anna Howard Shaw Day. *SNE.*

LC-10219-0208-D Membership in the UMC and in Racial and Ethnic Supremist Groups. *SNE.*

MN-10258-0533-D Process of Appointment Making. *SNE.*

CS-10053-0071-D Regarding Abortion. *SNJ, Clapp Chapel, Mt. Oak UMC Mitchellville, MD.*

FM-10052-0071-D Human Sexuality. Amend 71-F. *SNJ.*

FM-10618-8000-R Oppose the Elimination of the Rite of Confirmation. *SNJ.*

HE-10976-8000-R College of Medicine within the Africa University. *SNJ.*

LC-10185-0209-D Membership Requirement. *SNJ.*

MN-10080-0402-D Ordination and Appointment of Homosexual Persons. *SNJ.*

MN-10377-8000-R Homosexuality and the Ministry. *SNJ.*

FA-11261-0711-D Methods or Formulas for the Approved Connectional Ministries budget amounts. *Bishop Dan E. Solomon, OKL.*

FA-11267-8000-R Committee to Study Ways of Providing Housing for the Retired pastors. *Juan S. Soto, RIO.*

IC-11278-2008-D Acceptance of the Document "Consultation on Church Union". *Comm. on Christian Unity & Interreligious Concerns, South Pasadena UMC & MOW Conf.*

MN-10028-0588-D The Appointment Process. Amend 533.5. *Pastor Parish Relations Committee, South UMC, Manchester, CT.*

FM-12858-8000-R Deny Church Membership to Self-Avowed Practicing Homosexuals. *Members, South Union UMC, Flat Rock, IL.*

CO-10001-0048-C Boundaries of Annual Conference and Episcopal Area. Amend para. 43. *Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference.*

CS-11600-8000-R Requirements Prior to Marriage. *Robert J. Sowder, Evangelical Fellowship of Virginia Conference UM.*

CS-11601-8000-R Requirements for Marriage. *Robert J. Sowder, Evangelical Fellowship of Virginia Conference UM.*

FA-12298-8000-R Relocation of GBGM Central Area Such as Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky. *Alex R. Sparr + 5 Other Individuals, Pace, FL.*

FM-12841-0071-D Human Sexuality. Amend 71F. *J. Michael Spencer + Adm. Bd. + individuals, Wallingford UMC, Seattle, WA.*

FM-12846-0071-D Human Sexuality. Amend 71F. *Michael Spencer and Sunday Morning Discussion Grp., North Bethesda UMC, Seattle, WA.*

CS-11257-8000-R Work Area Chairperson for Conservation. *Susan Spencer-Smith, Dayton, OH.*

GJ-11269-0004-C Inclusiveness of the Church. *Susan Spencer-Smith, Dayton, OH.*

LC-12281-0269-D The Committee of Finance. *William P. Spotts, Little Rock, AR.*

GJ-10791-8000-S Report of Task Force to Strengthen the Small Membership Church. *SSMC.*

CS-11245-0070-D The Natural World and Animal Life. *Church and Society Commission, St. Andrew's UMC, San Antonio, TX.*

CS-11247-0072-D The Social Community. *Commission of Church and Society, St. Andrew's UMC, San Antonio, TX.*

CS-11248-0073-D The Economic Community and Employment. *Commission on Church and Society, St. Andrew's UMC, San Antonio, TX.*

CS-11254-0074-D National Policies of Enforced Military Service. *Church and Society, St. Andrew's UMC, San Antonio, TX.*

CS-11255-0074-D Oppose Capital Punishment. *Church and Society, St. Andrew's UMC, San Antonio, TX.*

CS-11256-0075-D Concern for War and Peace. *Church and Society, St. Andrew's UMC, San Antonio, TX.*

CS-11324-0000-D Compassion and Understanding to Persons Suffering from Physical and Psychological Problems. *Church and Society, St. Andrew's UMC, San Antonio, TX.*

FM-12868-0071-D Human Sexuality. *Church and Society, St. Andrew's UMC, San Antonio, TX.*

GJ-12219-0816-D Policies Regarding Socially Responsible Investments. *Steve Hall, Pastor + 44 Members, St. Joseph UMC, Pikeville, NC.*

CS-12427-8000-R Boards and Agencies Regarding Abortion. *Adm. Bd., Task Force on Abortion & S.S. Class, St. Paul UMC, Bryan, TX.*

FA-11830-8000-R No Investment of Church Fund in Companies Involved in Pornographic Materials. *Administrative Board, St. Paul UMC, Bryan, TX.*

CS-11817-8000-R Nationwide Health Insurance. *Administrative Council, St. Paul UMC, College, AK.*

CS-12203-8000-M$ Task Force on Children. *Administrative Council, St. Paul UMC, College, AK.*

CS-12284-8000-M The American Family Association. *Administrative Council and Marie Watson, St. Paul UMC, College and West Point, AK and MS.*

DI-11821-8000-R The Book of Worship. *Administrative Board, St. Paul UMC, College, AK.*

FA-11836-8000-R Apportionments Voluntary, Not Mandatory. *Administrative Board, St. Paul UMC, College, AK.*

FA-11931-8000-M Funds for Task Forces. *Administrative Council, St. Paul UMC, College, AK.*

FM-11838-8000-R Support Confirmation Preparatory for Full Church Membership. *Administrative Board, St. Paul UMC, College, AK.*

GJ-11850-8000-R Lay Representatives. *Administrative Board, St. Paul UMC, College, AK.*

GM-11934-8000-M Tent Building Ministries. *Administrative Board, St. Paul UMC, College, AK.*

IC-11864-8000-R Media Release Disclaimer. *Administrative Board, St. Paul UMC, College, AK.*

MN-11908-8000-R Non-Seminary Pastors. *Administrative Board, St. Paul UMC, College, AK.*

MN-11905-8000-R Limit Bishops' Terms. *Petition Committee Appointed by Adm. Council, St. Paul UMC, College, AK.*

FA-11266-8000-R Limit budget increase for the next quadrennium 1993 - 1996. *Administrative Board, St. Paul UMC, East Alton, IL.*

FM-10098-0071-D Human Sexuality. *Members of St. Paul UMC & Jamestown Dist. WNY Conf, St. Paul UMC, Jamestown, NY.*

LC-11495-0247-D Local church's right to set apportionment acceptance. *Administrative Board, St. Paul UMC, Las Cruces, NM.*

CS-11672-0071-D Adoption and the Social Principles. *Administrative Council, St. Peter's UMC, Morehead City, NC.*

GM-12256-1489-D The Purpose of Health and Welfare Ministries Department. *Administrative Council, St. Peter's UMC, Morehead City, NC.*

MN-11697-8000-R Council of Bishops Initiate and Sponsor Deliberations. *Paul T. Stallsworth, NCA.*

CO-12165-0610-D Speaking for the Church. *David M. Stanley, Wesley UMC, Muscatine, IA.*

CO-12259-0611-D The Book of Resolution. *David M. Stanley, Wesley UMC, Muscatine, IA.*

CS-12169-8000-R Opposition to a Call for a Constitutional Convention. *David M. Stanley, Wesley UMC, Muscatine, IA.*

FA-12269-0906-D Responsibility of the General Council on Finance and Administration. *David M. Stanley, Wesley UMC, Muscatine, IA.*

GJ-12174-0805-D Limit Membership of General Boards, Agencies and Councils to 50. *David M. Stanley, Wesley UMC, Muscatine, IA.*

CO-11242-0607-D Voting Requirements for Clergy Benefits. *Edmund B. Stanton, ORI.*

CO-11244-0704-D Voting Requirements for Cergy Benefits. *Edmund B. Stanton, ORI.*

LC-11812-0227-D Affiliate and Associate Membership. *Edmund B. Stanton, ORI.*

FA-11876-0911-D Policies of General Finance and Administration. *Board of Stewards, First, Stone First UMC 10 individuals Covenant UMC, Griffin, GA.*

CS-12208-8000-R Publication of Information on Land Value Taxation. *Nadine Stoner, First UMC, Beloit, WI.*

GJ-11829-0814-D Responsibilities of Elected Staff. *Robert Morton Stout, BLT.*

GJ-11617-8000-R$ Study to Merge the GBCS, GCRR and GCSRW. *Robert Morton Stout, BLT.*

MN-12430-0458-D Complaint Procedures. *Cabinet and General Conference Delegation, STX.*

CO-12163-0505-D Number of Bishops to be Elected in a Jurisdictional Conference. *General Conference Delegates, STX.*

CO-12166-0623-D Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. *Delegates, STX.*

MN-12192-0436-D General Provisions for Clergy Members. *Delegates, STX.*

CO-11118-0701-D Participation of Lay Members of the Annual Conference in Matters of Ordination. *Administration Council, Sugar Grove UMC, New Castle, IN.*

CS-11152-0071-D Decision Concerning Divorce. *Sunday School Class, Sunday Seekers UMC, Fairport, NY.*

CS-11285-8000-R All UM Agencies Cease Housing and Support of Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights. *Claude Swafford, Holly Avenue UMC, South Pittsburg, TN.*

MN-11823-3000-R The Appointment of Pastors to the Mission Society. *Claude Swafford and Arthur R. Kirk EOH Conf., Holly Avenue UMC, South Pittsburg, TN.*

LC-12226-0251-D Lay Member of the Annual Conference. *James L. Swallen, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.*

MN-12250-3000-M The Problem of Inept Ministers. *Norma Swanson, Atlanta, GA.*

CO-11116-3000-R Election and Assignment of Bishops. *M. Thos. Swantner, CIL.*

LC-11147-0269-D The Composition of the Local Church Pastor-Parish Committee. *M. Thos. Swantner, CIL.*

CS-10282-3000-R Capital Punishments. *SWE.*

CS-10287-3000-R Pollution in Metropolitan Areas. *SWE.*

CS-10284-3000-R Discontinue Tests of Nuclear Weapons. *SWE.*

FA-10610-3000-R Ministerial Support. *SWE.*

LC-10218-0206-D Cooperative Parish Ministries. *SWE.*

HE-11093-3000-R Policy Forbidding the Bearing of Arms. *Lawrence V. Tagg, IWA.*

DI-11078-3000-R$ Consultation/Workshop to Enhance the Gifts and Skills of Spiritual Directors. *Task Force on Christian Spiritual Formation, MNN, Perham, MN.*

MN-12181-0000-D The Ordained Ministry - Tenure. *R. Gregory Tate, KEN.*

MN-12186-0408-D Categories of Local Pastors. *R. Gregory Tate, KEN.*

MN-12187-0413-D Amenability of Probationary Members to the Annual Conference Regarding Performance in Ministry. *R. Gregory Tate, KEN.*

MN-12189-0419-D Eligibility and Rights of Associate Members. *R. Gregory Tate, KEN.*

MN-12190-0423-D Rights and Responsibilities of Full Members. *R. Gregory Tate, KEN.*

MN-10660-0422-D Members in Full Connection. *TCFE.*

FM-10307-3000-R Human Sexuality. Retain present language as stated in the 1988 Book of Discipline. *TEN, MSS, FLA, NIN, SIN, PEN.*

CC-10096-0638-D Central Conference Episcopal Appointment. *TEN.*

CO-10192-0726-D Age Level and Family Ministries. *TEN.*

GJ-10372-3000-R Celebration of Ministry Day. *TEN.*

LC-10282-0269-D The Committee on Pastor/Parish Relations. *TEN.*

FA-11865-0000-D Office Location of General Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Organizations. *John Terneus, Yukon, OK.*

GJ-11488-2852-D$ General Commission on the Status and Role of Conservations. *John Terneus, Yukon, OH.*

FM-12886-3000-R Membership of the Homosexual Study Committee. *John Terons, Yukon, OK.*

FA-12289-3000-R Invitation to Consider Relocation to Texas. *Division of Missions, TEX.*

IC-10977-3000-R Television and Radio Advertisement Campaign. *TEX.*

IC-11527-3000-R The Mass Media Agenda of our Denomination. *TEX.*

GJ-10657-0215-D The Meaning of Membership. *TFCE.*

GJ-10658-0418-D Eligibility and Rights of Probationary Membership. *TFCE.*

GJ-10659-0418-D Discontinuance from Probationary Membership. *TFCE.*

GJ-10661-0440-D Disobedience to the Order and Discipline of the Church. *TFCE.*

GJ-10662-0446-D Leave of Absence. *TFCE.*

GJ-10663-0450-D Disability Leave. *TFCE.*

GJ-10664-0451-D Retired Ordained Ministers. *TFCE.*

GJ-10665-0453-D Grievance Procedures. *TFCE.*

GJ-10666-0515-D Presidential Duties of Bishops. *TFCE.*

GJ-10667-0788-D Confidentiality in the Interviewing and Reporting Process. *TFCE.*

GJ-10668-0000-D Duties and Responsibilities of the Jurisdictional Council. *TFCE.*

GJ-10669-2601-D Membership Guidelines for the Judicial Council. *TFCE.*

GJ-10670-2602-D Alternate Membership of the Judicial Council. *TFCE.*

GJ-10671-2603-D Filling Vacancies on the Judicial Council. *TFCE.*

GJ-10672-2605-D Membership in Judicial from a Central Conference. *TFCE.*

GJ-10673-2606-D Method of Organization and Procedure for the Judicial Council. *TFCE.*

GJ-10674-2609-D Defining Whcee Action can be Heard by the Judicial Council. *TFCE.*

GJ-10675-2610-D Actions of the Judicial Council. *TFCE.*

GJ-10676-2612-D The Judicial Council. *TFCE.*

GJ-10677-2611-D Hearing and Determination of Appeals on a Judicial Council. *TFCE.*

GJ-10678-2613-D Trial Court. *TFCE.*

GJ-10679-2614-D Opinion or Decision of a Committee on Appeals. *TFCE.*

GJ-10680-2615-D Declaratory Decisions. *TFCE.*

GJ-10681-2616-D Confidentiality in the Judicial Process. *TFCE.*

GJ-10682-2618-D Decision of the Judicial Council. *TFCE.*

GJ-10683-2619-D Filing of Judicial Council Decisions. *TFCE.*

GJ-10684-2620-D Preliminary Assumptions. *TFCE.*

GJ-10685-2621-D Chargeable Offenses. *TFCE.*

GJ-10686-2622-D Guidelines on Charges. *TFCE.*

GJ-10687-2623-D Investigation Procedures. *TFCE.*

GJ-10688-2624-D Fundamental Principles and the Joint Review Process. *TFCE.*

GJ-10689-2625-D General Appeal Procedures. *TFCE.*

GJ-10690-2626-D Miscellaneous Provisions. *TFCE.*

GJ-10691-3000-R Administrative and Judicial Procedures Manual. *TFCE.*

GJ-10692-3000-S Report of the Task Force to Study Chapter VIII. *TFCE.*

MN-11887-0318-D Mandatory Retirement for Diaconal Ministers. *John Ross Thompson, Mars, PA.*

MN-11902-0518-D Limitations on Years of Service. *John Ross Thompson, Mars, PA.*

DI-10104-0729-D Support Present Language in the Book of Worship. *Marilyn B. Thompson, First UMC, Starkville, MS.*

DI-10105-1214-D Retain Present Language. *Marilyn B. Thompson, First UMC, Starkville, MS.*

FA-11080-3000-R Relocation of the General Board of Global Ministries. *Marilyn B. Thompson, First UMC, Starksville, MS.*

GJ-10124-0815-D Racial Inclusiveness. *Marilyn B. Thompson, First UMC, Starkville, MS.*

LC-10136-0216-D Admission of Children into Church Membership. *Marilyn B. Thompson, First UMC, Starkville, MS.*

MN-11107-0431-D Qualifications for Ordination. *Marilyn B. Thompson + 11 Individual + 3 Organizations, First UMC, Starksville and Bastrop, MS and LA.*

MN-11115-0788-D Candidate for Ordained Ministry. *Marilyn B. Thompson + 9 Individuals + 2 Adm. Boards, First UMC, Starksville, MS.*

CS-12211-3000-R The World Community. *Richard H. Timberlake, Kingsport, TN.*

FA-11262-0720-D Provision for Adequate and Fair Clergy Compensation. *Martin Tocpke-Floyd, NDA.*

CO-11189-0612-D Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. *United Methodist Town and Rural Fellowships, NCJ Committee on Episcopacy.*

FA-12893-0906-D Fiscal Responsibilities. Human Sexuality. *Administrative Board, Trinity UMC + 515 individuals and 261 groups, Richmond, VA.*

CS-11462-3000-R Adopt "Right to Life". *Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Annapolis, MD.*

FM-12864-0071-D Human Sexuality. *Administrative Council, Trinity UMC, Bakersfield, CA and Grace Church, Newport, KY.*

LC-11103-0260-D Establishment of a Volunteer Work Area. *Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Denver, CO.*

FM-12857-0071-D Human Sexuality. Amend 71F. *Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Pickerington, OH.*

FA-11609-3000-R Budget Reflecting 1989-92 Receipts. *Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Richmond, VA.*

GJ-11616-3000-R Funding of New Study Committees. *Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Richmond, VA.*

FA-11828-0911-D Direct Support of Missionaries. *Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Waycross, GA.*

GJ-11848-8000-R General Council on Ministries be Dissolved by 1996. *Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Waycross, GA.*

GM-11851-1404-D Authority of the General Board of Global Ministries. *Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Waycross, GA.*

IC-11866-8000-R Dissolve COSROW by 1996. *Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, Waycross, GA.*

MN-11410-0313-D Retired Relationship. *Administrative Board, Trinity UMC, York, PA.*

FM-10017-0071-D Christian Marriage. Amend para. 71-C. *Troy District Ministers & Members of Woodlawn UMC, AFL, Troy, AL.*

MN-10158-0404-D Certified Candidates for Ordained Ministry. *Troy District Ministers, Troy, AL.*

MN-10162-0414-D Qualifications for Election. *Troy District Ministers, First UMC, Troy, AL.*

CS-10278-8000-R The Environment. *TRY.*

CS-10286-8000-R A Sustainable Society for Pollution. *TRY.*

CS-10364-8000-R A More Economically Just Society. *TRY.*

CS-10965-8000-R The World's Children. *TRY.*

FM-10095-0071-D Human Sexuality. *TRY.*

FM-10341-8000-R$ Rename the "Committees to Study Homosexuality". *TRY.*

GJ-10369-8000-M Retain the General Council on Ministries. *TRY.*

GJ-10617-8000-R Opposition to Columbus Day as a National Holiday. *TRY.*

GJ-10618-8000-R Hundred Dollar Holiday. *TRY.*

IC-10278-8000-R Covenant Communion with the Churches of Christ Uniting. *TRY.*

LC-10066-0227-D Affiliate and Associate Membership. *TRY.*

LC-10078-0269-D Lay Leader as Chairperson of Local Church Committee on Nominations and Personnel. *TRY.*

MN-10086-0448-D Persons leave - eligible for Committee Membership. *TRY.*

MN-10090-0752-D Number of Laity on District Committee of Ordained Ministry. *TRY.*

MN-10148-0402-D Acceptance of Self-avowed Practicing Homosexuals. *TRY.*

MN-10168-0448-D Family Leave. *TRY.*

MN-10481-8000-R Alternate Path for Consecration as Diaconal Ministers. *TRY.*

MN-11448-0513-D Grievance Procedures Against Bishops. *Bishop Jack M. Tuell, Los Angeles Area.*

MN-12182-0312-D Transfer of Diaconal Ministers. *Ann Tyler, WNC.*

MN-12183-0313-D Disability or Medical Leave. *Ann Tyler, WNC.*

MN-12184-0315-D Diaconal Minister'a Relationship to the Employing Agency. *Ann Tyler, WNC.*

MN-12185-0317-D Termination Procedures for Diaconal Ministers. *Ann Tyler, WNC.*

GJ-10635-2624-D Trial Procedures. *UCOM.*

IC-10634-1906-D Responsibilities of the General Commission on Communications. *UCOM.*

IC-10636-8000-R Vision Interfaith Satellite Network. *UCOM.*

IC-10637-8000-R Communications Access for Persons Who Have Hearing and Sight Impairments. *UCOM.*

MN-11751-8000-R Call to the Bishops to Undergird Cooperative Parish Ministry. *UM Rural Fellowship and Church and Comm. Workers, Columbus, OH.*

FA-11710-0721-D Authorization for an Annual Conference to Form a Basic Salary Plan. *UM Rural Fellowship, Church and Community Workers, Nat. Workers Nat Organ. Upper Sand Mt. Parish Staff, Columbus OH, Sylvania AL.*

CS-12418-8000-M$ Task Force Regarding Abortion. *Administrative Board, Union Center UMC, Endicott, NY.*

FM-12335-8000-R Training for Transforming Congregations. *Administrative Board, Union Center UMC, Endicott, NY.*

FA-11762-0724-D Reporting Pastor's Expenses in the Annual Conference Journal. *United Methodist Clergy Couples, Chesapeake, VA.*

GJ-11764-2623-D Investigation Procedures. *United Methodist Clergy Couples, Chesapeake, VA.*

LC-11774-0205-D The Pastoral Charge. *United Methodist Clergy Couples, Chesapeake, VA.*

LC-11775-0256-D Responsibilities of the Administrative Board. *United Methodist Clergy Couples, Chesapeake, VA.*

MN-11776-0426-D Appointments of Ordained Ministers from Other Annual Conferences. *United Methodist Clergy Couples, Chesapeake, VA.*

MN-11777-0532-D The Appointment Making Criteria. *United Methodist Clergy Couples, Chesapeake, VA.*

CO-11699-0506-D Term Episcopacy. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship and, Upper Sand Mountain Parish Staff, Sylvania, AL, Columbus, OH.*

CO-11700-0628-D Representation from Small Churches on General and Jurisdictional Boards. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship and Upper Sand, Mountain Parish Staff, Sylvania, AL, Columbus, OH.*

CO-11701-0701-D Voting Rights for Associate Members and Local Pastors. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

CO-11702-0706-D Part-Time Local Pastors Serving on Annual Conference Agencies. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

CO-11703-0726-D Responsibilities of the Conference Director. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

CO-11704-8000-R Reduction of Radon Hazards in Church Property. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

CS-11705-8000-R The Church's Response to Changing Rural Issues. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

CS-11706-8000-R Reduction of Water Usage by United Methodists. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

DI-11707-0280-D Lay Preachers for Assignment by District Superintendents. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

DI-11708-1201-D General Board of Discipleship Responsibilities. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

DI-11709-1202-D Adding Language to Paragraph 1202 which Indicates Responsibilities of the GBOD. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

FA-11711-8000-M$ Church-Wide Study of Justice and Equity Issues Related to Clergy Salary and Support. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Upper Sand Mountain Parish Staff, Sylvania, AL, Columbus, OH.*

GJ-11712-0275-D Setting Rural Life Sunday on the Fifth Sunday After Easter. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

GJ-11713-0276-D Establishing Rural Life Sunday as a Special Sunday with Annual Conference Offering. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

GJ-11714-0805-D Small Membership Church Representation on General Church Boards and Agencies. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

GM-11715-0731-D Assign. of Conference Mission and Outreach to Ann. Conf. Comm. on Parish and Community Development. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

GM-11716-1414-D GBGM/Nat. Div. Responsibilities Related to Needs of Small Membership Churches. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

GM-11717-8000-R Increasing the Number of Church and Community Workers. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

GM-11718-8000-R United Methodist Mission in Appalachia. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

GM-11719-8000-R An Affirmation of Basic Rural Worth. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

GM-11720-8000-M$ Rural Crisis: Special Program. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

HE-11721-1530-D Chairs of Town and Country Ministry at United Methodist Seminaries. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

HE-11722-8000-R Rural Chaplaincy as a Ministry of Laity and Clergy. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

IC-11723-8000-M$ Study on Racism in Rural Areas. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

LC-11724-0204-D "Evangelistic, Nurture and Witness" language which indicates basic responsibilities of UMCs. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

LC-11725-0205-D Teaching Parish. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

LC-11726-0206-D A New Form of Cooperative Parish Ministry. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

LC-11727-0244-D The Administrative Council - Basic Administrative Structure. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

LC-11728-0245-D The Administrative Council as the Basic Administrative Structure for Local Churches. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

LC-11729-0252-D The Administrative Council as the Basic Administrative Structure for UMC. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11730-0406-D Local Pastor Authority and Duties. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11731-0408-D Membership of Local Pastors on Annual Conference Boards, Commissions and Committees. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11732-0412-D Local Pastors as Members of an Annual Conference. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11733-0416-D Elimination of the Category - Associate Member of the Annual Conference. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11734-0419-D Eliminate the Category - Associate Member of the Annual Conference. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11735-0420-D Elimination of the Category - Associate Member of the Annual Conference. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11736-0421-D Elimination of the Category - Associate Member of the Annual Conference. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11738-0485-D Older Associate Members and the Order of Elder. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11739-0487-D Tent-Making/Bi-Vocational and Part-Time Ministry. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11740-0489-D Responsibility of Pastors for Ministry in the Community Contexts of Churches. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11741-0509-D Term Episcopacy and Use of the Title of "Bishop". *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11742-0510-D Term Episcopacy - Status of Bishops Retired Prior to 1996. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11743-0514-D Specific Responsibilities of Bishops. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11744-0523-D Empowerment of District Superintendents with Small Membership Churches and Cooperative Ministries. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11745-0532-D Including Community Contexts as a Criterion to be Taken into Account when Appointments are made. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11746-0534-D Longer Tenure of Pastors in Appointments to the Local Church. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11747-0733-D Addition of Ordained Associate Member as Observer on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11748-0751-D Responsibilities of the Conference Board of Global Ministries. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11749-0752-D Addition of Laity as Full Members of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11750-1528-D Addition of Laity to the Division of Ordained Ministry of the GBHEM. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11752-3000-M$ Study of Episcopal Tenure. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11753-3000-R Appointment of Clergy to Rural Ministry. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

MN-11787-0424-D Requirements for Admission. *United Methodist Rural Fellowship, Columbus, OH.*

FA-12004-0710-D World Service Apportionments. *United Methodists for More Faithful Ministry, Arlington, VA.*

GM-12007-1411-D General Board of Global Ministries, World Service Apportionment. *United Methodists for More Faithful Ministry, Arlington, VA.*

GM-12008-1427-D General Board of Global Ministries Women's Division, Undesignated Funds. *United Methodists for More Faithful Ministry, Arlington, VA.*

IC-12010-2406-D Representatives to the World and National Councils of Churches. *United Methodists for More Faithful Ministry, Arlington, VA.*

IC-12011-2407-D Financial Support for the National and World Councils of Churches. *United Methodists for More Faithful Ministry, Arlington, VA.*

LC-11881-2527-D Charge or Cooperative Parish Board of Trustees. *Paul Van Dine, Robert and Frances Keifer, Cypress Lake UMC, Fort Myers, FL.*

LC-10189-0251-D Responsibilities of the Lay Leader and the PPR Committee. *Albert J. Varalli, Landers Chapel UMC, Lincolnton, NC.*

MN-10178-0783-D Registrars Responsibility to Supervising Pastors. *Board of Ordained Ministries, VIR.*

MN-10157-0404-D The Exploring Candidate and Supervising Pastor. *Board of Ordained Ministry, VIR.*

FA-12255-3000-R Limit the General Church Apportionments. *Cabinet, VIR.*

CO-10097-0505-D Number of Bishops in Each Jurisdiction. *VIR.*

CS-10160-3000-R National Comprehensive Energy Policy. *VIR.*

CS-10362-3000-R Renewal of the Stewardship Covenant. *VIR.*

FA-10340-3000-R Basic Salary Plan. *VIR.*

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FM-10312-3000-R New Mission Statement. *VIR.*

GM-10128-1411-D World Service Apportionments. *VIR.*

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LC-10317-0249-D Election of the Committee on Nomination and Personnel. *VIR.*

MN-12380-0402-D Delete the Ban on Gay Ordination. *Dan Wagle, Helen Wagna and Richard Waymans, Grant Park Aldersgate UMC, Atlanta, GA.*

CS-11297-3000-R Drug Trafficking and Covert Operation. *Harry Wagner, St. Paul UMC, Lawton, OK.*

GJ-12178-0274-D Reduce Number of Special Days with Offering. *Leon Wagnon, III, SCA.*

MN-12115-0424-D Requirements for Admission. *Joyce Waits, Lakewood UMC, Lake Odessa, MI.*

MN-12191-0423-D Rights and Responsibilities of Full Members. *Charles N. Waldo, Indianapolis, IN.*

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FA-12295-3000-R Relocate General Board of Global Ministries, Site to be Selected by 1994. *Members, Washington Pike UMC, Knoxville, TN.*

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MN-11112-0530-D Persons with Handicapping Conditions in the Appointment Making Process. *Nancy J. Webb, St. Paul UMC, New Windsor, MD.*

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MN-11544-0443-D Appointment Beyond the Local United Methodist Church. *Wesley Foundation, Robert J. Bailey, Gulf Breeze, FL.*

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DI-11260-8000-R Oppose the New "God Language". *Administrative Council, West Independence UMC, Fostoria, OH.*

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IC-10358-8000-R Churches in Covenant Communities. *WIS, MNN, CNV, PEN, SNJ.*

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CO-10961-0038-C Election of Ministerial Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. *WIS.*

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MN-10261-0733-D Laity as Full Members of Annual Conference of Board of Ordained Ministers. *MOE, WIS.*

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MN-10327-0752-D Granting Full Voting Participation to Lay Members of District Committees on Ordained Ministry. *WIS.*

MN-10328-0517-D Selection and Assignment of District Superintendent. *WIS.*

CO-10048-0706-D Conference Agency Membership. *WMI.*

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GJ-10061-0805-D Program Board Basic Membership. *WMI.*

GJ-10062-0805-D General Program Board Additional Membership. *WMI.*

MN-10322-0424-D Admission and Continuance in the Order of Elder. *WMI.*

MN-10323-0435-D Admission and Continuance of Full Membership in Annual Conference and Order of Elder. *WMI.*

MN-10012-0402-D Ordination of Homosexuals. Retain para. 402.2. *WNC + 20 other annual conferences.*

LC-12280-0269-D Diaconal Ministers Appointed Beyond the Local Church. *Board of Diaconal Ministry, WNC.*

LC-12282-0269-D Diaconal Ministry Advisory Committee. *Board of Diaconal Ministry, WNC.*

DI-11820-8000-R Adopt "Vision 2000". *Council on Ministries, WNC.*

FA-12287-8000-R Clergy Compensation Form for Use in the United Methodist Church. *Ministers of the Albemarle District, WNC.*

MN-10013-0408-D Authority and Duties of Local Pastors. Retain para. 406. *WNC, MOE, HOL.*

DI-10007-0280-D Lay Preachers. Recognize and Utilize the Office of Lay Preachers. *WNC.*

FA-10335-8000-R Reduction of Denominational Budget and Bureaucracy. *WNC.*

FA-10390-8000-R Denominational Health Care Plan. *WNC.*

HE-10009-0732-D Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry. Amend para. 732.1. *WNC.*

LC-10011-0269-D Tenure of Pastor-Parish Committee Members. Amend Para. 269.2a. *WNC.*

MN-10856-8000-R Retain the Order of Deacon. *WNC.*

MN-10857-8000-R Retain Orders of Deacon and Elder. *WNC.*

GJ-10127-2624-D United Methodist Trials Guidelines. *WNJ.*

CO-10114-0701-D Local and Part-time Pastors Under Appointment. *WNY.*

CS-10154-8000-R Boycott K-Mart and Waldenbooks. *WNY.*

GM-10276-1459-D Environmental Stewardship. *WNY.*

MN-10325-0451-D Christian and Ministerial Conduct of Retired Ministers. *WNY.*

FA-12081-8000-M Self-Funded Health Insurance Program. *Board of Church and Society, WOH.*

CO-10178-0505-D Bishops in Juriedictions. *Episcopacy Committee, WOH & DET.*

CO-10180-0612-D Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy's Responsibilities. *Episcopacy Committee, WOH & SDA.*

CO-11288-0628-D Members of Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. *Episcopacy Committee, WOH.*

GJ-12084-2628-D Investigation Procedures. *Dean W. Wolf, MNN.*

GJ-12085-2624-D General Trial Procedures. *Dean W. Wolf, MNN.*

MN-12046-0458-D Supervision During Grievance Proceedings. *Dean W. Wolf, Minnesota Conference.*

MN-11629-0402-D Disciplinary Use of the Word "Celibacy". *Administrative Board, Woodland UMC, Goldsboro, NC.*

CC-11754-0653-D Concordat Agreements. *DeWayne S. Woodring, Business Manager Commission on General Conference, Indianapolis, IN.*

CO-11755-0605-D Responsibilities of the Secretary - Designate of General Conference. *DeWayne S. Woodring & Comm. on Plan of Org. & Rules, Business Manager of General Conference, Indianapolis, IN.*

CO-11756-0606-D Rules of Order of General Conference. *DeWayne S. Woodring, Business Manager Commission on General Conference, Indianapolis, IN.*

CO-11757-0611-D Responsibilities of the Secretary of General Conference. *DeWayne S. Woodring, Business Manager of General Conference, Indianapolis, IN.*

MN-11106-0409-D Continuance as a Local Pastor. *Committee on Ministry, Butler District, WPA.*

CO-11507-0602-D Recognition of Reserve Delegates. *Ethnic Local Church Concerns Committee, WPA.*

CO-11508-0608-D Recognition of Reserve Delegates. *Ethnic Local Church Concerns Committee, WPA.*

CO-11047-0506-D Eligibility for Election to the Episcopacy. *WPA.*

CO-11048-0507-D Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. *WPA.*

CS-11049-0071-D Amendment to the Statement on Abortion. *WPA.*

FA-11060-8000-R Renaming Apportionments and Advance Special. *WPA.*

FM-11061-8000-R Reaffirm the Doctrinal Standards. *WPA.*

GJ-11052-0274-D Life Style Covenant Sunday. *WPA.*

MN-11058-0053-C Episcopal Supervision. *WPA.*

GM-11854-8000-R Church and Community Ministry Program. *Adv. Committee of the Church and Community Workers, WVA.*

GM-11855-8000-R Increase Number of Church and Community Workers. *Committee for Church and Community Workers, WVA.*

CO-10099-0507-D Assignment Process of Bishop. *WVA.*

CS-10050-0071-D Abortion. *WVA.*

FM-10994-8000-R Baptism Study Document Considerations. *WVA.*

GJ-10698-8000-R$ Establishment of Commission on Inclusiveness of Persons with Handicapping Conditions. *WVA.*

LC-10279-0251-D Removal of Officers and Filling Vacancies. *WVA.*

IC-11810-8000-R Support the Consultation on Church Union proposal. *Conference on CCCUIC and William A. Highfield, WYO.*

FM-10274-8000-R Human and Civil Rights of Lesbian and Gay men. *WYO, NIL, NYK.*

LC-10140-0261-D Responsibilities of the Chairperson of Worship. *WYO, NIL.*

LC-10145-2582-D Powers and Limitations of the Board of Trustees. *WYO, NYK.*

LC-10138-0208-D Church Membership. *WYO.*

MN-10858-8000-R Maintain Present Rules of Clergy Administering Sacraments. *NNY and WYO.*

HE-11570-0000-D Selection Placement of Pastors to the Wesley Foundation. *Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry, YEL.*

IC-11167-8000-R The proposal of The Consultation on Church Union. *Consultation on Church Union, YEL & CNV Conference, Burlingame, CA.*

CS-12207-8000-R Reaffirm Adoption as an Option for Families. *YEL.*

DI-12212-8000-M Permission to Enlarge Individual Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal. *YEL.*

FA-12214-0719-D Clergy Support. *YEL.*

GJ-12222-8000-M Adopt "Gospel Call to a New Beginning". *YEL.*

CS-12408-0071-D Abortion. *Celeste Yost, Linwood, NJ.*

MN-11097-0302-D The Nature of Diaconal Ministry. *Ronald V. Young, LVL.*

FM-11686-8000-R "Grace Upon Grace" as the Official Mission Statement. *Charles Yrigoyen, Jr., EPA.*

LC-10067-0227-D Affiliate and Associate Membership. *UMC, Zapata UMC, Zapata, TX.*

FA-11039-8000-R$ Zimbabwe Annual Conference Pension Fund. *ZIM.*

FM-12333-8000-R Approve and Adopt the Ordination of Homoexuals. *Betty Zimmerman, Lincoln, IL.*

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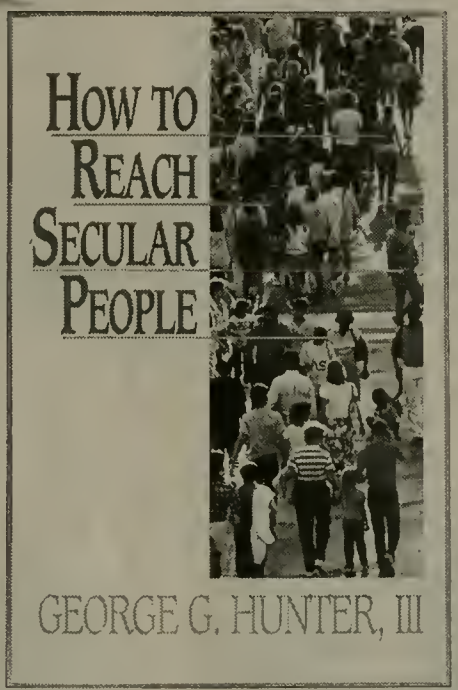
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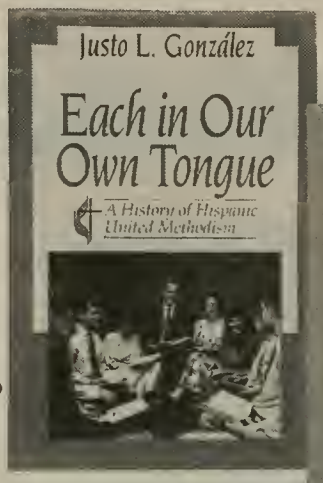
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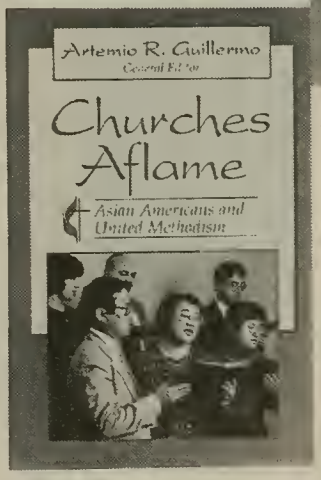
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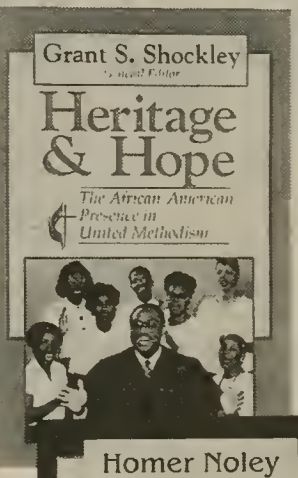


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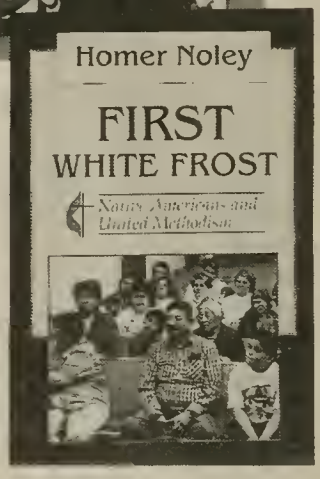
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Conference Sets Time to Address Los Angeles Crisis

United Methodists from around the world opened their top legislative assembly Tuesday afternoon in Louisville with a celebration of Holy Communion, then quickly were reminded of the broken world in which they met.

As the 1992 General Conference delegates and hundreds of visitors greeted one another in the corridors of the Commonwealth Convention Center and completed registration procedures, an ad hoc committee of delegates from the Western Jurisdiction examined ways in which brutality and violence in the nation—highlighted by the verdict in the Rodney King trial—could be addressed by members of the nation's second largest Protestant denomination.

In its opening business session Tuesday, the General Conference voted to set aside time Wednesday morning to present a resolution. Under United Methodist law, the General Conference is the only body that can speak for the denomination, which counts about 10 million members in the United States, Puerto Rico, Africa, Europe, and the Philippines.

The Council of Bishops a few days earlier addressed the issue of police brutality, violence, and justice in the judicial process. Two paragraphs from this statement were inserted in the Episcopal Address delivered Tuesday night by Bishop C. Dale White of the New York Area.

"The vivid images of the beating of Rodney King, the acquittal of police officers, and subsequent rioting in Los Angeles remind us all too clearly of the fragile nature of justice and peace in our modern society," the bishops said. "Beneath the surface of our life together looms a seething violence that frightens us all. Racial prejudice, economic deprivation, moral disintegration, and spiritual confusion all enter the equation.

"The United Methodist Church has repeatedly spoken against racism, economic greed, poverty, violence, and indifference to our neighbors. Images of brutality and violence remind the church that we must now intensify our efforts on behalf of justice and reconciliation."

The traditional "state of the church" address delivered by Bishop White also called on United Methodists to relinquish "liturgical laziness" and wake up to a renewed movement of faith. "So great is [United Methodism's] spiritual power that as it awakens, the transforming spirit of Jesus Christ could radiate among the nations with a new brilliance."

Meeting 200 years after the first Methodist General Conference was held in Baltimore, the 1992 General Conference opened with a fanfare of trumpets and drums and a procession of almost 100 bishops. Preceding the bishops was a banner of the episcopal seal carried by the Rev. Andy Langford, head of the Board of Discipleship's Section on Worship.

Bishop Judith Craig of the Michigan Area was liturgist for the worship. Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel of the Washington Area, incoming president of the Council of Bishops, was celebrant for the eucharistic celebration.

More than 75 clergy from the Louisville Area assisted the bishops in serving the loaf and cup to delegates and visitors.

Bishop Emilio deCarvalho of Angola in the homily said that contemporary United Methodism faces clashes of culture, "emergence of a new cultural and ecclesiastical imperialism," and a "new (holiness) movement that has managed to split United Methodists into 'evangelicals' versus 'more liberals.'" A major issue for the delegates in Louisville, he said, is how to unify the church in the final decade of the twentieth century. Bishop deCarvalho is outgoing president of the Council of Bishops.

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Agenda

Wednesday, May 6

8:30	a.m.	Worship
9:00	a.m.	Laity Address
9:30	a.m.	Election of Inter-Jurisdictional Committee
9:33	a.m.	Elect John St. Church Trustees
9:35	a.m.	Simi-Valley Verdict
12:20	p.m.	Committee on Agenda
12:25	p.m.	Presiding Bishop Committee
12:30	p.m.	Plenary Adjourns
2:30	p.m.	Legislative Committees meet

What Happened to My Petition?

That's the question some delegates are asking after they find 12 pages of rationale for their petition have been deleted from an Advance Edition.

Relax. You are not alone. Every petition is subject to editing by a cold-hearted editor.

Rest assured, however, that the legislative committee will have your full petition in their hands as they consider your suggestions. The process of eliminating long rationales probably saved a tree or two and reduced the cost of Advance Editions.

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Delegates and visitors were welcomed into the plenary hall by almost 150 singers and instrumentalists from First United Methodist Church in Dallas. Under the direction of Ronald Kauffman, the musicians presented a varied program ranging from Gabrieli and Beethoven to "When the Saints Go Marching In."

Later in the afternoon the delegates found their assigned legislative committees. There they elected officers to guide their deliberations for the rest of this first week of General Conference.

Robert Lear

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Institute on Religion and Democracy will sponsor an issues forum for all delegates on "Why Resolutions Anyway?" on Wednesday, May 6 at 12:45 in the Sampson Room, 1st floor, Galt House East. Speakers are John Stumbo and Diane Knippers.

The Trustees and the President of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary invite you and your guest to a dinner on Saturday, May 9, 5:45 p.m., Second Floor Ballroom, Hyatt Regency. $12.50 per person, advance reservations only

Bishop Bruce P. Blake of Dallas, Chairperson of the United Methodist Communications Council of Texas and New Mexico, will host a reception for Ronald Patterson, the new publisher of *The United Methodist Reporter*, on Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Keeneland Suite on the Mezzanine Level of the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Sexual Harassment Briefing (Experiences, Policies, Legal Counsel, Monitoring), Thursday, May 7, 1 p.m., Collins Room, Galt House East.

Yale Divinity School luncheon will be held Saturday, May 9, 12:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Dean Thomas W. Ogletree will be the speaker. For tickets ($15.00) see R. Randy Day, New York Delegation, Sec. A, Row 6. All are welcome

The video screen during the opening Communion service provided a fitting metaphor for the General Conference. Not only did the screen show the center aisle with delegates on both sides; it also showed the video screen, which repeated the image into infinity.

Using the imagery of Bishop Emilio deCarvalho of the Western Angola Area, this General Conference is the body of Christ here and now in the struggle for church unity. And, as the body of Christ gathered in this place, the General Conference is built on the foundation which has already been laid, Jesus Christ.

Many images blended into the Holy Communion celebration. Delegates stood as part of the vast chorus of persons gathered about the Lord's Table. People extended hands in hospitality and greeting. Bishops streamed up and down the aisles during the processional and offertory. More than a thousand voices were raised in many languages and accents to praise God and affirm a common faith. Persons of many races and cultures united as one as they shared the bread and the cup.

Opening Communion Service



Above: Over 1,000 voices unite in praise to God to open the 1992 General Conference.



Right: Ronald R. Kauffmann conducts the chancel choir of First United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas.

Below: Bishops Neil Irons, Cal McConnell, James Ault, and William Lewis lead in singing the Doxology after the offertory.



(PHOTOS BY JOHN GOODWIN)

Women Focus on Skills, Issues

More than 400 women gathered for a Tuesday morning orientation session cosponsored by the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW) and the Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries.

"Women—Living Out Our Vision of an Inclusive Church" focused on skills development and issue awareness. Resource persons included the following lay delegates: Betty Admussen, Missouri West Conference; Augusta Carruth, South Georgia Conference; Women's Division president Sally Graham Ernst, Western Pennsylvania Conference; Della Escareno, Rio Grande Conference; Carolyn Johnson, North Indiana Conference; Women's Division vice president Thelma Johnson, West Ohio Conference (alternate); Connie Mitchell, Kentucky Conference; Eleanor Richardson, North Georgia Conference; COSROW president Joetta Rinehart, Western North Carolina Conference; and Women's Division treasurer Connie Takamine, Rocky Mountain Conference.

Other leaders were the Rev. Minerva Carcano, district superintendent, New Mexico Conference; Dalila Cruz, executive secretary for leadership development, Women's Division; the Rev. Sandra Hoke, clergy delegate, Northern Illinois Conference; and the Rev. Bruce Robbins, general secretary, General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns.

About 34.4 percent of the 1992 General Conference delegates are women, about 1 percent more than in 1988. The number of clergywomen delegates rose sharply, while the number of lay women dropped. Western Jurisdiction conferences elected the highest percentage of women delegates—47 percent.

Barbara Campbell, an assistant general secretary with the Women's Division, said that—particularly with clergywomen delegates—"the growth in the past ten or twelve years is really astronomical."

But Cecelia Long, general secretariat member, COSROW, noted that this year's women's delegation is not at the same percentage level as The United Methodist Church's approximately 60 percent women membership figures.

"There is work to do to bring women into full and equal participation as delegates to the General Conference," she said.

—Linda Bloom and Barbara Dunlap-Berg

Racial/Ethnic Delegate Orientation

Reflecting on the Luke 4 account of Jesus' visit to the temple in Nazareth, Barbara R. Thompson told 250 participants in Monday's racial ethnic delegate orientation to "remember when . . . Jesus takes up the scroll of Isaiah and declares that the prophecy is fulfilled.

"Jesus chastises the Galilean synagogue officials: 'A prophet is without honor in his own hometown.' Jesus chides them further on their failure to be in ministry to the whole country.

"Remember," the General Commission on Religion and Race executive continued, how "Jesus walked unharmed through the crowd and went on to continue his ministry. That was to be my promise of hope for the conference.

"But so much changed this past Wednesday night," Thompson said. She returned home from a trip, turned on the television, and was shocked to hear about the violence that followed the acquittal of four White Los Angeles police officers charged with brutality against Black motorist Rodney King.

"I wondered what kind of response could be expected from United Methodist leaders," she recalled.

Sometimes when a rattlesnake changes its skin, Thompson said, it accidentally poisons itself. "General Conference is skin-changing time for The United Methodist Church. It's a time when any petition opens the church's belly to being poisoned by itself. By its own irrational actions," she continued, "[the church] can deal death blows to important ministries.

"Periods of racial violence are skin-changing times for racial and ethnic minority people," she added. "We can become so paranoid about the 'rightness' or 'wrongness' of events that we become paralyzed by the poison we release on ourselves.

"We are gathered in solidarity because we believe our church and our society can be redeemed. We are gathered because we believe the walls that divide us are crumbling and in their place are stepping stones to community."

Thompson challenged each delegate "to examine issues not only as a United Methodist elected by your annual conference but also as a person sensitive to the needs and ministries of racial and ethnic minority persons."

During the General Council on Ministries-sponsored session, delegates reviewed key issues and divided into small groups to discuss petitions to be considered by legislative committees.

—Barbara Dunlap-Berg and David Wilson



Persons — and family— greeted delegates and visitors at the Bishop's Reception on Monday evening, May 4, 1992 at the Galt House East. PHOTO JOHN GOODWIN

TV Coverage in Hotels

Delegates and visitors need only turn on their hotel room televisions for an hour of United Methodist programming. This service begins on Thursday, May 7 and continues daily through Friday, May 15 (except Sunday, May 10). This programming is being provided through the Visitel Network, a local hotel and convention TV service. Visitel is available in more than 6,000 rooms in 19 Louisville hotels.

The program will include a one-minute General Conference news summary (repeated twice during the hour), produced for the Vision Interfaith Satellite Network (VISN). In addition, selected United Methodist programs such as "Catch the Spirit" and "Why We Care" will be shown.

According to Visitel general manager Bill Rudy, the program will air at 7-8 a.m. and 9-10 p.m. over the following channels:

—Brown Hotel-Channel 8
—Galt House/Galt House East-Channel 16
—Holiday Inn Downtown-Channel 6
—Hyatt-Channel 4
—Seelbach-Channel 14

Tent cards featuring Visitel information were distributed at all 19 hotels on May 5.

In addition, David Schraffenberger, general manager of the local Faith Channel, which carries VISN at designated times, said viewers can tune their TVs to Channel 19 (on Storer Cable Systems) at the following times for regular VISN programming:

Monday—10:30 a.m.-noon; 4-8 p.m.
Tuesday—1:30-2:30 p.m.; 4:30-6 p.m.
Wednesday—5-8 p.m.
Thursday—10-11 a.m.; 1-3 p.m.; 4:30-6 p.m.
Friday—4-5 p.m.; 7:30-9 p.m.; 10-11 p.m.
Saturday—10 p.m., continuing overnight until noon Sunday

Two editions of "Jim Lawson Live," a one-hour weekly show produced by United Methodist Communications for VISN, will originate from the site of the General Conference, to air from 10-11 p.m. Friday evening, May 8 (live) and Friday evening, May 15 (taped).

VISN will broadcast nationwide one-minute daily reports from General Conference during station breaks at noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m., and midnight.

Getting Ready









Upper right and clockwise: setting up on the bishop's platform; positioning the lights above the delegates; *Daily Christian Advocate* staff check out a computer; sighting one of the cameras; assembling a desk.









Upper right and clockwise: delegates at registration; DeWayne Woodring checks out conference floor arrangements; the first two delegates in their places - from the North Alabama Conference; an impromptu meeting in the hall; a final check on the voting system.





General Conference: Past And Present

by Dewayne S. Woodring

Methodists love to observe ecclesiastical anniversaries. Indeed, I believe it's the only church alive that celebrates a bicentennial every few years.

In 1966 we had a big recognition of the "planting of American Methodism." Then in 1973 we recognized the 200th anniversary of the first annual conference. When 1980 rolled in, we commemorated the founding of the Sunday School...and in 1984 we celebrated the formation of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Now we are coming into yet another anniversary. This time it's the 200th anniversary of General Conference. This Methodist event has been held every quadrennium since its inception in 1792.

In those early days, without the aid of Federal Express, fax machines, radio, TV, telephone, or *Newscope*, the call went out that a General Conference was to be held in Baltimore to determine the future direction of the church.

The planning for the first General Conference was mostly done by two persons —Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke— and their preparations were brief in nature.

Today we have an entire Commission on the General Conference assigned the singular responsibility of planning each General Conference, and it takes this body six years to accomplish all the tasks leading up to the quadrennial event.

In 1792 the participants didn't have a choice in how they were going to get to Baltimore for the conference. They all went by horseback. They rode 40 to 60 miles a day through frost and snow, stayed wherever they could find lodging... in cabins, abandoned buildings, barns, or under the stars using saddlebags as pillows.

One preacher wrote: "How glad should I be of a plain, clean plank to lie on, as preferable to most of the beds: and where the beds are in a bad state, the floors are worse."

The concern of the pioneer preacher was whether or not the roads and trails would be passable and water fordable.

Today we worry about how many planes and buses serve a city and the number of seats they provide per day. We are also concerned how to get some of our delegates out of countries which are presently experiencing political turmoil.

Since it was unknown how many of the preachers would be able to make the trek to that early conference, advance preparations for lodging were undoubtedly minimal. Upon arriving in Baltimore, they somehow found places to stay, either in the homes of Methodist parishioners or in boarding houses. They also had to seek livery stables for the care of their horses. We now have to be concerned about parking spaces for horsepower of a different nature.

The number that made the journey to this historic event was small. In fact, there will be more bishops sitting on the stage this spring in Louisville than there were participants in that original General Conference in Baltimore.



Dr. DeWayne S. Woodring
Business Manager of the General Conference
Executive director of the Commission on the General Conference

We now have to be concerned about securing nearly 2,000 hotel rooms for the delegates, staff, and visitors. And in the case of Louisville, we hope all the horse enthusiasts, who have been here the previous weekend for the famous Kentucky Derby, will be checked out of their hotel rooms.

The Light Street Church in Baltimore that held the first conference in 1792 was modest in size. However, it came complete with wooden benches; some even had backs.

The 1992 General Conference will require a convention center one block square, which will care for around 6,000 persons.

The Commonwealth Convention Center will be the site of the plenary sessions, legislative committees, subcommittees, and offices, and is located within a short walking distance of all the hotels with which we have commitments. This is an historic site for United Methodism, for in 1845 the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized in the old Fourth Street Methodist Church, which stood at this exact location.

Those present at the first conference were all preachers. It was not until years later that the laity were to be involved. The voting at the 1992 General Conference will be done by 498 ministerial delegates.

The furthest distance traveled by a delegate in 1792 was 1,081 miles, which meant that he would have spent some 20 days on the trail to get to Baltimore. All the delegates were from the United States, with the possible exception of one presiding elder from Nova Scotia.

Two hundred years later, some 42 countries will be represented, and the furthest distance traveled by a delegate will be 11,204 air miles, which will be traversed by jet plane in about a day.

Many think of the early preachers as the "Fathers of the Church," but in reality the average age of those "fathers" was somewhere around 30. The average age of the '92 delegations will be a number of years above that.

The early preacher arrived in town with just his horse and bags. The saddlebag was his suitcase, his pillow, and his library. There were no advance notices in hand dealing with the issues to be discussed at the coming conference, for no one was really sure what was in store or if, indeed, because of the difficulties of travel, there would ever be another such conference.

Our modern delegates will arrive, not only with multiple suitcases in hand, but will have the Advance Editions of the *Daily Christian Advocate* , which will weigh about four pounds and contain many of the proposals and reports to be brought to the attention of the conference.

Just as in 1792 when historical precedents were set, so at the 1992 conference a number of "first" will be in evidence as modern technology is applied to the daily operations of this global assembly.

For the first time the arriving delegates will receive a Volume II of the *DCA*... containing all the petitions from churches, individuals, and other United Methodist related organizations. In the past, these petitions had to be read aloud to the members of the legislative committees. Generally, additional copies were not available.

The petitions within the edition will be divided by the legislative committees to make them easily accessible when deliberations take place. Again, it is anticipated that this will speed discussion of the various petitions and enable the legislative committees to dispatch their duties with greater efficiency.

This year, as the floor debate takes place, it will be received by cable directly in the editorial offices of the *DCA*. Surrounded by electronic gear, the words from the plenary session will be immediately transcribed onto waiting computer screens, prepared for publication, and whisked off to the printer.

For the first time, computerization will also be the byword in the legislative committees through which will flow thousands of petitions from members, churches, and organizations of the denomination.

In the past, laborious typing, retyping, and retyping again was the norm as reports were perfected by the committees prior to their being set in type for inclusion in the *Daily Christian Advocate.*

In Louisville, arriving committee members will find a computer, already loaded with the petitions under consideration, ensconced in their meeting room. As the committee members perfect each item, the changes will be made directly in the computer and, when a document is finalized, it will be dispatched by disk to the *DCA* where it will automatically call forth the type required for its publication in the next morning's edition.

This new process will not only improve the speed by which items are handled, but it will assure greater accuracy over the previous system of redundant typing and setting of type in a print shop some distance from the conference site.

In keeping with the changing times, the central focus of the plenary hall will, for the first time, be ever-changing. Throughout past history of the church, a static, unchanging backdrop or stage setting has served as the focus of the plenary sessions.

This time, a large video screen will be the focus of attention where a variety of images will greet the delegates as they enter the hall. In the morning, for instance, the portrayal will specifically relate to the sermon topic to be presented during the worship service. As people enter for the afternoon and evening sessions, a kaleidoscope of the church at work throughout the world will be projected on the screen.

Back by popular request at the '92 plenary sessions will be a state-of-the-art electronic voting system where every seat is wired for delegate response.

In 1988, the United Methodist General Conference pioneered the use of electronic voting in the religious world. Representatives of other denominations viewing this system in action in St. Louis soon followed suit and began utilizing electronic voting at the general conventions. Among these are the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Church of the Nazarene, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The denominations found that this innovative voting system provides a speedier and more accurate tally of the votes cast on the issues before their conferences. Some feel it was because of the electronic system that the '88 United Methodist General Conference was able to close at an earlier hour than at any time dating back more than 20 years.

As in the previous conference, a sophisticated optical projector will instantly display the results of the voting in colorful bar graphs on a large screen in the front of the plenary hall for all to see the results.

Advances in the computer system will enable the delegates, for the first time, in addition to voting on motions, to hold all elections through the use of the special key pads. Happily, this will mean:

1) the elimination of the time-consuming tasks of marking and collecting nearly 1,000 ballots;

2) Thirty delegate/tellers will not have to leave the plenary sessions to perform the arduous task of hand counting the ballots;

3) There will be no delay in reporting the results of the tally.

Modern electronics will also come into play as the words of translators are sent through the airwaves to those delegates requiring simultaneous translation, the

behind-the-scenes staff will keep in touch by way of walkie-talkies, and those responsible for registration will utilize laser printers for the production of name badges.

The cost of holding the initial conference in 1792 was negligible...a little more wood in the stove, which provided the heat in the church, and some additional candles for the evening hours when there was no light through the arched windows. Each participant paid his own expenses.

A few quill pens and a modicum of writing paper was all that was required to record the proceedings.

One secretary probably took the minutes in 1792. This year we will have 33 secretaries and recorders and 29 persons serving the *Daily Christian Advocate.* Counting the paper needs of this staff and the printing of the *Daily Christian Advocate,* in all we will use over 70 tons of paper.

The budget for the 1992 General Conference is $3.1 million. This covers the cost of the transportation of the official delegates, a per diem of $62 a day, the rental of meeting facilities, equipment and services, and the printing of the *Daily Christian Advocate.* However, the total amount expended will be much, much more since many of those in attendance have their expenses paid from other church funds or out of their own pockets.

Taking the budgeted amount of money and applying it to just those hours when the delegates will be together in worship, plenary sessions, or in legislative committees, the cost will be as least $36,904 an hour, or $615.08 a minute.

The sound of the human voice during the first conference was carried in direct proportion to the lung power of the individual person. In the Commonwealth Convention Center, we will use a large amplification system with 19 microphones and numerous speakers.

There will also be another difference between the 1792 conference and the one to be held in Louisville. Imagine if you will, 70 to 90 preachers who have just ridden in from days on horseback. They have slept in rough-hewn cabins, sometimes on the floor, or in the great outdoors wrapped in doe skins complete with fleas. Showers were not in vogue, and baths were infrequent. Automatic washers and Right Guard had not been invented.

Undoubtedly there was real ambiance in the air at that early church conference!

Today, we have in the convention center huge air conditioners and ventilating fans. We also have roll-on, blow-on, and rub-on deodorants, plus Scope.

In contrast to the small number of persons involved in the first conference, attendance at the 1992 General Conference will average around 5,000 persons each day. It would be even larger if we still had the rule they did back in 1792. At that time, every preacher in full membership was entitled to a seat in the General Conference. That would mean today there would be 35,815 preachers at the conference. And if we applied our current practice of a lay delegate for every clergy delegate, the delegates alone would number 73,630. Few facilities in the world could hold such an event!

As was the practice in the early church, the 1992 session of the General Conference will officially open with Communion beginning at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 5. Following will be days devoted to the business of the conference with the closing scheduled for Friday evening, May 15.

Within this time frame, the *Book of the Discipline* will be written, and you in the audience will be taking part in one of the longest conclaves of any religious or secular organization.

Whether this General Conference with its electronic wizardry will be as effective in its decision-making as was that conference two centuries ago, with it's primitive, yet perfectly utilized resources, will depend upon you, the delegates.

It is you, our elected representatives, who will set the law...the policies...the goals of international United Methodism for this day and age.

Emergency Information

The First Aid Room in the Convention Center is located off the North Lobby. It is open each day from 8:30 a.m. until closing in the evenings. The First Aid Room is staffed by a registered nurse and a qualified physician who are volunteers from Louisville United Methodist churches. After hours, persons with medical needs may call Dr. C. Kenneth Peters, family physician, at 491-0809. For after-hour medical emergencies call 911 and ask for transportation to the Methodist Evangelical Hospital emergency room, located in the heart of the city near the hotels where delegates and visitors are housed.

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First Aid (after hours)	491-0809

Oklahoma Choir To Lead Wednesday's Worship

The Apache (Oklahoma) United Methodist Church choir will lead the 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. worship services today. The choir is under the direction of Penny J. Perry.

The singers, all members of the church, represent several Native American tribes including Comanche, Apache, Kiowa, Seneca, Mescalero Apache, Choctaw, Fort Sill Apache, and Kiowa Apache. They have sung at the Granite Reformatory and for revivals and special services in churches across the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. The choir will present a concert at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary of Trinity United Methodist Church prior to the 2:30 worship hour.

Preaching in the 8:30 a.m. service today will be Bishop Louis W. Schowengerdt of the Northwest Texas/New Mexico Area. Liturgists will be Dr. William Hutchinson of Albuquerque, NM, and the Rev. Jo Carr of Pampa, TX. The preacher in the 2:30 p.m. service will be Dr. Manfred W. Marquardt, dean of the United Methodist Theological Seminary in Reutlingen, West Germany. He will be assisted by liturgist Dr. Erika Welti of Zurich, Switzerland.

Organist in today's services is Dan Stokes, director of music ministries at Christ Church United Methodist, Louisville.



The choir of the United Methodist Church of Apache, Oklahoma.

Announcement Guidelines

Policy: DCA announcements must refer to official business or program of the General Conference, or to matters concerning conference delegates as they relate to recognized organizations and structures of The United Methodist Church. For example, announcements of the following can be included: delegation meetings, college or seminary breakfasts, general agency meetings, meetings of recognized caucuses, receptions or banquets honoring United Methodist official. We cannot run personal announcements or announcements sponsored by individuals.

Announcement Deadline: To be published the next day, announcements must be brought to the DCA office on the lower level of the Convention Center, Room 116, before 3:00 p.m. Announcements must typed double-spaced or legible on special forms which are available in the DCA office.

Council Of Bishops

Report To The General Conference 1992

Nominations for Election

The General Council on Finance and Administration

(Nominated by the Jurisdictional Colleges of Bishops and elected by the General Conference [a]905.1).

North Central
1.Ellen Brubaker
2.Young S. Lee
3.L. Kim Doverspike
4.Evelyn Goodson
5.Aretha Jones
6.Jose Rosa

Northeastern
1.Noah Reed
2.Eugene Matthews
3.Sandra Kelley Lackore
4.Shirley Parris
5.Larry G. Johnson
6.Tracey Merrick

South Central
1.Virgilio Vasquez-Garza
2.Aaron Black
3.Stan Sager
4.H. Weldon Macke
5.Nancy Carruth
6.Marilynn Loyd

Southeastern
1.Karen Collier
2.Lawrence Dill
3.Frank Furman
4.Cashar Evans
5.Mary Ellen Bullard
6.Martha W. Gerald

Western
1.Edsel White
2.David Orendorf
3.Raul Alegria
4.Roger Kruse
5.Sally Brown Geis
6.Eunice Sato

At-large

(Nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Conference [a]905.1)

1.	William White	Wisconsin	NC
2.	Zedna Haverstock	Central PA	NE
3.	Barbara Schaffer	Alaska Missionary	W
4.	Lenora Thompson Ford	E PA	NE
5.	Henning Bjerno	N. Europe	CC
6.	Joseph Heyward	S Carolina	SE
7.	Elsie Crickard	KS West	SC
8.	Lee Sheaffer	Virginia	SE
9.	Chad Anglemeyer (under age 30)	KS West	SC
10.	Amy Valdez (under age 18)	Iowa	NC

General Board of Pensions

Nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Conference (not more than two from the same jurisdiction, [a]1602.1a

		Jurisdiction
1.	Kay Albury-Smith	NE
2.	Cindy Garn	NC
3.	Dight Crain	NE
4.	Quillian Yancey	SE
5.	Anne Chin	W
6.	Nancy McMillan	SC

General Commission on Archives and History

Nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Conference ([a]1804).

		Jurisdiction
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4.	Kim Vaughn	NC
5.	Marie Copher	SE
6.	Artemio Guillermo	NC
7.	Maynard Brichford	NC
8.	Pam Lineberger	SE
9.	Robert Monk	SC
10.	John Sims	NC
11.	Jim Beal	SC
12.	Ralph Blanks	NE
13.	Robert Rosas	W

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Nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Conference ([a]2601)

		Jurisdiction
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4.	Joyce Alford	NC
5.	Richard Wright	NE
6.	Robert Sweet	NE

7.	Zan Holmes	SC
8.	Theo Schaad (Switz)	CC
9.	James Kambor (Liberia)	CC
10.	James M. Dolliver	W
	(to retire after four years)	
11.	Williard H. Douglas, Jr.	SE
12.	Elizabeth B. Gundlach	NE
13.	Wesley Bailey	SE
14.	Clenzo Fox	NC
15.	Crisolito Pascual	CC

Secretary-designate of The General Conference

Nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Conference ([a]604)

1.	Carolyn Marshall	NC

Episcopal Members of The General Commission on Archives and History

Nominated by the Council of Bishops, elected by the General Conference ([a]1804.2).

		Jurisdiction
1.	New Bishop	NE
2.	New Bishop	SC

Episcopal Members of The General Board of Church And Society

Nominated by theCouncil of Bishops, elected by the General Conference ([a]805.2b).

		Jurisdiction
1.	Roy I. Sano	W
2.	Joseph H. Yeakel	NE
3.	New Bishop	NC
4.	Arthur Kulah	CC
5.	Ruediger R. Minor	CC
6.	New Bishop	SE
7.	New Bishop	SC

Episcopal Members of The General Board of Discipleship

Nominated by the Council of Bishops, elected by the General Conference ([a]805.2b).

		Jurisdiction
1.	David J. Lawson	NC
2.	Robert C. Morgan	SE
3.	Walter Klaiber	CC
4.	Thomas B. Stockton	SE
5.	Richard B. Wilke	SC
6.	Elias G. Galvan	W
7.	J. Alfred Ndoricimpa	CC
8.	Sharon Brown Christopher	NC
9.	New Bishop	NE
10.	Bruce P. Blake	SC

Elected by the Council of Bishops ([a]1204.1):
Ngoy Wakadilo CC

Episcopal Members of The General Board of Global Ministries:

Nominated by the Council of Bishops, elected by the General Conference ([a]805.2b).

		Jurisdiction
1.	C.P. Minnick, Jr.	SE
2.	Dan E. Solomon	SC
3.	F. Herbert Skeete	NE
4.	J. Lloyd Knox	SE
5.	Felton E. May	NE
6.	Moises Fernandes	CC
7.	New Bishop	NC
8.	New Bishop	W
9.	New Bishop	CC - Philippines
10.	New Bishop	SC

Elected by the Council of Bishops from the Central Conferences([a]1412.6):

1. Jose C. Gamboa, Jr.
2. Kainda Katembo
3. Heinrich Bolleter

Episcopal Members of The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

Nominated by the Council of Bishops, elected by the General Conference ([a]805.2b).

		Jurisdiction
1.	Calvin D. McConnell	W
2.	William B. Lewis	NC
3.	H. Hasbrouck Hughes, Jr.	SE
4.	William B. Oden	SC
5.	Emerito P. Nacpil	CC
6.	Sheldon Duecker	NC
7.	Neil Irons	NE
8.	New Bishop	SE
9.	New Bishop	CC (Zimbabwe)
10.	New Bishop	CC

(Sierra Leone)Elected by the Council of Bishops ([a]1507).: Joao S. Machado CC

Episcopal Members of The General Council on Finance and Administration:

Nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by the General Conference ([a]905.4c).

		Jurisdiction
1.	Edwin C. Boulton	NC
2.	Forrest C. Stith	NE
3.	Richard C. Looney	SE

Elected to the Committee on Official Forms and Records: Richard C. Looney ([a]905.4c).

University Senate

(Council of Bishops to nominate twelve for General Conference to elect four [a]1517.2).Chief Executive Officers:

		Jurisdiction
1.	Ken Pye	SC
2.	Julius Scott, Jr.	SC
3.	F.Tom Trotter	W
4.	Robert Bottoms	NC
5.	Joab Lesesne	SE
6.	Thomas C. Courtice	NE

Holding other positions:

7.	Marjorie Suchocki	W
8.	Douglas Meeks	NE
9.	Wayne Cummings	SE
10.	Sandra Lutz	NC
11.	John Q.T. King	SC
12.	Carolyn Johnson	NC

Appointments for Information Onlyuniversity Senate

(Council of Bishops to appoint four, two of whom shall be chief executive officers of United Methodist-related educational institutions, and two holding other positions relevant to academic or financial affairs or church relationships. [a]1517.2)J

Jurisdiction

1.	Don Messer (Chief Exec)	W
2.	Gloria Scott (Chief Exec.))	SE
3.	Vivian Bull	NE
4.	Joseph Taylor	NC

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1.	Robert Brandt	NE
2.	Carole Cotton-Winn	SC
3.	Mollie Stewart	SE
4.	Kimball Salmon	W
5.	Harry Shaner	W
6.	Maximo Dizon	CC (Middle Phil)

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1.	Richard Hamilton	NC
2.	Harvey Manchester	NE
3.	Marvin McReynolds	SC
4.	Jerry Bray	SE
5.	Robert Stevens	W
6.	David Quee	CC
7.	Edna Williams	At-large
8.	Carmen Carrico	At-large
9.	Sandra Dufresne	At-large
10.	Phylemon Titus	At-large

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Chair: *James M. Lawson Jr.*, California-Pacific; Vice Chair: Thalia F. Matherson, North Texas; Secretary: *Don M. Pike*, Central Texas.

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Chair: *Gilbert H. Caldwell*, Eastern Pennsylvania; Vice Chair: Becky Haase, California Pacific; Secretary: Edna L. Williams, Alabama-West Florida.

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Chair: *Janice Riggle Huie*, Southwest Texas; Vice Chair: Roy Stephenson, Memphis; Secretary: *Bradley Watkins*, Central Illinois.

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Standing Commission on Alcohol and Drugs

Petition Number: IC-12434-3000-R$; Howard Lydick
First United Methodist Church, Richardson, Texas

In order to make more effectual the efforts of the United Methodist Church in creating a Christian public sentiment and in crystallizing opposition to all public violations of the moral law, and especially to oppose the many evils existing in society caused by the consumption of alcoholic beverages and other drugs, there shall be a **Standing General Commission on Alcohol and Drugs**, hereinafter known as the Commission.

Its headquarters shall be in Washington, D.C.

PURPOSE:

The object and duty of the Commission shall be to promote by an intensive educational program voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicants and narcotics; the educational program to include the use of radio, television, publication and distribution of literature; to promote observance and enforcement of constitutional provisions and statutory enactments which suppress the traffic in alcoholic beverages and in narcotic drugs; and to promote the speedy enactment of such legislation throughout the world.

INCORPORATION:

The Commission shall be incorporated in the District of Columbia. The Commission shall be the legal successor and successor in trust of the corporations, boards, departments or entities known as the Department of Human Welfare of the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church; the Division of General Welfare of the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church; the Division of General Welfare of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns of the United Methodist Church; the Department of Christian Social Action of the Evangelical United Brethren Church; the Division of Alcohol Problems and General Welfare of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Church; the Division of Temperance and General Welfare of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Church; the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church; and the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

MEMBERSHIP:

The Commission shall consist of thirty persons elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences and three Bishops elected by the Council of Bishops. Those elected to the Commission shall be chosen solely for their demonstrated concern about the problems caused in our society by the presence and use of alcoholic beverages and other drugs. Each Jurisdiction shall elect six persons from the list of persons proposed for General Agency membership by the Annual Conferences. A Jurisdiction may elect a maximum of four clergy members or four lay members. At the first meeting of each quadrennium and each annual meeting thereafter, the Commission may elect an additional person or persona based on special expertise which will be of assistance to the Commission provided that a maximum of five such persons may be elected each quadrennium.

VACANCIES in the Commission membership shall be filled by the procedure defined in para. 812 of the General Provisions.

OFFICERS:

The officers of the Commission shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Commission shall have an Executive Committee composed of the elected officers and two additional persons selected by the Commission from among its other members. The General Secretary shall be a member of the Executive Committee with a voice but not the right to vote. The Committee shall have the power ad interim to fill any vacancies occurring in the elected staff and to transact such business and adopt such resolutions and statements as are authorized between the meetings of the Commission. It shall report all of its actions to the Commission promptly after each of its meetings and again for confirmation at the next meeting of the Commission.

MEETINGS:

The Commission shall hold an annual meeting at a time and place to be determined by its executive committee, and such other meetings as its work may require, and shall enact suitable bylaws governing the activities of the Commission and its employees. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

STAFF:

The Commission shall have a General Secretary and one or more Associate General Secretaries as its work may show to be necessary. The commission shall be otherwise organized and operate according to the general provisions of the Administrative Order of the *Discipline* except where they may be in conflict with the provisions herein adopted specifically for the Commission.

FUNDING:

The Standing Commission shall be funded like other general agencies of the church (para. 906 of the *Discipline*). During its first quadrennium (1992-1996) it shall receive from the funds otherwise authorized for the use of the General Board of Church and Society that percentage which corresponds to the amount authorized for the use of the Board of Temperance during the last quadrennium (1956-60) that the former Boards of Temperance, World Peace and Social & Economic Relations received individual appropriations. It shall receive all property owned or controlled by the former Board of Temperance at the time of its merger, in 1960, with the former Boards of World Peace and Social & Economic Relations.

The Commission shall be authorized to solicit and create special funds; to receive gifts and bequests; to hold properties and securities in trust; and to administer all these financial affairs in accordance with its own rules and the provisions of the *Discipline*.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Each Annual Conference shall establish a Commission on Alcohol and Drugs. The total membership of this Commission shall be determined by each Annual Conference according to its own rules. Each member of the Standing General Commission on Alcohol and Drugs shall be an ex officio member, with vote, of the Annual Conference where that member resides or has their Annual Conference membership. Clergy appointed beyond the local church may, if they chose, be a member of the Commission of the Annual Conference where they reside.

LOCAL CHURCH:

Each local church shall have a work area for Alcohol and Drugs.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This legislation shall become effective on October 1, 1992.

THE EPISCOPAL ADDRESS

1992 General Conference

Bishop C. Dale White

We gather once again in General Conference, hundreds of lay and clergy called of God to give leadership to the Church of Jesus Christ. We come from all over the world, speaking many languages. We represent a world-wide company of disciples millions strong. We come trusting that the Holy Spirit will guide us and inspire us to lead the Church with pastoral sensitivity and prophetic vision.

As we gather, we remember the words of Luke the physician, who described the life of the first Christian congregation in Jerusalem, in Acts 2:42-47 (NRSV):

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

Let us pray that all that we do and say here may bear the fruits of the Spirit in the thousands of congregations which we represent. O, God, may the memory of that first Christian congregation, its deep spirituality, its overwhelming generosity, its warm and welcoming fellowship, be the vision which shapes our life together, here and wherever the people called Methodist reside. Amen.

Since we last gathered four years ago, a number of our colleagues in the Council of Bishops have stepped out of our midst into the Church Eternal. Though separated from our immediate presence, these faithful ministers of Jesus Christ are still bound to us all in warm bonds of love and common purpose which mark the communion of saints:

1988
Fred G. Holloway (6-1-88)
W. Ralph Ward (6-28-88)
Pedro R. Zottele (8-24-88)
Hazen G. Werner (9-15-88)
W. McFerrin Stowe (11-24-88)
Cornelio Ferrer (11-23-88)
1989
T. Otto Nall (2-21-89)
Paul A. Washburn (5-6-88)
W. Kenneth Pope (6-26-89)
John Wesley Lord (6-26-89)

1990
James W. Henley (6-7-90)
Friedrich Wunderlich (7-9-90)
Paul V. Galloway (8-4-90)

1991
Sante Uberto Barbieri (2-13-91)
W. Kenneth Goodson (9-17-91)

1992
Francis E. Kearns (1-29-92)

In silence let us remember these visionary leaders and take courage.

In this time together the bishops of the Church wish to share with you vital concerns which have captured our attention over these past months. Responding to the call of the Church for the Council of Bishops to offer vigorous leadership to the people of God, we have sought to lead the Church through three episcopal initiatives. In each case, the response of the Church has been magnificent. Leading laity of hundreds of congregations, pastors, diaconal ministers, persons of specialized competence, seminary and university faculties, all have shared their perspectives and their recommendations. Directors and staff of all the Boards and Agencies of the General Church have responded with enthusiasm. Their resources of staff time, printed and audio-visual materials, research facilities and finances have been invested willingly.

The first episcopal initiative addressed the nuclear crisis as the bishops wrote *In Defense of Creation.*

In this quadrennium we challenged the Church to respond to the crisis of *Substance Abuse and Violence,* and to explore our missional readiness with a study of *Vital Congregations - Faithful Disciples.*

We invite you now to reflect with us on our learnings from these initiatives. Where will the Spirit now lead us as we seek to serve this present age?

I. Vital Congregations - Faithful Disciples

After intensive study and prayerful reflection, the bishops led the Church in *Vital Congregations - Faithful Disciples.* The bishops invited the Church to enter into a time of discernment, of searching self-examination, of listening intently for the word of God for the new age now dawning.

In a pastoral letter, we the bishops declared our own commitments: .

. to fast and pray on behalf of congregational vitality and faithful discipleship;

. to lead our annual conferences in discerning God's vision for the church and congregational life;

. to evaluate our styles of episcopal leadership as they affect congregational life and the mission of the connection;

. to seek to nurture the life of existing congregations and to encourage the establishment of new ones;

. to preach the Word and celebrate Holy Communion regularly in local congregations.

To the Church, and now again to this General Conference we bring this charge: "We plead with you to join us in our yearning, in our fasting, in our praying, in our study and in our work on behalf of vital congregations and faithful disciples, and in commending Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of the world."

The United Methodist Church has been compared to a giant who has been lulled to sleep. So great is its spiritual power that as it awakens, the transforming spirit of Jesus Christ could radiate among the nations with a new brilliance.

Our word to our congregations is therefore: Wake up! Be alert! Pray more earnestly, ponder the Scriptures more thoughtfully, set upon your journey into mission with a renewed vitality!

1. From Paralysis to Movement

We challenge our people to come awake for the journey from paralysis to movement, "enlivening our mission in Christ's name. Methodism began as an evangelical renewal movement among the laity, centered on the personal reality of God, holiness of living, and active love for the poor and distressed. The dynamism of that movement is available today."

What can we identify as paralyzing influences upon our congregations? Those forces bedevil us, even in the best of times. The late Bishop Gerald Kennedy used to thunder: "Ten million Methodists! Where is the power loss?" Surely the power is lost, not through some massive power outage; the power of the Holy Spirit floods our very being. The power is lost through myriads of small leaks, as the vision and the courage to minister with joyous enthusiasm are bled from us. Where is the power loss? Each of us might make a list of insidious power leakages. Such a list might include:

* **Demoralization.** Many of us are members of cultures which reward bigness and define excellence in numerical terms. In contrast: we are a denomination of small-membership congregations. Many of these congregations are demoralized by a sense of second-class citizenship. We confess that as a denomination we have too often added to the demoralization of small membership congregations by depriving them of skilled leadership or burdening them with unnecessary structure.

We confess that the Methodist vision of a connectional church has often been dulled by provincial attitudes. It is time to draw upon our long experience with cooperative ministries and cooperative parishes. Models developed during times of our dynamic growth need to be rediscovered. We are weak only as we fail to work together. We are strong as we share resources and unite our strength in mission.

* **Rigidity in the face of change.** In a fast-changing world, congregations which are not adaptable lose vitality. Emerging opportunities for ministry are overlooked. New populations of singles or unchurched children or the elderly or racial-ethnic people surround our congregations. We confess that a sense of powerlessness often blocks our outreach. Churches fail to grow when entrenched leaders refuse to share power with new talent. Churches fail to grow when fear of losing an intimate family feeling causes the people to reject new-comers.

Nowhere is resistance to change more evident than in the worship life of so many of our congregations. One suspects that in many places people hesitate to invite others to church because they know nothing inspiring is likely to happen there. Liturgical laziness is a curse of the Church. Matthew Fox has said, "To invite people to church and put them to sleep is a sin."

We are grateful that signs of spiritual awakening abound among us:

* Innovative forms of vital worship are emerging in thousands of congregations.

* Our people sing the praises of God under the guidance of a superb new *United Methodist Hymnal.* We look forward to a new *Book of Worship.*

* Covenant discipleship groups, modern Wesleyan Class Meetings are being revived, as the United Methodist people share in the pastoral care ministry of all Christians.

* Pastors are being trained in spiritual formation in seminaries and Annual Conference programs.

* Spiritual life retreats and Walk to Emmaus are a growing source of spiritual formation and sustenance for many. In one region, leaders of Roman Catholic retreat centers express amazement that United Methodists are their major clients.

* The Upper Room is an inspiration to hundreds of thousands of people in many countries. Our General Boards and Agencies bless the Church with a remarkable array of sacred literature and attractive resources for the study of the faith.

Resistance to change is a paralyzing reality among us. Yet we know that openness to change must never lead us to cultural conformity. The cultural captivity of the Church is a danger in every place and in every age.

Innovation must never be equated with shallow faddishness. Preaching a relevant faith is **not** the same as preaching cheap grace. We need an unusual capacity for discernment to tell the difference.

* Internal power struggles. How often we war against our own members. We confess that we sometimes search out ways to discredit our own boards and agencies, carefully nurturing any signs of weakness. Some among us seem bent at times upon alienating our members from the unified mission of the Church. In the end, our members become confused, their efforts weakened.

We must claim our unity in Christ! We need to focus our mission resources on projects which are accountable to the Church and which reflect our holistic Wesleyan theology.

The General Conference of 1988 released to the Church a superb statement of our biblical theology. We have barely begun to actualize its meaning. The charge is often heard that United Methodists have no clear theology. That is simply not true! Within the boundaries of our holistic Wesleyan theology, different persons will naturally cherish different priorities. Our rich diversity should be celebrated, our unity in Christ claimed. Uncharitable attitudes toward those who differ from us are unworthy of us. We must never allow mean-spirited and polarizing discourse to sap our energies or paralyze our ministries. We need to recall the Word: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, blindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Gal. 5:22, NRSV)

* **Fear of Controversy.** How often we hear the cry: "We will split the church if we deal with this issue!" We confess our fear that any serious debate of controversial issues will reveal how fragile is our unity. We should remember that issues are controversial because they matter to people. They matter because they challenge vital interests and force a new look at basic values.Open dialogue on sensitive issues allows us to discern the leading of the Holy Spirit. Our people find the guidance they seek. Struggling together to find answers to perplexing problems may be painful, but it can also be invigorating!

This General Conference will lead the Church in the examination of a number of crucial issues. One of the most controversial will be the report of the Commission to Study Homosexuality. Whatever our final decision upon the recommendations of that Commission, we pray that we might model here for the whole Church the mature capacity to examine such sensitive matters with good grace and an open spirit. May we all pray for the ability to discern the leading of the Holy Spirit. May we in this as in all things claim our unity in Christ even as we rejoice in our diversity. As we search together for the Word of God on such vital matters, let us remember I Cor.:13; let all things be done in love.

The Church has been a reforming and renewing presence in all of our societies precisely because it has the courage to seek and to declare the new directions in which the Spirit is leading the people of God. Our prophetic calling to seek new truth depends upon our willingness to risk honest debate.

* **Racism, sexism, tribalism, classism.** We have long known that racism, sexism, tribalism, and classism in all their forms are a paralyzing influence among us. They compromise our witness, deprive the Church of the gifts of many, and drive some away from us. For years we have read the scriptures: "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." (Gal.3:28, NRSV). Yet we confess that blatantly open acts of bigotry occur even among us. Institutionalized forms of discrimination are often overlooked or ignored in both Church and society.

Let us renew the mandate which the 1988 General Conference gave us: all annual conferences, local churches, seminaries, general agencies, institutions, and the Council of Bishops should make the elimination of racism a priority in all their agendas! It is time now for us to redouble our efforts to create just policies which witness that every human being is beloved of God regardless of race, class, sex, national, or ethnic origin.

* Let us repent of our complicity either consciously or unconsciously in systems of bigotry and discrimination.

* Let every person here make a renewed commitment to courageous witness and action.

* Let us continue our efforts to hasten the demise of the apartheid system in South Africa. Methodist people have been influential in the sanctions movement. The World Methodist Council is giving prophetic leadership. The resurgence of ancient ethnic hatreds in many lands is a disturbing development. The new apartheid system which has been built to oppress and exploit the Palestinian people in the Occupied Territories must be forcefully condemned.

* Let us use the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the European expansion into the Americas for confession and reparation for the brutal exploitation and genocide of indigenous peoples. May this anniversary be a time of new beginnings.

As a Mayan leader said recently: "How can we celebrate, when with the coming of Columbus, the flower of our life died." Indigenous people in many lands need our support in the struggle for justice.

* We recall with sorrow that half the world's people, women and girls, continue to experience discrimination and violence because of their gender. Let us add the strength of our voices in support of the ratification of the U.N. Convention to Eliminate Discrimination Against Women. Let us condemn in the strongest possible way the sexual harrassment of women wherever it occurs.

As we look around the Church, we know "we have this treasure in earthen vessels", yet the treasure glows

from within. We confess our paralysis. We accept the absolution of a gracious God. We rejoice in every sign that we are emerging as a dynamic spiritual movement today, an open and hospitable church:

* Relational evangelism is a way of life for many thousands of congregations. The Holy Spirit leads many to Christ through vital worship, invitational preaching and personal witness. A warm spirit of **Koinonia** radiates into the communities, and "day by day the Lord adds to our number those who are being saved."

* We are a Pentecost Church, a meeting place for many nationalities of people. New immigrant communities are blessed with our right hand of fellowship. Multi-ethnic congregations bear testimony to the new age of reconciled peoples God is creating in the world. The Ethnic Minority Local Church program and the emerging strategies for Hispanic Ministries reveal our commitment to inclusive evangelism. The Commissions on Religion and Race and the Status and Role of Women assist us in monitoring our activities.

* We are open to our brothers and sisters in other denominations and faiths. We continue a long tradition of ecumenical leadership through councils of churches at all levels, and through grass-roots cooperative ministries. Our ecumenical commitment is written into our *Constitution:* "As part of the Church Universal, the United Methodist Church believes that the Lord of the Church is calling Christians everywhere to strive toward unity; and therefore it will seek, and work for, unity at all levels of church life." We have signaled our intention to continue a vigorous involvement in the COCU process: "We celebrate God's call to the concept of covenant relationship expressed in *Churches in Covenant Communion* as an expression of Christian unity that is organic and spiritual rather than organizational and institutional". While the Council of Bishops is recommending delay on the vote on covenanting until 1996, yet "we long for the day when the covenant may be realized among us, and acknowledge with joy our eagerness to enter into covenant." Let no voices among us dampen our historic eagerness for Christian unity.

* Mission evangelism is a growing commitment. Coordinated through the General Board of Global Ministries the whole Church is making extraordinary efforts to reach into areas where the Gospel has not been heard or has long been silenced. We appreciate the eagerness of our people to assist the churches in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union as they claim their new freedom to witness to the living Christ. The Council of Bishops has released Bishop Ruediger Minor to give full-time leadership to this effort. The growing churches of Africa and Asia reveal an awakening church. We are overcoming our paralysis and moving into the world with renewed energy. The Great Commission guides us: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...." (Matt. 28:18)

2. From Numbness to Creativity

We call the Church to come awake for the journey from numbness to creativity, "as we become a sign to the world that God is alive and God's promise is real. The Holy Spirit is blowing among us to stir a new imagination for the Church. We are blessed with countless gifts and resources.... By God's grace we will receive the creativity to match those gifts with the world's needs."

We are truly a gifted people. The Holy Spirit equips all the people of God with the gifts necessary to edify the Church and to carry the love of Christ to the world. To call out the gifts of the laity, the people of God, must be a central responsibility of every person in leadership.

1). **The Ministry of the Whole People of God.** Vital congregations accept their essential task of "equipping the saints for the work of ministry." They are effective in training and challenging laity for creative expressions of ministry within the congregation, to the community, and into the whole world.

Can we allow ourselves to forget that Methodism was essentially a lay movement, and in its most vibrant forms remains a lay movement yet today? John Wesley recruited and trained thousands of unordained persons in a wide range of leadership and ministry functions.

For Mr. Wesley, growth toward Christian perfection is growth into discipleship. A life of good works, service and witness is the natural fruit of faith growing through disciplined prayer and Bible study. Prayer, faithful attendance upon Holy Communion and Bible study are organically related to feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, helping the stranger, and visiting the sick and imprisoned. All personal holiness is social holiness.

The Wesleyan experience shows that the biblical emphasis on the priesthood of believers and the gifts of the Spirit is practical. The work of pastors, teachers and administrators is to equip the whole body for ministry, calling out, honoring and organizing the gifts of the laity into one unified body for prayer, service and witness.

We will debate in this General Conference recommendations from the Commission to Study the Ministry. As we deliberate upon the forms of ordained and diaconal ministry in our midst, let us rejoice in the contribution which the Commission has made during two quadrennia of study. It has articulated again our clear understanding of the ministry of the whole people of God. The Commission concludes:

"Ministry describes the service to which all the People of God, individually or corporately, are called. To be a follower of Jesus Christ is to be in ministry. Each Christian's life is to be a conscious and intentional expression of the ministry of Jesus Christ in all dimensions of living. This ministry is carried out through worship, witness, and service to others, both in the Christian communion and in the world."

The critical question for us is this: will we put into practice in these days our biblical theology of the ministry of all Christians? We confess that far too many congregations are damaged by lay apathy and clergy domination.

We are especially concerned that in every country the gifts of lay women be fully honored and invested in ministry. Our full support of the WCC Ecumenical Decade of the Churches in Solidarity with Women is crucial.

We take heart that the General Board of Discipleship is committed to a primary focus on strengthening the laity. Programs to equip men for service in the Church and the community deserve our full support. The nurture of children and youth should be a priority in every congregation.

2). **Clergy Leadership**. Several recent studies show that church growth and vitality emerge where clergy are enthusiastic and effective, when they know they are called and have confidence in the congregation.

If we seek confirmation of the relationship between enthusiastic leaders and a vital church, we need only to look to Mr. Wesley's innovative strategies for providing the scattered Methodist societies and classes with "the itineracy," the traveling lay preachers who gathered the isolated bands of new Christians into the "connection."

As we rejoice in the growing numbers of clergy women in our midst, we recall that hundreds of trained class leaders and a number of preachers under Mr. Wesley's guidance were women. We are true to that heritage. Growing numbers of women serve congregations with distinction. Many are emerging as outstanding leaders of the denomination. We see clearly now that all forms of discrimination against women in ministry deprive the Church of energetic leadership it desperately needs. Patriarchal assumptions which blind us to the gifts of women do not belong in the Church.

Mr. Wesley reluctantly came to see that effective pastoral leadership did not necessarily emerge from formal education. Yet he would not abide incompetence. The Methodist preachers were expected to "improve the time" by at least six hours of study a day.

In an early *Discipline*, Mr. Wesley was challenged by a lay preacher with the words, "I have no taste for study. What shall I do?" Wesley thundered: "Then cultivate a taste for it, or return to your former vocation!"

In episcopal addresses to General Conference, we have announced again and again our intention to "redeem and renew the itineracy." We continue to affirm the unique role of the itineracy in our heritage and regard it as a powerful instrument for mission. We have seen its capacity to challenge racist, sexist and agist biases which have excluded talented clergy in some denominations. It has often prevented the splitting of our churches by heated debate over whether the pastor goes or stays. Itineracy has assured continuity of leadership in our congregations, and provided clergy with a secure financial base to liberate their energies for ministry.

In these changing times we commit ourselves to exercise the episcopal power of appointment with creative sensitivity. We will take seriously thorough-going consultation in every place. We will welcome suggestions for innovative strategies to improve our methods. We will work pastorally to assure that every clergy person grows spiritually and professionally. We will assist ineffective clergy to seek another vocation. We will search for ways to overcome the disparity in salaries which hurt clergy morale and damage collegiality.

We hope that the new health insurance plan for clergy being considered here will help us to control the rapid escalation of clergy compensation costs. These costs are sapping the missional energies of our congregations.

We thank God for the marvelous gift to the world: thousands of Spirit-alive congregations of faithful people, a beacon of hope in a world agonizing with the birth pangs of a new age.

Are we a New Testament Church today? We rejoice that the Spirit of the risen Christ which brings the Church into being lives among us.

Our courage and ingenuity will be severely tested as we face the crisis of an age in turmoil. Two initiatives by the Council have sought to energize our people to come awake to the struggles of the age: *Substance Abuse and Urban Violence,* and *In Defense of Creation.*

II. SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND URBAN VIOLENCE

In April 1989, the Council of Bishops took the unprecedented step of releasing one of our number to minister full-time for a year to combat a major scourge of our time — substance abuse and urban violence. These are two interrelated features of a social disease which has grown to epidemic proportions.

This Bishops' Initiative was taken in response to the vision and passionate concern of one man, Bishop Felton May. Bishop May shared his agony that in the United States that an entire generation of talented black and hispanic youth is being lost, victim to social degeneration in the blighted hearts of large cities. The Council agreed and declared: "The massive deterioration of the social fabric of major metropolitan areas across the United States qualifies for the temporary assignment of a bishop to impact the life of the church." Bishop May was assigned to a year of ministry in Washington, D.C.

Anyone who doubts the seriousness of the urban crisis should hear the words of the United Methodist pastors in Washington, D.C. who declared:

"We are facing a systemic community pathology which we have often decried, but never cured. Social and racial conditions underlined by illiteracy, substandard housing, limited skill-training opportunities, isolation, chronic welfare dependency, family disorientation and magnification of the symbols of wealth over personal values and intellectual substance are all contributing factors. To this matrix of debilitation is now added the fuel of rampant drug abuse."

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to spend billions of dollars in pursuit of drug-induced euphoria, fattening the bank accounts of drug pushers and fueling the fires of violence. Millions of arrests are made each year of felons showing traces of drugs in their systems. The courts are choked with them. Tens of thousands of young men and women are warehoused in prisons without treatment or rehabilitation. The press reports drug-related incidents among airline pilots, train engineers, bus drivers and others who violate the sacred trust of lives held in their hands.

In the United States the medical costs of drug abuse are escalating, burdening a health-care system already in deep crisis. A million drug-exposed infants are receiving long term care. The horrible AIDS epidemic is spreading in many nations through drug cultures. One-fourth of the AIDS victims in the United States have acquired the disease through contaminated needles.

* **Legal drugs** are by far the most commonly used and abused addictive drugs in the United States and in many other countries. Alcohol is the great destroyer of families. It kills and maims and fills our jails. Tobacco is the horrible killer, taking hundreds and thousands of lives annually.

It is time now for us to **take back our families** from the scourge of harmful drugs. Through teaching, exhorting, and modeling, let us advocate for a drug-free family environment.

It is time now for us to **take back our schools** from drug users and drug pushers. Vigorous community action could make every school drug free.

* While heroin use is still a problem, cocaine and its horrible form "crack" are the current focus of public concern. Urban minority communities bear the brunt of drug-related violence and tough law-enforcement measures. But let it register on our consciousness: most cocaine users in America live in white upper and middle class families, urban, rural, and suburban. Opulent homes in fashionable neighborhoods and humble homes nestled in the valleys of rural America are invaded. Long lines of cars from suburbia swarm like locusts through low-income urban neighborhoods, where poor people sell drugs to survive.

It is time for us to **take back our neighborhoods** from cocaine users. The recreational use of cocaine is diminishing rapidly in many areas. The enemy is on the run. Let us work to hasten the day.

* Almost all cocaine comes from Peru, Colombia, and Bolivia, where poverty-stricken farmers are forced to turn to coca production to feed their families. Demand for the drug in the United States has created a $100 billion industry, twice what the country spends on oil imports.

Government drug control programs in the United States cost more than $10 billion annually, 70% of it spent on law enforcement and a militarized program of intervention. It is increasingly clear that these highly publicized programs are failing miserably. Worse, government corruption has added greatly to the scale of the cocaine trade. Evidence mounts that a "shadow government" has emerged in partnership with government intelligence agencies, trading guns for drugs in violation of the law, using intelligence assets as a cover for drug-running. They corrupt law enforcement officials and intimidate members of congress, all in the name of the idol "national security".

It is time for us to **take back our governments** from the drug barons.

* The crisis of addiction and violence is clearly a spiritual crisis. It thrives on the spiritual hunger of living in highly secularized and materialistic cultures, where broken families and splintered communities leave a broad swath of emotional pain and spiritual barrenness. It thrives in a system which traps young people in decaying communities, where racial discrimination and systemic poverty sap their self-esteem and lay waste their potential. This is a direct challenge to the Christ who promised abundant living.

We are on the front lines of this struggle. Let us live in the power of the Gospel as we reclaim our homes, our schools, our neighborhoods, our cities, our governments from the systemic evil of addiction. Only the power of the Great Physician can exorcise the demons and heal the wounds inflicted by this savage beast.

III. IN DEFENSE OF CREATION

The Council of Bishops was moved to engage in an extraordinary intervention in the life of the Church and the wider society as leading scientists cried alarm at the horrible threat of nuclear weapons, not only to the human family, but to the biosphere as well. The term "nuclear winter" entered our awareness, as computer data revealed that a nuclear war could release tons of sooty smoke into the atmosphere, cutting off sunlight and starving plants, animals, and people. The earth could suffer a second great dying time rivaling the catastrophe which destroyed the dinosaurs. To amass such destructive power and to threaten its use is the essence of blasphemy, a wanton challenge to the creator God who breathed life into being and who yearns for *Shalom* on earth. After two years of prayer and study, the bishops wrote:

"We write in defense of creation. We do so because the creation itself is under attack. Air and water, trees and fruits and flowers, birds and fish and cattle, all children and youth, women and men live under the darkening shadow of a threatening nuclear winter."

We called upon Christian people to become evangelists of *Shalom*, the biblical revelation that the Creator God is present in power to bring positive peace, joyful peace, just peace to the whole creation. We reminded the people that we are followers of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, who commands us to love our enemies and promises the richest blessings to peacemakers.

Our study received an overwhelming response. More than 90% of our congregations in the U.S. utilized the resources in various ways. The world press engaged in weeks of debate. The study was translated into six languages and utilized even in the Soviet Un-

ion and Eastern Europe. A series of dialogues ensued with scientists and engineers at the Oak Ridge nuclear facility.

Since then the world awakened to the dawn of a new hope. The Great Power struggle which had brought suffering to millions of people and threatened global catastrophe began to wane. The fall of the Wall in Berlin was a powerful sign that kindled hope for a new day. Remarkable independent initiatives by the Soviet Union toward disarmament startled the world. The Soviet economy was collapsing under the massive dinosaur armor of its military-industrial complex. The Warsaw Pact fell apart as Eastern European nations claimed their freedom from Communist domination. The first significant agreement controlling nuclear weapons was signed; an entire class of intermediate nuclear weapons was destroyed. The Soviet Empire itself fractured into a number of independent republics, walking the razor's edge between freedom and chaos.

The peace-makers of the world relaxed; many assumed peace had triumphed and turned to other causes. People spoke optimistically of a "peace dividend" that might relieve the impoverishment of the cities, underwrite basic health care, fund environmental protection, and diminish the debt burden on the backs of the poor. Serious agreements were forged which would cut the stockpiles of strategic nuclear weapons. Conventional arms cuts were begun, partly through agreements but mainly through independent initiatives.

It became easy to forget that some 50,000 nuclear war-heads remain in arsenals which threaten the major population centers of the northern hemisphere. The explosive power of 1,000,000 Hiroshima bombs is still poised to incinerate millions of people, destroy the life-sustaining economies of the nations, and threaten even the biosphere. Nuclear testing continues, threatening new generations of horrible weapons and proliferation to other nations.

As the world dreamed of peace, war in the Persian Gulf struck. A brutal dictator sent his troops across the Iraqi border to over-run a small neighbor, Kuwait. Quickly the world responded. An unprecedented alliance of nations met at the United Nations Security Council to demand that the invader withdraw. International economic sanctions were brought to bear to force Iraq to retreat and to pay reparations to the nation it had brutalized. The universal consensus among religious as well as political leaders was that Saddam Hussein must be contained. His destructive influence had to be combatted by sanctions designed to paralyze his capacity to remain in Kuwait and to menace his neighbors.

Unfortunately, diplomatic initiatives and economic sanctions were quickly replaced by the relentless logic of war. Billions of dollars worth of high-tech weapons and more than a half-million troops were rushed into the Arabian desert. In 40 days, the most massive air armada in history smashed the Iraqi military. The cost in lives to the United States and its allies was minimal. Thousands of Iraqi troops and civilians died. Iraqi children are still at risk from the destruction of life support systems.

Have we yet repented of the complicity of Western nations in the causes of war — billions of dollars of arms sales, first to Iran, then to Iraq — default on pledges of self-determination for the Palestinian people — sponsorship of Saddam Hussein himself during the 80's — the uncritical support of an autocratic regime in Kuwait?

Grave questions remain: Will the nations now surrender to the heady militaiy triumphalism, the thrill of the giant video game in the sky, or will they finally recognize how foolish it is to seek security in the volatile Middle East or anywhere else by militarizing the region? Will the industrial nations continue their addiction to fossil fuels, or will they move now to develop sustainable sources of energy? Has the U.N. been strengthened at last in its peace-keeping capacity, or has the world lost a chance to demonstrate that outlaw nations can be controlled by a unified world using non-military means?

Surely, we will fail to learn the lessons of history if we do not see the Persian Gulf crisis as but an acute episode in the course of a pervasive social dis-ease. This malady threatens the future of civilization and perhaps even the future of the species. Even more startling in the nuclear age is the threat to the biosphere itself.

Our awareness of the impact of this larger chronic dis-ease on the body politic was sharpened by the World Council of Churches "Consultation on Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation," held in Seoul, Korea in May, 1990.

Delegates from all over the world met with the mandate offered by the words:

"We are living between the flood and the rainbow: between the threats to life on the one side and God's promise for a new earth and a new heaven on the other. That is why we have gathered in Seoul to covenant for justice, peace, and the integrity of creation."

The invitation to make a mutual commitment to justice, peace, and the integrity of creation emerges from the awareness that these three overriding global issues are interconnected. The struggles must be welded into one coherent struggle for life against demonic systems of vast power and range. We may name these interlocking systems: 1) Hunger-making Systems, 2) War-making Systems, and 3) Desert-making Systems.

1. Hunger-making Systems.

Most of the human family lives in abject poverty, one failed monsoon away from catastrophe. Women and children, the most vulnerable, suffer the most in every place around the world. More than 1.2 billion people worldwide do not get enough to eat to sustain life.

One billion more people will be added to the world's population in the 90's. These are **not** "redundant people", as some economists claim. These are the people, the "crowds", whom Jesus came to heal and to save and for whom he died. In His day, they were the landless poor, the marginalized and oppressed, outcasts of their society. They were "harried and helpless, driven and

riven". It was among those that he ministered. He broke bread with them in violation of the taboos of his culture. His promise that God was bringing a new realm of salvation to all people on earth kindled a special hope in them: the poor of the world, the "crowds" whom Jesus loved.

On September 29th, 1990, seventy-one heads of state gathered in New York City for the World Summit for Children. Think of it! Seventy-one heads of state, the largest such gathering in human history, came together to address a critical world concern. Why did they come? They gathered because 14,000,000 precious children die on this globe every year, two silent holocausts. Two-thirds of these children die from diseases that can be cured or prevented at limited cost. United Nations agencies have estimated that if just 5% of the trillion dollar annual military burden which the human family carries could be diverted into development, these children would not have to die.

Former U.N. Secretary General Pérez de Cúellar addressed the World Summit with the words: "Poverty is the main enemy of children." He said we now have a unique opportunity to establish a new world order that assures not only the maintenance of peace and security, but also the better management of the world's economic and social affairs. Who will speak for justice for the poor and destitute of the world, the "crowds", for whom Jesus lived and died?

We praise God for the generosity of our people, for emergency relief and development work through UMCOR and our Advance Special giving. Adding our resources to those of Church World Service, Catholic Relief services, Lutheran World Relief, and other agencies, we offer a remarkable outpouring of generous sharing.

We are a generous Church:

* Our hospitals and homes offer tens of millions of dollars in free care each year; our schools and clinics in many countries convince our neighbors that we are a caring people.

* Africa University is a reality! Classes have begun! It is a beacon of hope for thousands of talented young men and women who have little opportunity for higher education. From all over Africa, gifted students will come, future leaders on a continent where the Christian Church is blessed with the greatest growth. Let us all join in this effort.

* Through Africa Church Growth and Development and a range of mission programs and Advance Specials we are building churches, schools and clinics in many countries.

* Volunteers in service and action donate countless hours of skilled service, building and renewing churches, schools, and housing for the poor.

Yes, we are a generous church. Yet we know that the suffering of the poor is more than a medical or a food problem. The death-dealing forces of economic and political systems which enrich the wealthy and marginalize the poor must be confronted directly. People's policies make people hungry. People's policies make people sick. Since people created those cruel policies, people can change them, and people must change them.

The global economy condemns the vast majority of earth's people to poverty and deprivation. It is the story of aid which does not aid, of "development" which does not develop, of loans which impoverish the borrower. This global system is designed to move resources from the place on the earth where they are most needed to the place where they are least needed. As a people of faith, we must join in the struggle to combat the root causes of global poverty. They are an affront to the God of justice, and a challenge to the conscience of every Christian. Only the faithful exercise of our political ministry can challenge these demonic systems.

2. War-making Systems.

The militarization of the nations of the world is one of the great tragedies of our time. Great power struggles have been played out over the backs of the poor. Many poor nations spend more on the military than on development. Much of the military equipment they buy is utilized to war against their own people. The debt crisis in nation after nation is often related to the militarization of their societies.

Unfortunately, not even one ounce of rice can be squeezed out of a tank. Energy and resources spent on war cannot feed hungry people or provide clean water.

The threat of nuclear holocaust in the future is real. But it is only a part of the crisis of militarism. The burden on the backs of the human family of a $1 trillion annual arms budget traps millions of the earth's poor in a slow-motion holocaust of death by disease and hunger. As we wrote in *In Defense of Creation,* "The arms race itself cruelly destroys millions of lives in conventional wars, repressive violence and massive poverty." We could have gone on to speak of the health clinics, the immunization campaigns, the medical research never begun because the great war machine was gulping up the people's resources. We might have called attention to the war against the poor in the form of "low intensity conflict." The suffering people of Central America can testify that "low intensity conflict" is low intensity only for its perpetrators, not for its victims.

We cannot allow ourselves to forget that entrenched military bureaucracies enriched by vast sums of the people's money do not give up easily.

As the Cold War thaws, military enthusiasts of the West struggle to find a new enemy. Let it be said clearly: **We have an enemy!** The common enemy of humanity is militarism. We often say that an attack from extraterrestrial beings would unite the entire human family in defense of the earth. **The destructive alien presence is already among us.** It is the cult of militarism, now bloated to giant proportions as it feeds on the goods needed for life. Its idolatrous ideology

penetrates our minds and subverts the best intentions of good people, making it all the more insidious.

We now know that the only security is common security. The "new world order" will not emerge from the end of a gun. It demands an entire change of hearts and minds, a transformation of values. It requires a new resolve to unite persons of good will all over the world to drive the hostile, alien presence from the earth. The military-industrial complexes in all their manifestations must be starved into weak and withered shadows of their former selves.

3. Desert-making Systems.

A rising chorus of concern from the scientists has called our attention to the emerging environmental crisis. As we hear their warning that atmospheric warming might turn vast fertile areas of the planet into deserts, we recall again the words attributed to Chief Seattle: "Your appetite will devour the earth and leave behind only a desert".

More than a century ago, the great orator and Squamish Chief Seattle warned of the future awaiting a people whose predatory spirit seemed so bent upon raping the earth.

His words are prophetic. A recent *Food First* alert revealed that 15,000,000 people are in danger of starvation in the Horn of Africa, victims of war and disastrous "development" programs which have turned fertile lands into deserts.

On Earth Day in 1990, hundreds of millions of people world-wide launched a "decade of the environment" to encourage programs that preserve biological diversity, human health, sustainable industrial development and regenerative agriculture.

Earth Day was a response to a disturbing litany: vast holes in the ozone layer — waters and air polluted — precious non-renewable resources squandered — global warming threatening vital food sources — rain forests burning — a great dying time among the creatures of the earth.

Have we forgotten the command of God to "till" and to "keep" the garden of life? To till the garden is to treat it with respect and reverence. To keep the garden is to protect it, not to damage it.

Now we must remember the African proverb: "We have not inherited the earth from our ancestors, we have borrowed it from our children."

We rejoice in signs that the world is awakening to the ecological crisis. The U.N. Conference on Environment and Development next month in Brazil will attract the largest gathering of heads of state in history. We pray that the nations will grasp this opportunity to commit themselves to environmental standards. We pray that the wealthy nations will increase their commitment to development and will assist poor nations to share in the protection of the planet.

We know now that the concern for the integrity of creation must be joined to the struggle for peace with justice. Hunger- making systems force the poor to denude their environment, "eating their future" in the struggle to survive. The fate of the poor and the fate of the planet are interwoven.

Militarization and state terrorism increase as the poor organize to free themselves from exploitation. The world's armed forces are a terrible polluter, and war lays waste the earth in a macabre dance of death. Now we know: we will have no peace on the earth until we have peace with the earth. We will have no peace on or with the earth until the people of the earth live together in the harmony of a just social order.

The Council of Bishops is giving serious consideration to leading the Church in a major study of this "first truly global crisis of civilization." We solicit your counsel.

At Canberra, Australia, in February, 1991, Protestant and Orthodox leaders from around the globe gathered for the Seventh Assembly of the World Council of Churches. They came together to pray: "Come Holy Spirit, Renew the Whole Creation." They gathered confessing the Holy Spirit of all life, creator and sustainer of all that is.

As we prepare ourselves for the struggle against massive corporate evil, may their prayers become our prayer:

We pray to the Holy Spirit to **transform** us. The Spirit is a powerful presence in all creation, transforming persons and communities, society as a whole and the natural order. The Spirit moves within and among us, breaking the power of sin and revealing to us new possibilities for participation in the new age being born in our time. A converted and converting people are a powerful force for breaking the old wine skins of oppression.

We pray for the Holy Spirit to **renew** us. The transforming Spirit renews our life for participation in the mystery of the crucified and risen Lord. Christ enables us to involve ourselves in the sufferings of the world and to identify with those who suffer. Through the power of the Spirit we are raised with Christ to a new life, a life lived for others.

We pray to the Holy Spirit to **sanctify** us. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we are energized to become ever-more open to the presence and will of God. That presence enables us to reflect the values of the Gospel, responding to its demands and witnessing to its power through a courageous life of disciplined service to the world.

We must call our a nations to repentance — a change of hearts and minds — a turning toward God and toward a renewed understanding of God's purpose for the whole creation. We need new vision. The world longs for renewed understanding of how we can live together and live in harmony with the earth. Vital spirituality must re-shape our basic values and assumptions, the meaning of ultimate reality. Our capacity to envision and to image new futures emerges through the biblical witness. In a secular and violent world, we tenaciously proclaim:

*God created the universe, the earth and all living creatures in love and hope. God blessed creation and declared it good. God asks the children of the earth to "till" and "keep" the garden of life, respecting and pro-

tecting the earth and all its inhabitants with love and reverence.

**Jesus Christ, Divine love incarnate, came healing, teaching and preaching; living among the poor and oppressed. He touched them and healed them, exorcised their demons, sat with them at table assuring them that God was in their midst bringing liberation and wholeness. The healing and teaching of Jesus were a direct challenge to the demonic economic and social systems and values which marginalized the poor and oppressed of his day, and in ours.

**The Holy Spirit, Breath of life, powerfully renews and redeems life in the face of suffering and death. The Holy Spirit creates and inspires the Church to be a compassionate and loving community. The Holy Spirit empowers and guides Christians to go forth into the world to heal and witness, to confront the forces of destruction and death, and to witness to the vision of Jesus for the dawning of the era of justice and peace.

This is the faith which gives form to our imaginings and shape and dynamism to our vision. As we believe this vision with passion, will, and intellect, we become channels of God's creating and renewing Spirit. It is a deep spiritual truth that what we believe is what we help to bring into being. Can we lead our people to live from the heart of this vision, to stay in touch with it through daily prayer and disciplined Bible study?

If we are discouraged by the immensity of the struggle in this kind of a world, let us remember that we are a resurrection people. The resurrection is an event in human history which transforms all creation. It pervades space and time. It restores to humanity that communion with God, with others, with nature defined in the **Shalom** intention of God.

As the body of Christ, we share in the resurrected power of Jesus. We live in that power. Redemption and renewal are a present source of energy, creating communities of hope and new possibility, unifying and guiding vital congregations into faithful service.

We live in the victory of Christ! So we never bow to a defeatist attitude, or allow powerful opposition forces to discourage us. Our mission is to live within the power of a resurrection faith. As we gather in praying community, litany and song prepare our inner life for the struggle for justice and peace on the earth and with the earth.

We seek out signs of God's redeeming presence, celebrate them, and live within their strength. We gather courage to witness "from within the belly of the beast" to the transforming presence of the Holy Spirit, who surprises us with the joy of redemption.

We are a resurrection people. We know that in the bleakest of hours, God rolls away the stone of despair and comes forth from the tomb to bring new life. That is our hope and our witness.

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Bishop Emilio J.M. de Carvalho, presiding

There were 996 delegates elected to the General Conference. That would mean that it would take 499 to constitute a quorum. Just prior to the worship service, there were 926 who had registered. Therefore, we do have a quorum. As far as roll call is concerned, the chairpersons of each of the delegations have the roll call information at their places and it will be taken in that manner.

BISHOP EMILIO J.M. de CARVALHO: Thank you very much. Let me tell the conference that you are meeting with the awareness of the reactions worldwide to the Rodney King verdict. The Agenda Committee will be announcing this afternoon a time for the conference to focus on this matter. Let me call upon Dr. Charles E. Lutrick, chairperson of the Commission of the General Conference.

CHARLES E. LUTRICK: Bishop Chairman de Carvalho, members of the Council of Bishops, delegates, officials, and visitors: On behalf of the Commission of the General Conference, we extend greetings and welcome to each of you. We welcome you to the conference which concludes the second century and begins the third century of General Conferences in The United Methodist Church. We especially welcome those who are attending General Conference for the first time as elected and reserve delegates. The commission is given responsibility for determining the time and the place for General Conference and making all the arrangements for the sessions. The names of the commission members are found on p. 5 of the *Advance DCA*. The names of the Louisville local committee are found on p. 6 of the *Advance DCA*. These persons have worked prayerfully to prepare for your arrival. These persons will be presented and recognized at a later time in the conference session. We are very appreciative of the gracious hospitality extended by our local hosts and hostesses. At this time we are to receive an official greeting from the Louisville Area host Bishop, Bishop Robert Spain.

BISHOP ROBERT H. SPAIN: That's a nice introduction, sir. We have been waiting so long for you to come. The time is here and you are so welcome to Kentucky and to the Louisville Annual Conference. We are, by some standards, a small annual conference with some 88,000 United Methodists in this part of our conference. But, from all of them, you are very, very welcome to our conference and to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. It's very interesting that this area became a state at the same time that our General Conference had its beginning. You will see a number of signs around our city and around the state marking 200 years. Well, they put all of those up just to let you know that this is 200 years of the General Conference. The fact is that we're celebrating this time together and you are so welcome here. Since you were elected and we received your names, I want you to know that the people of our annual conference have been praying for you by name every day. There have been prayer groups all over our conference holding you before the Lord for the work that you are to do. We still pray for this conference. There will be a time that we can introduce our people who made all of this possible, but our prayer for you is that you hold the church before the Lord. You have a great vision. Accept the challenge that is before us, and let's make a difference. Welcome to Louisville!

LUTRICK: This session of the General Conference has been planned in accordance with the plan of organization of the General Conference. To facilitate the work of the conference, the commission recommends the following schedule of special activities for your approval: the Episcopal Address at 8:15 p.m. this evening. This service will be preceded by the Hymn Sing which will witness to the inclusive nature of our church. The Laity Address at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 6; Louisville Area programs, Sunday, May 10, at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Presentation of the ecumenical representatives at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 12. Bishop, I move these recommendations' approval for the conference.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: You have heard the recommendations. If you approve of these recommendations, please raise your hand. If you oppose, by the same sign. They are approved.

LUTRICK: The commission is responsible for the seating assignments which are determined by law. We recommend approval of the plan as printed on pp. 7-9 of the *Advance DCA*. We further recommend that the commission be authorized to make any necessary adjustments in the seating assignments. I move the approval of the seating assignments, Bishop.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Yes, if you approve these recommendations, please raise your hand. If you oppose, by the same sign. They are approved.

LUTRICK: Sections of the hall have been designated for persons with handicapping conditions. Marshals and pages will be pleased to direct persons to these areas during sessions of the conference. It is requested that there be no smoking in public areas of the center during the conference. Food services will be provided in the cafeteria and halls throughout the conference. Breakfast and lunch will be available daily except Sunday. No electronic communication devices are to be used in the plenary hall or in legislative committee meeting places except by General Conference or the convention center staff. Morning worship service is scheduled for this hall at 8:30 a.m. daily except Sunday, and the choir will present a brief concert at 8:15 a.m. before these services. Worship services are provided daily except Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church at 537 S. Third St., a short 4 blocks away. Visitors are welcome at these services. The choir will present a brief concert at 2 p.m. prior to these afternoon services. We express appreciation to our director of music, Mr. Brad Kisner, for his endeavors on these and other worship services. It was his responsibility to select 10 singing groups to participate in the General Conference worship experiences. That was not an easy responsibility since there were 84 audition tapes presented for him to make the selection. I remind you that announcements are to be made through the *DCA*. Oral or projected notices are to be limited to the official operation of the conference, its

administrative and legislative committees. The commission recommends that the journal be volumes 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the *DCA*. Bound copies will be available for purchase as a package at a later date. I move approval of these recommendations, sir.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: You heard the recommendations. Any questions? If you approve these recommendations, please raise your hand. If you oppose, by the same sign. They are approved.

LUTRICK: The commission recommended 2 offerings be received during the conference. The one just received will be designated by the Council of Bishops. Second, an offering for marshals and pages will be received on Wednesday, May 13. I remind you that these persons are volunteers who provide their own travel expense and other expenses while here. They provide an invaluable service to the conference delegates. I move the recommendations of these 2 offerings as designated.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: You heard the recommendations. If you approve these 2 recommendations, please raise your hand. If you oppose, by the same sign. The recommendations are approved.

LUTRICK: The backdrop and the screen arrangement before you were designed by Dr. DeWayne Woodring, General Conference business manager and executive director of the Commission on General Conference. We are indebted to Dr. Woodring for his thoroughness in caring for the numerous details in planning this conference. This is his 20th year of involvement in the preparation for General Conferences. He is knowledgeable and experienced in all necessary provisions for large conferences and conventions worldwide. He is firm and fair in negotiations which respect good stewardship for the church's funds for General Conferences. We suggest or request that Dr. Woodring speak to several matters which pertain to the basic operations of the conference.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Dr. DeWayne Woodring.

DEWAYNE WOODRING: Bishop and participants in the General Conference, in 1988 The United Methodist Church led the religious world in the utilization of electronic voting at its General Conference in St. Louis. During that event a number of ecumenical leaders were present. And noting the effectiveness of the voting system, they are now utilizing electronic voting during their major assemblies; among these are such religious bodies as: the Presbyterian Church USA, the Church of the Nazarene, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Each has found this innovative method provides a speedier and more accurate tally of votes cast and thereby enhances the movement of conference business.

In front of each of you who are voting delegates is the result of the latest research in the field of electronic voting. Utilizing this key pad you may record your vote instantly. When the presiding bishop states, "please vote when the light appears," the green light on your key pad will light up. Also a message directing you to vote will appear in the small window on your key pad and on the large screen in the center of the stage.

Next, press the button which corresponds to your choice. Press button 1 for "yes"; press button 2 for "no"; press button 3 for abstention. When you do this, your choice will appear in the window of your individual key pad and confirm your selection.

Now you may change your vote as long as the green light is still on by first pressing the star button on the lower left-hand corner, and then entering your new choice. When the green light on your key pad starts flashing, you have 3 seconds left to vote. And when the light goes off, all voting is closed. The computer will tally all the votes cast, and the results will be shown on the large video screen. Please remember that only one response will be taken from each key pad. So pushing the button 10 times will not get you 10 votes.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: That's the way.

WOODRING: So you may become familiar with the system, we are now going to present a few questions for you answer at this time. The first question before you is a most difficult one: "Are you present?" If yes, please press button number 1. If you are not here, press button number 2; and if you do not know for sure, and wish to abstain, press button number 3. The question is before you. Please vote when the light appears.

(Laughter because 795 report yes, they are here--44 say no).

Apparently the majority of you are here. But some percentage of you are not here and several really aren't too sure.

Question number 2: How did you get here? Respond by pressing your button: number 1, airline; number 2, pogostick; 3, car; 4, horse; 5, walk; and 6, for those who don't know. The question is before you, please vote when the light appears.

(43 percent came by air--59 percent don't know how they came.)

I really didn't think I'd have any takers on the pogostick one (75 persons said they came by pogostick).

Apparently a majority of you came by airlines. When it comes time to take an electronic ballot of those nominated for certain offices, the procedures are exactly the same. Assume for a moment you are all once again back in school and you are given the opportunity to vote on a new campus mascot. As with the elections which will eventually be before us in the days of this conference, we will use 2 digit numbers. The nominees for campus mascot are: 11, Minnie Mouse; 18, Big Bird; 34, Mickey Mouse; 45, Kermit the Frog; 57, Pluto; and 69, Bugs Bunny. The question is before you; please vote when the light appears.

(Laughter). The vote shows that you have selected Kermit the Frog as your campus mascot, and so ends this brief demonstration of the electronic voting system.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Thank you.

WOODRING: The Commission on the General Conference and the Rules Committee reminds you that each delegate has one vote and this one vote is to be recorded only on the key pad in front of the delegate. Absentee delegates may not have their votes recorded by others, except when a reserve delegate has been duly authorized to be seated in place of the delegate.

Since the beginning of the Communion service this afternoon, you have had the opportunity to benefit from another marvel of the electronic age: the ID Four Magnification System. The enhancement of visual images enables each one of us to feel more closely involved in the presentations, discussions and debates on issues facing our church.

In keeping with the changing times, the central focus of this plenary hall will be ever changing. Throughout the past history of General Conference a static unchanging backdrop or stage setting has served as a focus of the plenary sessions. This time, the video screen is the focus of attention. On this screen, a variety of images will greet you each time you enter this hall. In the morning, for instance, the portrayal will specifically relate to the sermon topic to be presented during the wor-

ship service. As persons enter for the afternoon and evening sessions, a portrait of the church at work throughout the world will be projected on the screen. And during the business sessions, the image magnification system will help all us keep abreast of the discussions.

WOODRING: When a specific item in the *DCA* is under consideration, the page number and the report number will appear as you can see illustrated at this time. You will therefore not only have the oral announcement of the topic being discussed; you will also have the visual announcement so that all will know the subject we are focusing our attention on at a particular moment and time. It was 12 years ago that a new system was utilized which helped assure an equal application of the time limitation imposed upon individual debate as well as committee reports. The timing device has proved so successful it too is now used by other denominations. The system we use is comprised of green, yellow and red lights which are set for the time limit allowed. The green light comes on when the speaker has 2 minutes remaining. The yellow light is illuminated when 1 minute remains to close. When the red light comes on, the time is up and the presiding officer will rap the gavel. For the third time in our long history of General Conferences, we are providing simultaneous translation by electronic means for those delegates requiring such services. Utilizing wireless equipment, plenary sessions and worship services are being transmitted into 6 languages and broadcast to special receivers designed for use by the individual delegates. Translations of the proceedings are in French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Korean and Chinese. Any delegate requiring translation equipment may check out a headset from the local committee office in the lobby. For those requiring sign language, a section of the hall has been set aside for this purpose and should a seated delegate require such interpretive services, a special television set will be placed on the delegate's table which will display the signer's interpretive movements. To help you delegates to handle the voluminous number of petitions the Commission on the General Conference has for the first time published a volume 3 of the *DCA* which contains all petitions from individuals, churches and other United Methodist bodies. In addition, when you go to your individual legislative committee, awaiting you in that room will be a computer with all the petitions under consideration. Through this system you will be able to perfect each item right there on your own computer without the repetitive typing required in the past. It is our sincere hope that through the use of image magnification, electronic voting, the automatic timing device, wireless interpretation, signers and the additional volume of the *DCA*, that the efficiency of the conference will be enhanced and it will be more meaningful to all participants. Thank you.

The Commission on the General Conference recommends per diem allowance be set at $62.

Bishop, I move the approval of this recommendation.

It has been moved. If you approve this recommendation, please raise your hand; to oppose, by the same sign.

CLIFFORD DROKE: (general secretary and treasurer of the General Council on Finance and Administration and General Conference treasurer)

Thank you, Bishop. If any of you have an urgent need to discuss anything with the chairperson of your delegation, I suggest that you resist that and hold because if the chairperson is confused about how you get reimbursed, you won't get one. It just won't happen. The delegates will receive two expense reimbursement checks while they are here. The first one you should receive Friday morning and it will cover your travel expenses to and from the General Conference. The second check will be for the $62 per day per diem for the days that you were here in Louisville. The chairperson of each delegation should have discovered at their desk as they arrived an envelope containing travel expense vouchers for all members of the delegation. Those are to be given to principal delegates or for whatever reasons, all of us are keenly aware that we lost 3 delegates by death. If a reserve has been seated and is entitled to the travel expense reimbursement, give it to that person. We ask each of you to do some simple things. Read the instructions; they're on the back of the form. Fill out the form the way the instructions tell you to. Give it to your chairperson. The chairperson will approve it and submit the full delegation's expense claims together, please, to the treasurer's office. Don't hand them in just as delegates hand them to you. We're prepared to process almost a thousand checks by delegation and it's very helpful to us if we get them altogether. The General Commission on the General Conference office on the mezzanine level of the building; the mezzanine here just up one flight of escalators. The commission office is there and past the commission office the treasurer's office is in the far northwest corner. Delegates from the Central Conferences, that is from lands other than the U.S., who may have some special needs are encouraged to go to that office. We have a staff person there--a staff person related to the treasurer's office who will be equipped to help you with any special needs that you have.

The travel expense vouchers, if you traveled by car, it's 27.5 cents per mile up to 1,000 miles round trip. If you are driving more than a thousand miles round trip, it's either mileage or it's whatever would have been cheapest for you to travel by air. We'll reimburse at the cheapest level. If you traveled by car, you may claim actual expenses for meals and lodging en route up to $62 per day for the per diem. If the chairpersons will hand in all the expense claim forms to the treasurer's office before business begins in tomorrow evening's (that is Wednesday evening's) session, we will get checks to you on Friday. If we don't get them by Wednesday evening, we don't know if we'll get them to you on Friday.

Now, presumably on Friday you will all get expense checks. Let me tell you how to get money for them. It's very simple. You go to the Liberty National Bank on West Jefferson Street across the street from the convention center. We have established an account there. The checks will be drawn on that. They should be cashed with no problems at all. If, in addition to the expense reimbursement checks you'll receive, you want to cash personal checks, you may do so for up to $100 per check, provided you first go to the treasurer's office and have one of us who are authorized at the bank initial it. In effect, we are guaranteeing your check so that the bank does not have to get nervous with checks coming in from a variety of places in the world. The bank's open from 9 to 4, Monday through Thursday, 9 to 5 on Friday. The treasurer's office, the General Conference treasurer's office is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at least five days a week and maybe more than that.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Thank you.

LUTRICK: The commission wishes to express our thanks and appreciation to Robert Lear and the staff of the United

Methodist Communications for their coverage of General Conference, to the Louisville local committee for their work prior to and during this conference and to Richard Peck and the publishing house for production and distribution of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. I report to you that the commission has responded to an invitation of Bishop Roy L. Sano in the Denver Area and has selected Denver, CO, for the site of the General Conference for April 16-26, 1996. Thank you for the privilege of serving the General Conference. Bishop, I move the reception of this entire report.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Yes, Microphone 8, please.

JOHN BUXTON (reserve delegate, Detroit): Is this the time to propose an amendment for the general plan of organization or am I premature?

LUTRICK: That's for the committee on plan of organization, Bishop.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Proceed. Thank you. If you approve the full report, please raise your hand. If you oppose, by the same sign. Report has been approved. I turn now to the report of the Committee on Planning of Organization Rules of Order. Dr. William McCartney, please, chairperson.

WILLIAM A. McCARTNEY (East Ohio): Bishop and members and friends of the General Conference. The report of the Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order is found in your *Advance DCA* beginning on p. 83. Over the past quadrennium, our committee has been grateful for our role as your servants in preparing for this general conference. As we have done our work on your behalf, we have grown in our appreciation of the General Conference, and of the work and the diligence of delegates and others who are a part of that General Conference. In doing our work, we have been aware of what we might call our own quadrilateral. We have been indebted to the traditions of the General Conference. We have been aware of the reasoning of helpful suggestions that have come to us from those who were a part of the 1988 General Conference. We have benefited from the considerable experience of members of our committee. One member, for instance, is here now in what I calculate to be his 9th consecutive General Conference. One other is a person who has served on this committee (Plan of Organization and Rules of Order) over a number of quadrenniums. That coupled with the experience and expertise of persons like Carolyn Marshall and DeWayne Woodring has been a part of that valuable experience. And we have also what I would call a scripturallike commitment to the general conference to be an agent of God's church.

Out of that, I think, has come a set of rules and the perspective that is both well-grounded and also set to be very dynamic and very much alive. The faith in Christ that is a part of all of us, built upon our form of the quadrilateral, is also that which is alive and growing. Perhaps there are several ways that I can illustrate the dynamic quality of any sets of rules. As DeWayne indicated to you, we are now in the second quadrennium of using electronic balloting. The rules of order indicate electronic balloting as one of the alternatives to ballot by hand. In fact, it is our expectation that from this point on all balloting, even on some of the simplest of issues, would be done by electronic means so that no presiding bishop needs to make the decision about whether or not this is or is not a matter deserving of that kind of balloting.

Secondly, we realize that in every previous General Conference the rules that are used to govern deliberations begin in a somewhat generous basis in terms of a variety of things, like the number of speeches for and against, the length of speeches, and the rules that govern the consent calendar. It is not very long into the deliberations of plenary session in the second week when the tyranny of time begins to take over and the rules are changed oftentimes from the floor. And so, as one way of trying to establish a realistic middle ground, the committee has suggested some changes in the definition of consent calendar and you would find that in Rule 27.

And still, people ask us questions and call for changes even now. One person noted that Rule 35, which calls for an automatic vote on any motion after there have been 3 speeches for and 3 speeches against a particular motion, is more than ample for many of the issues and motions that may come before us, but may not be adequate for those small handful of issues that are very weighty and considerable in importance. I think you would understand that no writing of rules could anticipate and articulate every circumstance that would ever come before us in that regard. But in contrast to that or perhaps as a companion to that, I remind you that Rule 37 provides the opportunity for the General Conference to suspend rules for that small singular number of issues which may require for an extension of debate.

Another thoughtful delegate called me recently concerned about the fact that membership on the legislative committees is not always equally balanced between lay and clergy delegates. Now, that alignment of persons on that committee comes because of another sacred element in the life of the General Conference, the right of delegates to choose according to their sequence of having been elected to General Conference. If the General Conference were to seek to change one sacred rule for another, the way that you would do that would be to signal that to the Committee on the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order that will be elected at this General Conference and that will be at work for you in the ensuing quadrennium.

All of this, I think, is by way of saying that rules cannot anticipate every legislative exigency. There is no guarantee of perfection. And particularly, there is no guarantee for the mood and the spirit of the way that we operate. The most effective contributions to that will be found in the diligence in the work that all of us have done in preparation for this event, the graciousness of Christ that we would hope would be permeating through all of the discussion and all of the debate, and finally the prayerful commitment of each one of us to seek and articulate God's will for our lives, individually and corporately.

In that regard, it is our hope that our laborers in this document will be your ally in all the work during these weeks, and thus, Bishop, I move the adoption of our report.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Yes, thank you. Microphone No. 7.

VICTOR W. GOLDSCHMIDT: (North Indiana) We are looking at p. 97, rule 17. Mr. Bishop, I have 2 comments. One is a typo, and the next will be an amendment, if I may. Is a typo first on a rule 17 I believe should be referring to rule 11.4, not to 11.3. Now if I may make an amendment, I believe that for the purpose of clarification it would help if we inserted the following words in p. 100, left column, item 2, p. 100 left column, item 2 of rule 35; line 5 where it says that after 3 speeches for and 3 against, a question shall be put automatically, I move to amend that to read as follows: that after 3 speeches for and 3 against and provided no secondary mo-

tions come before the floor, the question shall be put automatically.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Yes, you heard the amendment.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Could I explain that in case there is no second?

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Is this being seconded, please?

McCARTNEY: It has been seconded, please speak the amendment, please.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Bill, what this permits us is to realize that there may be times where 3 speeches jump in for, 3 speeches against. An attempt for an amendment is not heard. It has not allowed any further discussion on the primary motion, but if an amendment comes forth, it allows discussion of that, starting a new cycle. I think that it is already implicit the way the document reads, but I want it to be very clear.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Yes, you heard the amendment. The chair wants to speak.

McCARTNEY (chairman of the committee): I would simply say in response to Dr. Goldschmidt that there's a sense in which what he raises is relevant. I think that the experience has shown us that by and large, secondary motions usually emerge before there have been 6 speeches. If it is believed by the body that that is not so, the body has the opportunity to add such an amendment.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Yes, if you approve the amendment, please vote when the light appears. The amendment has been approved. (The vote is 426 yes, 425 no, 29 abstained. The amendment was approved.)

Microphone No. 4.

GRAYSON ATHA (West Ohio): I'm deeply concerned that in the legislative section on ordained and diaconal ministry that the clergy outnumber the lay 3 to 1. I, therefore, want to make the motion using an esteemed colleague's words. Mr. McCartney, I'd like to send a signal. I move that the Rules Committee consider the method of assigning persons to legislative sections so that the balance of lay and clergy would reflect the great tradition of our church in having equal representation.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: It has been seconded. Are you speaking for future meetings or for these reports?

ATHA: I'm just speaking so that this matter may get before us.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: I think you should speak for the report or to the report before us.

ATHA: I'm making a recommendation for the future.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: After the report has been presented, you can make your motion, please. Yes microphone No. 8, please.

JOHN BUXTON (Detroit Conference): I move to amend by addition, general plan of organization. Old section Roman numeral 9, now proposed section Roman numeral 10. Delegates' expense accounts. This is on pp. 93 and 94 of the *DCA* Advance Edition 1. New paragraph "C" as in Charlie. For the dates General Conference is in session, no General Conference delegate shall receive expense money from the general church or any of its boards and agencies other than the approved per diem and travel expense available to all delegates. This provision does not apply to members of a body required by the *Discipline* to convene at annual conference. This provision is not to restrict financial assistance to delegates from their own annual conferences.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: You heard the motion.

BUXTON: I believe I heard a support at the right.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: I didn't hear any support. You can speak louder, please.

BUXTON: My rationale, currently members of a general agency or a committee of a general agency can vote to convene a meeting at the cite of General Conference and pay its members' full expenses. This, in fact, did occur at the 1988 General Conference. These expenses have exceeded the approved per diem and travel expenses. I believe that all delegates to General Conference should be entitled to receive the same per diem and same travel expenses as all other delegates from the general church.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Yes, you heard the motion. If you approve this motion, please vote when the lights appear.

(The motion is yes 709, no 191, abstained 25. It has been carried).

The motion has been approved. Yes, microphone No. 3, please.

BILL HINES (West Ohio): Bishop, I've got a question. The 1988 General Conference approved a modification to rule 29. It does not appear in rule 29 as it is recorded on pp. 28 and 29. The action that I refer to is recorded on p. 117 of the 1988 *DCA*. I have a copy here if you wish to see it. That action is as follows: At the end of rule 29 after the word "priorities" insert before the period a comma and the words "unless it is given special instruction by the General Conference." I would like to ask the chair whether this clause will be added to the rule in accordance with that action taken or should we act on it again now?

McCARTNEY: Bill, would you make the reference again, please? I didn't follow that, and others may not have.

HINES: This was in 1988, p. 117 of the *DCA*, and this particular change, Bill, was made at that time, but it is not recorded presently.

McCARTNEY: In the rules?

HINES: Yes, it is. Rule 29, correction.

McCARTNEY: We did not have that in front of us, and I would not be sure why we did not. Our committee certainly believed that we had in front of us the rules by which the 1988 General Conference had operated, and we used that as the basis as going from there. It is true that no one General Conference can bind a succeeding one. So what is before us is appropriate action for us now.

HINES: Do you agree with that, Bishop? And if it is, I would like to make a motion.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Yes, please.

HINES: I move that at the end of rule 29 after the word priorities.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: This is point no. 1; rule 29, point no. 1?

HINES: That's right, 29, No. 1.

Insert before the period a comma and the words "unless it is given special instructions by the General Conference." If there's a second, I will give the reasons for that.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: It is seconded.

HINES: The argument in favor of this amendment is the same as it was when it was made four years ago. It makes the authority of the conference to instruct the committee explicitly. There may well be situations where in order to facilitate its overall work, the conference wishes to give a committee specific instructions with regard to timing or some other matter related to priorities or some other issue. This makes the authority of the conference explicit without violating the other provisions of this rule. Therefore, I urge that the conference adopt this amendment.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: First, you heard the amendment; please vote when the lights appear. The amendment passes.

(752 yes, 116 no, 57 abstain). Any other question on this plan of organization, Rules of Order? Go to the microphone, No. 5, please.

GUS GUSTAFSON (North Georgia): Bishop, my name is Gus Gustafson from the North Georgia Conference. I am a layman. I have an amendment to rule 8; it's found on p. 96 of the *DCA*; it's in two parts. Part 1, in the first sentence after the words, "no longer than 3 minutes," insert the words, "on a main or substitute motion, 2 minutes on an amendment or 1 minute on an amendment to an amendment". And in part 2, in the last sentence delete the words "3 minutes" and insert in their place the word "time". Rule 8 would then read as follows, "No member shall speak a second time on the same question if any member who has not spoken desires the floor, no more than twice on the same subject under the same motion, and no longer than 3 minutes on a main or substitute motion, 2 minutes on an amendment, or 1 minute on an amendment to an amendment." That refers to rule 35.2. This time limit may be amended by a majority of the conference at any time and for any period of duration. If there is a second, I would like speak to this amendment.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: It has been seconded.

GUSTAFSON: Do I have a second?

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Yes.

GUSTAFSON: All right. This amendment to rule 8, together with rules 21 and 35, will provide for orderly debate and consideration of the issues. In previous General Conferences, members have often moved amendments in order to make speeches on the main motion. Then the only way to get things stopped was to move the previous question on all before us. That tactic is an abuse of our rules. This amendment would shorten those speeches and amendments and would encourage the members to make their speeches on the main motion when it is properly under consideration. Therefore, I urge the conference to adopt this amendment.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: You have the amendment. Microphone No. 4, please.

ROBERT CASEY (Virginia): Bishop, I would oppose this motion which is made. It seems to me that there are many times that the amendments are more important sometimes than the main motions and they alter significantly the things that are being discussed. All of us have concern for time. I think we have found ways in times past to cut off debate, and I do not think this motion is necessary.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Yes. You have the amendment before you. Please vote when the lights appear. The amendment is not approved. (Yes-298, No-592, Abstain-27) Let's go back to the report, the full report with the committee and plan organization Rules of Order. Microphone No. 6, please.

V.L. DAUGHTERY JR. (South Georgia): Clergy. I refer to p. 93, section 9. I would like to add these words on line 3, "when any proposal is submitted to the General Conference to establish an interim or continuing board, commission, or committee, and at that point the proposal shall state an estimated cost of the proposal, and before final action is taken by the General Conference establishing such board, commission, or committee, said proposal shall be referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration or its executive committee with a request that it bring to General Conference an estimated budget of the expense of the operation of the proposed board, commission, or committee for the next quadrennium, and a statement of how the adoption of such proposal..." and so forth.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: You heard the amendment here.

DAUGHTERY: If I could have a second.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: It has been seconded.

DAUGHTERY: I would simply like to say in times past while debate is under way, we have been debating proposals for study committees and we had no idea of what the cost of such a study committee was going to be. In a previous General Conference I asked the question of the person making that proposal, and in honesty that person said, "I have no idea." I think in a local church we better have an idea of what something is going to cost, and I hope in the General Conference we will be as sensitive to the cost of studies. Thank you.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: You have the amendment. Please vote when the lights appear. Thus the amendment passes. (699-Yes, 200-No, 15-Abstained) Thus, you have the report of the committee before you as amended. If you approve the full report, please vote when the lights appear. The full report. The report has been approved. (860-Yes, 17-No, 10-Abstained)

McCARTNEY (chairman): That completes our work, Bishop; thank you.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Thank you. I turn now to the Committee on Nominations and Elections. With their report. Yes, please, microphone No. 4.

ATHA: Clergy. Do I understand that I would be in order to make this motion now concerning the legislative sections?

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Yes, you are in order, please.

ATHA: Ok. I move that the Rules Committee of 1996 consider the method of assigning persons to legislative sections so that the balance of lay and clergy would reflect the great tradition of our church and have an equal representation.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: You have heard the motion. It has been seconded.

ATHA: I love The United Methodist Church and one thing I love about it is that we are so careful in being fair in commissions, in agencies. We make certain that not only we have a balance of clergy-laity, but the wide variety of people in God's creation. In legislative sections in that one unordained ministry, it's 3 to 1 in clergy. I realize that that may not happen every time. It did happen the last general conference and I'm here because I hope it will not happen in another General Conference. I know all issues are brought to this group that's equal between lay and clergy. However, a great deal goes on in the legislative sections and it seems to me to be a point that we need to consider carefully that in those sessions where these issues are thrashed out that there be more of a balance than appears at least in this section this year. Thank you.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Yes, microphone No. 6.

BEN FEEMSTER (Central Texas): There are many of us in our conferences that have just enough delegates, both lay and clergy combined, to have one representative on each committee. Many of us would rather have a representative from our conference on each committee than to be limited to the number of committees by balancing lay and clergy. When delegates choose their committees, also, the laity could choose the Committee on Ordained and Diaconal Ministry if it so chose.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Microphone No. 2, please. No. 2. In the back, the delegate who's coming now. You wait for the next one.

CHARLES SAYRE (Southern New Jersey): A member of the Rules Committee. Just recalling Mr. McCartney's statement

that the right of a delegate to choose his committee is a very precious right. The second factor is the mechanics of this. I can't imagine how this would be balanced without totally changing the way we select our committees. We usually convene after an annual conference and we have the right of free choice. Who is going to tell us how to balance it? We'd create a nightmare of supervision, and I don't think the conference secretary could instruct the delegates when we are choosing committees how to decide. I think both that this takes away a fundamental right, and second, it is an administrative, nightmare and I would hope to oppose the motion.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Microphone No. 2, please.

J. LAVON KINCAID (Western Pennsylvania): My query is if I vote in favor of this motion, does this mean the spirit will also be, for example, to be sensitive for a balance of inclusion in regards to ethnicity and gender? That's the question.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Do you also want to speak for the amendment? If you approve the amendment. I'm sorry, you speak for this amendment. Please vote when the lights appear. That's a good exercise. The amendment is not approved. (136-Yes, 795-No, 10-Abstain) May I call upon the coordinator of the calendar to present nominations and elections?

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Bishop, I place in nomination the name of John M. Broad III as coordinator of calender.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Yes, you heard the nomination; is there any other nomination? Please vote when the light appears. The nomination has been approved. The Committee on the Plan Organization and Rules of Order, Bishop Talbert.

BISHOP MELVIN G. TALBERT: Bishop and members of the General Conference, on behalf of the Council of Bishops, I place in nomination the following persons for the committee of Plan of Organization and Rules, and I apologize and the secretary does as well that we don't have these names before you, but: Richard Hamilton (North Central), Harvey Manchester (Northeast), Marvin McReynolds (South Central), Jerry Bray (Southeast), Robert Stevens (Western), David Quee (Central Conference); and then the at-large category: Edna Williams, Carmen Carrico, Sandra Dufresne, and Phylemon Titus.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: You heard the nominations for the Committee on the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order. Please vote when the light appears. The names have been elected to this committee. (870-Yes, 30-No, 45-Abstain) The report of the committee on the agenda, perhaps you can take up that matter that I raised in the beginning.

UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: Yes.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Please, meet on the agenda.

DONALD OTT (Wisconsin): Bishop de Carvalho and members of the conference, I am Don Ott, the chairperson of the Agenda Committee, elected yesterday. Your Agenda Committee named ex officio and by members of the Council of Bishops desires to serve you in the days ahead by assisting you in the use of time. That has been a commodity that has already in our time today been identified by many of you as a concern with your motions and conversation. Time, we look at in the committee as a gift of God, who sets the boundaries of our living and our dying, even as boundaries are set for our time together as General Conference. We hope in the days ahead to enable you to move together toward knowing the mind of God on the matters that are before us. As chair of the committee, I will be reporting to you daily the Agenda Committee's recommendations. I would remind you of the Plan of Organization VIII.A.(1) which directs that all matters not included in the regular business of the conference be referred to the Agenda Committee without motion or without debate. The agenda for this evening has already been set by your action and the proposal from the Commission of the General Conference. We will be together tonight at 7:45 for hymn sing, at 8:15 for the Episcopal Address. You have also already set part of the agenda for tomorrow beginning at 8:30 a.m. a 30-minute period for worship, then at 9:00 a 30-minute period for the Laity Address. I bring the recommendation from the Agenda Committee that the balance of the morning tomorrow be utilized in the following manner: at 9:30, for a 5-minute period, 2 elections: the Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, and the trustees of the John Street Church. Then at 9:35, for a 30-minute period, persons who are prepared to lead in a response to the Rodney King verdict; that to be followed by necessary reports of the Agenda Committee, the Presiding Officers Committee, and then adjournment to the legislative committees at 10:10 a.m.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: You heard the recommendation, microphone No. 10, please.

JIM LAWSON (California Pacific): I wish to amend the agenda committee's report for tomorrow morning with the following amendment, or substitute motion matter, that the Wednesday morning plenary act of the Laity Address be devoted to the issue of the conference's response to what has been titled the "Rodney King Trial". Secondly, that Wednesday be designated a day of prayer or fasting by the General Conference for all who can fast. And then three, that before the General Conference adjourns, one of the scheduled worship services becomes a service of reconciliation and healing in the Native American tradition. I make this as an amendment and if there is a second, I would like to address it.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: It has been seconded.

LAWSON: I don't . . . I hesitate using the term, "Rodney King event" because, I think that as one coming from Los Angeles and living through part of those days, and with a congregation where there is a tremendous amount of activity going on in service of relief, legal services, and with a concern for justice, that I don't quite see it as a Rodney King event. I see it as a burning bush event, ala Exodus the third chapter, that indeed God has again brought a kaironic moment to the church and to the nation, and needs to have some of us hearing and recognizing that this is not just an ordinary urban affair. It is rather God arresting our attention and asking us, or rather calling us to the fact that there is holy ground in our nation, and that we need to stop and see what is happening. And so it's a call also to repentance, and we need that desperately in our land. When we talk about police brutality or excessive use of force, or when we talk about the pain, we ought to recognize what went on in Los Angeles was so diverse across the massive metropolitan area that it was more than all of that. It represents the pain in our society, the pain of violence, family abuse, the murder rates, the suicide rates. Those folk who burn, they are responding in a society of violence, not simply a society of racism. And we, I think, that the General Conference would be remiss if we came here and simply adopted the agenda we have been adopting for the last year and did not

spend some time fasting and praying and then also some time in plenary talking about it. There are indeed literally any number of people in this conference who know something about what this represents and would help us to understand it, so that perhaps the General Conference could find an agenda for mission and evangelism that indeed might make a difference in the life of the church, in the life of this nation, and in the life of our world.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: You heard the amendment. Microphone 13, microphone 13.

PHILLIP WOGAMAN (Baltimore): Clergy. I strongly support this motion, but I want to make an inquiry whether there is implicit here an opportunity for the General Conference to make a statement publicly about these events, and I note that there would be no petition in our preliminary material that would be in that form. And therefore my inquiry, Bishop, is whether there would be need now for a motion to suspend the rules to permit those who wish to draft such a statement to the church and nation from this body.

OTT: Bishop, perhaps I can help. The Agenda Committee received a request from several people for the time allotment tomorrow. They indicated to us that they were prepared to bring to the conference such a statement that had been worked out by groupings at the conference site. I believe, therefore, that that would be a part of that presentation that was originally proposed.

WOGAMAN: The people who do this will bring such a motion to suspend the rules properly.

OTT: No, that they were planning to bring a statement which then could become the property of the conference if it desired to do that.

WOGAMAN: All right.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Yes, microphone 14.

MAXIE DUNNAM (Memphis): I would also like to support the motion, but if it is passed, I would like to amend that the fast day be on Thursday. Some of us have joined with Methodists around the world in fasting after the style of Mr. Wesley, beginning the fast on Thursday evening and continuing through noon on Friday.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: If the maker of the motion agrees with this amendment . . . microphone 10, please.

LAWSON: Jim Lawson, Cal-Pac. Yes, we will accept that amendment of the fast day from Thursday evening through Friday noon.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Microphone No. 4. No. 9, go to microphone No. 9, please.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER (French): [unintelligible].

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Your conference, please.

SPEAKER: [unintelligible].

BISHOP de CARVALHO: [unintelligible] Not yet. You can speak, you can speak [unintelligible] but don't wait for you.

SPEAKER: Merci, monsieur.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Thank you very much.

(translated from French)

I want to support the motion that has been made. I think we all have interest in supporting this motion. Because in the beginning we refer to the ministry of the Christians. Each time we have to make such an important decision, we need to pray to the Lord. This is a great decision and I don't know if we can imagine how great a decision we are going to make. We need to humble ourselves before the Lord so that he can assist us. Thus the event, the motion before you. If you approve the motion . . .

OTT: Bishop . . .

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Yes, please.

OTT: I did not hear the specification of a time allotment in the motion. My understanding was a designation of the plenary tomorrow.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: And the fasting on Friday.

OTT: Thursday, I believe. My question to you is, if there is a time allotment set along with the motion, the plenary tomorrow was scheduled to conclude after the laity address.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: The motion was that this be done after the presentation of the laity address was the motion made.

OTT: For what period of time?

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Microphone No. 10, please.

LAWSON: The intention and intent, the intent of our motion is that the plenary after the Laity Address to the remainder of time for the plenary of tomorrow morning.

OTT: Then I would say that that is consistent with the Agenda Committee's report which indicated a time until 10:10 a.m.

LAWSON: The plenary in the morning, then, does not go on until 12:30. It goes on until 10:10?

OTT: That's correct, it's scheduled now only until the end of the Laity Address or 9:30 a.m. Our recommendation as a committee to you was to extend it for a 30-minute period plus some elections that would take it until 10:10 a.m., then to legislative committees which has been the pattern and is now established.

LAWSON: Then I think the intention of the motion is that it would be for the entirety of that morning.

OTT: That's what I was trying to clarify. Thank you.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Please vote when the light appears. (514-Yes, 376-No, 19-Abstain) The amendment has been approved.

OTT: Bishop, I understand then that if the Agenda Committee report is adopted as amended, the conference should plan to be in session here until 12:30 noon.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: That's right. Yes. If you approve the report on the committee on Agenda as amended, please vote when the light appears. (620-Yes, 272-No, 10-Abstain). The report has been approved. I may call upon again Bishop Talbert, you forgot one item in our agenda. He is going to speak for it.

BISHOP MELVIN G. TALBERT: In keeping paragraph 604 of *The Book of Discipline* it is the responsibility of the Council of Bishops to place in nomination secretary of the General Conference, and in behalf of the Council of Bishops, I place in nomination the name, Carolyn Marshall.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Yes. Other nominations shall be permitted from the floor. You heard the nomination for secretary designate. Any other nomination? Please vote when the light appears. (872-Yes, 39-No, 19-Abstain.) The name of Carolyn Marshall has been elected secretary designate for this General Conference. Any other business, announcements?

CAROLYN MARSHALL: Yes, Bishop, there are two announcements. One, the Committee on Plan Organization and Rules of Order which was just elected will meet tonight at 9:15 in room 115 and in addition, there will be a meeting of the officers who will be elected in the legislative committees just a little bit later this afternoon along with the coordinators,

the legislative coordinators in room 114 also at 9:15 this evening.

BISHOP de CARVALHO: Thank you. If no other business, let me thank all of you for this lifetime opportunity to preside the opening session of this General Conference. Thank you very much. This has been a very rewarding experience. You stand adjourned. You walk to your committees and please close the day or the afternoon in your own committee. You stand adjourned.

Tuesday Evening
May 5, 1992

Bishop Robert H. Spain, presiding

BISHOP ROBERT H. SPAIN: While the choir is finding their places, I think you would want to know that last week at the Council of Bishops meeting, Bishop Garrison arrived in Lexington and was immediately notified that his daughter had been killed in an automobile accident. Bishop Garrison's daughter was the mother of Ron Kauffmann who has been leading us tonight, and I would want you to know and keep him in your prayers. Thank you, Ron, for being here and helping us to celebrate in such a fine way.

Twelve short walks from where we sit tonight, one of the great leaders of The United Methodist Church was born. That leader is with us tonight in the person of Bishop Roy Short. There is no person here that is any nearer home than Roy Short right here tonight. And what a privilege it is for us. He's my bishop. He's the bishop for many of you. And what a privilege to have him to open our service tonight with prayer. Bishop Short.

BISHOP ROY SHORT: Let us pray.

(prayer)

BISHOP SPAIN: In the bylaws of the Council of Bishops, there is a paragraph that dictates that the Episcopal Address to the General Conference will be given by one of the members of that council. And that person is chosen by ballot. It is not a seniority system; it doesn't rotate by jurisdictions, but by ballot that bishop is chosen. The bishop chosen to deliver the address from the Council of Bishops to this group tonight is Bishop C. Dale White. Bishop White has served as a pastor, as a district superintendent, and as a staff member of a general agency. In 1976 he was elected to the episcopacy, consecrated, and served and had presidential responsibilities over the New Jersey Area for 8 years and is just completing 8 years in the New York Area. It is a privilege for the Council of Bishops to bring you this address tonight and it is to be given by Bishop C. Dale White, and I wish you would greet him at this moment.

BISHOP C. DALE WHITE: (Episcopal Address, p. 88)

BISHOP SPAIN: Thank you, Bishop White. We heard you carefully tonight, and we will look forward to reading your words as we have those before us, and hopefully you have set a tone for this entire conference. We thank you very, very much. I call on Dr. Allen Norris for a report from the Presiding Officers' Committee.

ALLEN NORRIS (North Carolina): Bishop Spain and members of the General Conference, it will be the procedure of your Committee on Presiding Officers to announce daily the presiding officers for the succeeding day. We are pleased tonight to announce that the presiding bishop for tomorrow morning session's will be Bishop William B. Lewis of the Dakotas Area.

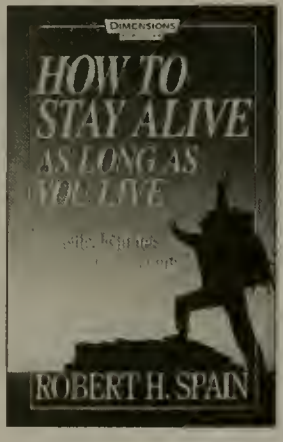
BISHOP SPAIN: Thank you very much, and you will do that every day, Allen, is this right? Thank you very much. Mrs. Marshall, do you have announcements for us tonight? Tomorrow morning at 8:15, the choir from the Apache, Ok, United Methodist Church will be here to lead us in our worship and in our singing. Bishop Schowengerdt will be our preacher in the morning, and I hope that all of you are in your places by 8:15 for this morning worship. This will set the tone for the things that we are about. We've waited a long time for you to come to Louisville as I said to you today; now it seems with the communion service, the organization of the afternoon, the Episcopal Address tonight, we are on our way. I hope that you will keep all of our deliberations firmly in your minds and souls as you enter into your prayer times, and that we can be led by God's spirit to do what is right for his church. Mr. Kaiser, I want us to close tonight with a song, with a hymn. I am not sure that that is on our agenda. Where is Mr. Kaiser? Somewhere here. Over here. If you would lead us, sir, I think it would set us on our way.

KAISER: Please stand and join me in singing one verse of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

(Adjournment)



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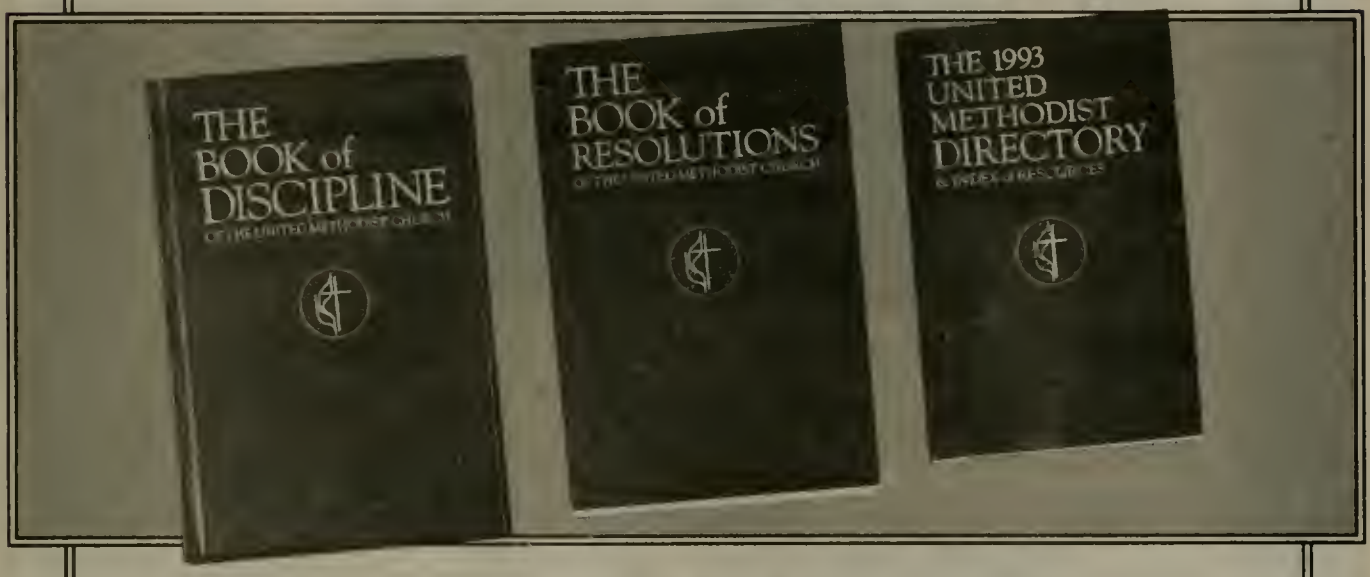
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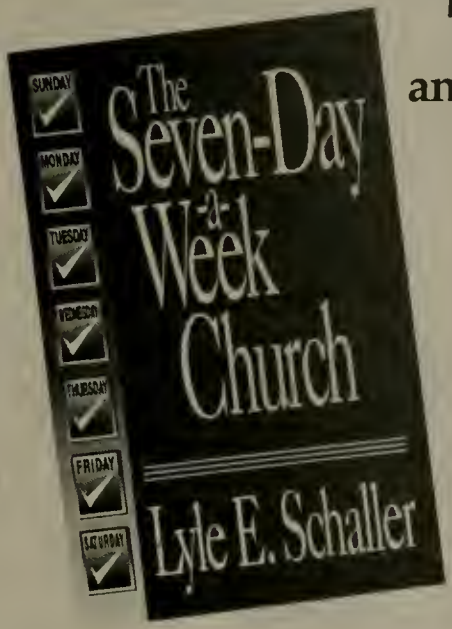
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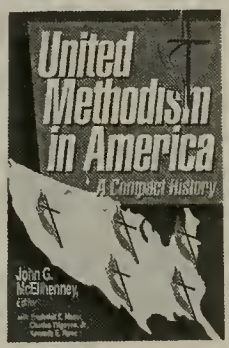
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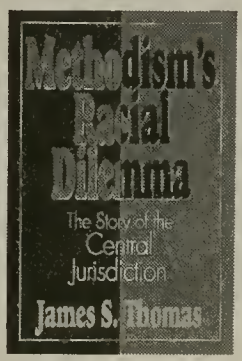
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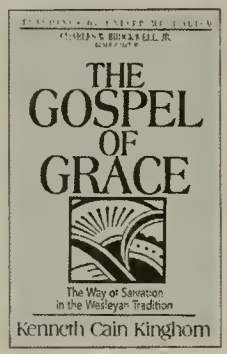
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L.A. Concerns Quicken Historic Action

By substantial majorities, the General Conference Tuesday endorsed a multi-point response to issues of justice and peace raised by the verdict in the Rodney King trial.

Some details remain to be worked out, including the text of a resolution to be considered later. Vote margins of three to one or better on the main points appeared to indicate clearly the mind of the church's top legislative assembly.

Included in the proposed response are:

* a pastoral letter from the Council of Bishops to the more than 41,000 congregations around the world asking that Pentecost weekend (June 6-7) be a weekend of prayer and fasting, with an offering to be shared between annual conferences and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR);

* a message to the nation from General Conference;

* creation of a "Shalom Zone" in Los Angeles--the rebuilding of a strategically located city block or its equivalent with the necessary buildings, businesses, and social services needed for "life, liberty, and the pursuit of meaning";

* a 24-hour fast by delegates beginning Thursday afternoon, with money that is saved to be used at the discretion of UMCOR or the Council of Bishops for assistance in ravaged areas of Los Angeles (UMCOR has established an Advance Special number of 901735-2 for contributions toward relief in Los Angeles);

* a review of all pending legislation to identify points relating to the issues raised by the King trial.

More than three hours were devoted to the presentations by an ad hoc committee of Western Jurisdiction delegates and others prior to the balloting on the recommendations. The delegates had approved on Tuesday the setting aside of their scheduled Wednesday morning legislative committee meetings.

Included in the presentations was a history-making moment when the delegates and visitors formed small groups to discuss the issues. Veteran observers of as many as 15 previous General Conferences said they never had seen such groups in a plenary session.

A "call to repentance and action" from the ad hoc committee said, "We stand in the tradition of John Wesley, who went into the places where people were helpless, wounded, and disenfranchised to live out and preach salvation and social holiness.... Our confession must move us now to repentance and action."

The statement urges the U.S. Department of Justice to move "with all immediacy to investigate civil rights violations in Los Angeles and other cities." The church, the ad hoc delegation said, must "explore and develop working relationships with community, social, and political leaders to address issues of employment and economic need."

In a role that recalled his leadership as a young pastor against racism more than two decades ago during a special session of the General Conference in St. Louis, the Rev. James Lawson called on United Methodists to "hear the voice of the church to transform a violent society." Lawson, pastor of Holman United Methodist Church in Los Angeles, chaired the ad hoc committee.

"The fires, death, and destruction have affected all our communities," he said. "But worse than this shock is the pathology of American racism. Our society is teaching millions of people that their lives are worthless."

In Lawson's opinion, nothing--even in the 1960s--"equals the impact and depth of this experience."

United Methodists in Los Angeles already have taken offerings and set up "saving stations" for assisting with food, medicine, transportation, and other

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Agenda

Thursday, May 7

8:30	a.m.	Worship
9:00	a.m.	Africa University
9:20	a.m.	Courtesies Committee
9:25	a.m.	Committee on Agenda
		Committee on Presiding Officers
		Announcements
9:30	a.m.	Plenary Adjournment
9:45	a.m	Legislative Committees
2:30	p.m.	Legislative Committees
7:30	p.m	Legislative Committees

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needs. Much additional financial assistance is needed, Lawson said.

Other speakers represented the points of view of other racial and ethnic minorities in The United Methodist Church.

The Tuesday business session opened with the Laity Address by Ruby Farish, Tulsa, Okla. She called on United Methodist laypersons to get up off their apathy, move out of their churches, and start applying their Christianity to challenges in their communities. If this is done, she said, the world will become a better place.

The "voices of the faithful call out to us today to become ignited with the spark of the Holy Spirit as we participate in the ongoing, creative Kingdom of God," Farish said. "I believe that as we move from private faith to public responsibility, we United Methodist laity are increasingly assuming our priesthood. It is a priesthood that believes in the redemption of the world, not the redemption of the church."

The delegates will devote most of Thursday to meeting in legislative committees. A brief plenary on Thursday morning will include a report on Africa University.

— Robert Lear

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"Jim Lawson Live" Captured L.A. Crisis

May 7, 7 a.m. and 9 p.m., "Jim Lawson Live— Special Edition" and General Conference News Update

Within hours of the beginning of last week's Los Angeles crisis, United Methodist Communications and the Vision Interfaith Satellite Network (VISN) made plans to air a special program dealing with national and local reactions to the events in California.

As a result, on April 30 at 7 p.m., the Rev. James M. Lawson Jr., "Jim Lawson Live" host and California-Pacific Conference delegate, opened the telephone lines and the microphones to people across the United States.

The response was heartwarming. Callers represented diverse geographical regions, races, religions, and walks of life. The tone was reflective and conciliatory. The church heard from the people. The audience witnessed a thoughtful, strong Christian response from The United Methodist Church as well as the callers' views.

This was not network television with sound bites. It was the church speaking responsibly and at length.

Delegates and visitors can see a rerun of this program in their hotel rooms at 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. May 7 over the following channels: Brown Hotel, Channel 8; Galt House/Galt House East, Channel 16; Holiday Inn Downtown, Channel 6; Hyatt, Channel 4; Seelbach, Channel 14; and other hotels, Visitel channels.

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Handbell Choirs To Lead Thursday Worship Services



The St. James UMC Celebration ringers from Little Rock, Ark., will help lead worship today.

The Celebration Ringers from St. James United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Ark., and the 1991 Lake Junaluska Fellowship Ringers will lead the two Thursday worship services. Both choirs are under the direction of Felix and Martha Lynn Thompson, diaconal ministers of music at St. James. Martha Lynn Thompson will also serve as organist for both services.

In July 1991, the Thompsons were the handbell clinicians at the national convocation of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship, Music and the Other Arts at Lake Junaluska, N.C. Twenty-six adult ringers/directors from across the United States were selected from the 48 that auditioned for places in the advanced handbell choir. In three one-hour rehearsals, this group prepared music to share in one of the convocation worship services. After a 10-month separation, the group members have come to Louisville at their own expense from 13 states.

The Celebration Ringers are a select group of senior high school students. Each year this choir, along with three of the other 11 handbell choirs at the church, participate in either the regional or the national American Guild of English Handbell Ringers festivals. They have toured extensively and have twice presented concerts in the Washington National Cathedral. The Celebration Ringers have been chosen twice by the Harold Flammer Publishing Co. and Omnisound, subsidiaries of Shawnee Press, to make recordings in a select series of handbell records and tapes.

Felix Thompson is the church's choral director; Martha Lynn Thompson is the organist. They have served St. James as music directors since shortly after its founding in 1969. Their ministry of music encompasses 16 choirs with more than 450 participants. The handbells encourage teamwork; help develop self-control, dependability, and self-confidence; and allow ringers to share their talents.

Preaching in the 8:30 a.m. service of worship will be Bishop Felton E. May of the Harrisburg Area. Phyllis Elizabeth May will be the liturgist.

At the 2:30 p.m. service in Trinity United Methodist Church, the Rev. J. Jeannette Cooper, district superintendent of the Newark District, West Ohio Conference, will preach. She will be assisted by liturgist Don W. Mendenhall of Des Moines, Iowa, administrative assistant to the bishop, Iowa Area.

Ministry of the Laity:

"Serving God in Our Private Lives and Public Responsibilities—Connecting Faith and Action"

by Ruby Galloway Farish



It was early spring. The winter was past. The rains were over and gone, and the time of the singing of birds had come, but Mary Ann and I hardly knew it. We were in deep conversation about Mary Ann's mother's long illness and her death a few days ago. There was a knock at my door. I opened the door, and there stood a rosy-cheeked lad about thirteen years old. He held his hands behind him and he sang out, "Over hill, over dale, my love for you will never fail!"

And then he handed me a huge bouquet of tulips. He said, "Flowergram!"

I replied, "Why, thank you," thinking some friend from last weekend's Walk to Emmaus retreat, some friend was continuing her gift-giving to me. *This must be her young son,* I thought.

So in true Emmaus fashion, I asked, "May I give you a hug?"

He answered, "Well, I'd rather have a tip!"

So, I gave him a dollar and he went whistling down my driveway.

Mary Ann looked at me quizzically. "Ruby, I do believe those flowers came right out of your tulip beds out there by the street. Let's go see!"

Sure enough, the broken stems matched perfectly with the stems in my beautiful flowergram bouquet. We laughed, too. Those tulips would have shattered in the Oklahoma winds had I not opened my front door that day to that innovative lad.

Now, I have found United Methodist laity are innovative, too, but I've never seen a one of them turn down a hug. For years they've come knocking on my door. They've come with a variety of bouquets. But their message has been no con. It has always been the message of grace!

"God's love for you will never fail," sang out Sunday school teachers, Bible studiers, memorizers, quoters, lab schoolers, workshop and seminar presenters, lay witness missioners, ecumenical institutioners, spirit-filled enthusiasts, growth groupers, counselors, pray-ers, disciplers, equippers, worshipers, healers, deployers. I've opened my door to most all of them and have joined hands with many of them. Every one of them have helped give me muscle in my faith development.

But in my Camelot existence, I didn't know what to do with that muscle. So I just mainly snuggled down in blessedly-assured Christian comfort...until the diagnosis of cancer. I was jarred into an abrupt awakening. I was a wife and a mother of three young children. I had to survive.

One impossibly painful day, I instructed my husband, Jay, "Don't you dare let anyone come into our house today. No, not even Sybil."

Do you think that stopped my faithful friend? No way. I heard her gentle knock at my door, then here came her footsteps down the hall.

"Doesn't she know the proper rules for visitation of the sick? She's probably going to have her Bible with her, too, all ready to fix me up."

I turned my head to the wall as she tiptoed in. I heard her settle herself in my old rocking chair. And she started squeaking back and forth...back and forth. I lay motionless, angry, hurting, feeling all lost. Then I heard her rustle the pages of her well-worn book and she began:

"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? Why art thou disquieted?

Hope thou in God who is the health of thy countenance."

"Be of good courage and he shall strengthen thy heart."

"My heart and my flesh faileth, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

On and on she went. At first, I didn't want to listen, but her voice was so gentle, so full of love, I couldn't resist.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil for thou art with me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies..."

And at that point, something very unusual began happening within me. I sensed that my friend was preparing the Lord's Table before me right there, at my

bedside. It was as if she were holding out to me the bread of life, God's word made flesh in her flesh; the wine, aliveness, a new spirit, the promise of healing.

I turned to look into the eyes of my friend. And I remember thinking: "This is a high form of Holy Communion. I will take...I will eat."

At that sacred moment, I determined in my heart that when I got up and out of that bed, I would have a single purpose in my life. I would seek to share that kind of Holy Communion—that love, that word, that presence of Christ--with others in whatever way God would lead me.

It was certainly a clear summons to move from my previous, private Christian lifestyle to a deepening walk of covenant discipleship.

I got well. Vastly different "flowergrams" started arriving at my front door. But this time it was, "Thump, thump!" and "Bump, bump...bump, bump, bump!"

"Who's that knocking at my door?" This time no rosy-cheeked lad.

"It's the world come a'knocking with its motley bouquet, the smelly brokenness of society with its values decay."

I was faced with a decision. Do I dare open up or do I just say go away? I decided to open up and the unexpected began happening. The messages I received at my door sent me scurrying out in all kinds of directions: to the University of Tulsa to become a certified mediator for dispute settlement out of court, to a women's concern center to become a counselor, to the Prison Pre-release Center to help convicts learn basic life skills before their return to the community, and eventually to become a lay chaplain with the Tulsa Police Department. Faith and action certainly had begun to connect for me.

And in October, 1971, my husband came home from his work at the hospital telling about the death of a little baby girl whose mother had battered her against the wall. Our reaction was anger, and horror, and then helplessness.

How could such a violent act be prevented? So I began looking around in Tulsa for an agency that could help a distraught parent who was losing emotional control with her child. I couldn't find any. But I did find there were volunteers to help prevent animal abuse and neglect.

So I decided to invite twenty-two friends to come to my house on Mondays. For five months on Mondays we researched, we invited experts in, and we had workshops. From that small beginning in our den back in 1972, we now have the Parent-Child Center of Tulsa with 31 professionals and many volunteers.

A letter I received in the early days of my work has forever kept me motivated to continue.

"Dear Ruby Farish:

"I read about your work in the newspaper. I am now in my 70s and have never recovered from being an abused child. I refer to physical abuse, awakening in the night as a promised beating was always faithfully administered. One neighbor moved away, and I learned as an adult it was because of my pleas for mercy. It was more than they could stand.

"In those days children had no organized help such as you have established in Tulsa. I have always felt a great deal of shame and have never told anyone of the horror of my childhood. Many were my mother's church activities and her leadership roles in charitable causes. Her favorite Bible verse was, 'Spare the rod and spoil the child.'

"I should hate to reach Heaven were my mother there. The experience of my childhood did not die with her death. My mother had the loveliness of a madonna in the presence of others. Her facade was worthy of an Oscar.

"My entire personality has been formed and shaped because of my childhood fears. In my old age, these memories are becoming more vivid. I pray you will be able to help parents stop hurting their children, but frankly, I don't know. As you see, I still feel shame and am unable to identify myself.

"Sincerely,

"An abused child at 76."

In his book, *A Place for You*, Dr. Paul Tournier maintains that if any person is denied a place of love and security, then that person will become fixed, imprisoned in that place of deprivation. He says, "All of us must receive before giving. We must exist before we can abandon ourselves in faith. Those two movements, giving and receiving, seem to correspond to the inevitable rhythm of life itself."

Jesus described himself as the Son of man who had nowhere to lay his head. But remember, he had a mother full of grace, a father who was attentive to God's direction. There were plenty of brothers and sisters, and evidently Jesus enjoyed an extended family of relatives and friends.

Maybe up until about the age of 30, Jesus had a great place to lay his head. He demonstrates for us how one stage in human development opens up the next.

Many of us laity have found The United Methodist Church to be a great place to lay our heads. In it we find a warm, nurturing community. Together with our brothers and sisters it's easy to declare our Christian discipleship, especially on Sunday morning with a nice hot cup of coffee in our hands.

It's that second movement that gets to be such a tough one for us: keeping our faithfulness in all our human relationships.

Loren Halvorson declares: "There is no individual, private lifestyle for any of God's people. He says we are called to listen to those who shout out, 'the world needs the church for the healing of the world.' And we need to listen just as intently to those who shout, 'No, no, it's the other way around. The church needs the world for the healing of the church.'"

Do you remember the words of Martin Luther King when he answered the critics of his poor people's march on Washington, D.C.? "We have brought Lazarus to the rich man's gate in order to save the soul of the rich man!"

There's a church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where both clergy and laity are convinced that opening up the gates of their church to make a place for others is the very heartbeat of that congregation. That church in-

sists that the success of every ministry of that downtown congregation depends on how well they move from the altar out into the street.

One person describes this church as a "broker of human resources," a place where people let God love them so well, that they become confident and capable of loving and serving others.

That church has a program called "Motivation for Ministry." How does it work? Simple. It only takes four people to respond to an identified community need for a ministry to begin. Of course, other persons are invited to join them.

Here are some samplings of their laity involvement: a lively support group for Al Beck, who is now known in Tulsa as the Can Can Man. Al has a small sandwich shop a block and a half from this downtown church. Besides his regular customers, each week Al serves as many as 800 street people with food he prepares on his 2-burner stove. At the start Al had been able to pay for all the give-away food by recycling aluminum cans for a penny apiece. But the needs finally exceeded his income. So Al called the church.

"I've had my electricity turned off because I can't pay my bill. But I've got a great idea and I need you to help me. I want to collect one million aluminum cans. That would get me out of debt and would set me up to feed my friends for almost a year. Here's my plan. I want to rent a big billboard. I can get one for $100 a day. I'll climb up on that billboard and I'll stay there until Tulsa brings me one million cans. Will you back me up?"

Of course they would. During those seven days on that billboard, Al Beck dodged tornadoes. One funnel cloud was actually seen passing high up over him. Birds came and pecked his face. One night robbers came and stole 40 bags of cans. But Al would not come down.

Local radio and TV people came and interviewed him, and they just loved the song that he composed: "Mr. Can Man, bring him your cans."

Construction workers became very concerned about Al's sleeping up so high, so they brought him a safety belt to wear.

On May 20 the can count totaled 1,100,000, and Al Beck returned to earth. Though the church's "Food for a Friend" ministry knew it, in Tulsa it never became common knowledge that Al Beck, not so very many years ago, had been a street person himself.

Twenty-five other ministries are offered by this congregation for those beyond the walls of the church. They include: dental and eye care clinics, legal counseling services, an employment agency, prison ministry, tutoring, Jewish-Christian relations, a food co-op, financial planning, family friendships with international students, tax help, support for families of the mentally ill, help for unwed mothers, prayer partners for the police, and even a group called "Moving in the Spirit" for helping dislocated persons get themselves and their belongings relocated. There is an aviation ministry with ten pilots who are on call for medical emergencies and missions.

Not so very long ago, Special Ministries received a call from a United Methodist clergy in Oceanside, California.

This is what he said. "A family from my church here in Oceanside needs some help. They flew to Missouri for Diane's father's funeral. After the services they loaded up her dad's van with things from his estate they wanted to keep. And they started for home. Just as they neared Tulsa, they had a devastating wreck that totaled the van and sent all of them to the hospital. They are stranded there in Tulsa. Would there be some kind folk who would visit them? Maybe some of your members could help them gather up their belongings and ship them here to California."

Not only did the church carefully pack their belongings, they provided daily pastoral care for this family as long as they were in the hospital. When they were released, Special Ministries provided air travel for them to return to their home in California.

You can imagine how the Tulsa United Methodist congregation loved the comment of the United Methodist minister in Oceanside, California when he said: "Now, that's what I call connectionalism!"

One special ministry has an active participant who doesn't even live in Tulsa. Sean Sellers lives on Death Row in the Oklahoma State Prison. Sean is in prison because he shot both his parents in the head while they were sleeping. Sean told authorities that those murders would never have happened had he not at that time been a practicing Satanist. While in prison, Sean committed his life to Jesus Christ.

The Greeting Card ministry of this church decided to design a very special card to send to Sean to tell him about God's unfailing love and grace. And Sean's response to that card was absolutely astonishing. He wrote right back, and in no time at all, Sean, an artist himself, was regularly designing cards from Death Row for the church.

When a member of this congregation buys a new car, he can call the Used Car ministry. Mechanics will come right out, make any necessary repairs on the car, and pretty soon they will take that used car and give it to a breadwinner who can now have transportation to go to work.

One day the director of the Southwater Home for Girls came to ask the church for a used van. There was not one available at that time. So immediately, right there in the office, they just gave it to the Lord in prayer. In the middle of their supplication, the telephone rang. The voice on the other end asked, "Could you possibly use a van in your Used Car Ministry? We have one our family wants to give you."

Carlyle Marney writes in his book, *Priests to One Another*, "No professional clergy can do what the church is called to do. The aim of the church is not to enlist laypersons in its services. The aim of the church is to put laypersons as theological competents out there in the service of the world. The answer is not a servanthood of the laity as a nice addition to round out a hired professional staff. Instead, lay people must become the ministry of the church in the world."

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I believe that as we move from private faith to public responsibility, we United Methodist laity are increasingly assuming our priesthood. It is a priesthood that believes in the redemption of the world not, the redemption of the church.

We need our clergy to help us discern theological dimensions of community development and global awareness. We need help there. In our churches we need to provide experiences in education and mission and evangelism and proclamation and worship and stewardship in ways that create a ministering laity in every public responsibility.

We laity give thanks for Covenant Discipleship groups that call us to accountability in our private lives and our daily responsibilities. Each week, in the group that has met in our home, we have declared together, "Knowing that Jesus Christ died that I might have eternal life, I pledge myself to be his disciple, holding nothing back, but yielding all to the gracious initiatives of the Holy Spirit. I faithfully pledge my time, my skills, my resources, and my strength to search out God's will for me, and to obey."

My brothers and sisters, we are not alone! In the brokenness, the violence, the dualism of this latter part of the 20th Century, we are compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us. As expressed by the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews, "Though they be dead, through faith they speak."

We hear the voices of saints and prophets resounding throughout history and echoing even today in this great auditorium. Those voices urge us, "Listen, listen, listen to the 'crackling of the fire of God within us and without us.'"

Those voices of the faithful call out to us today to become ignited with the spark of the Holy Spirit as we participate in the ongoing, creative Kingdom of God!

Here the words of Machtild of Magdeberg, Germany a remarkable young woman of the thirteenth century. If you love the justice of Jesus Christ more than you fear human judgment, then you will seek to do compassion. Compassion means that if I see my friend and my enemy in equal need, I shall help both equally. Justice demands that we seek and find the stranger, the broken, the prisoner and comfort them and offer them our help. Here lies the holy compassion of God. You asked me where God dwells. I will tell you, there is no Lord in the whole world who lives in all his dwellings at once, except God alone. God has enough of all good things except one, of communion with humans God can never have enough. And behold that Lord, God of the whole world stands right here at our door in Louisville, KY today and knocks, promising holy communion to anyone who hears and opens the door I will come in; I will break bread with you. As the father has sent me, I now send you forth, in my name to break bread with others. Our joyous response today, Even so come Lord Jesus, Amen.

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Audio- and videotapes of key conference addresses and personal selections of events during plenary sessions may be purchased at the Cokesbury Resource Center, according Pat Correll, Vice President of Customer and Distribution Services.

Tape production and distribution is a cooperative project of United Methodist Communications and The United Methodist Publishing House. Customized duplication of personal selections for either audio- or videotapes is a new service.

A single audiotape recording of both the Episcopal Address and the Laity Address is priced at $7.00. It will be available about 24 hours after the addresses are delivered.

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Tape orders may be placed at the special display Cokesbury Resource Center. This display is located near the red exit doors about midway toward the cafeteria. Customers also may inquire at the check-out counter near the entrance.

When ordering customized tapes, customers are asked to specify clearly the event or person, day, and inclusive time so technicians can accurately record the desired segment.

—Thomas J. Potter

Correction

The story titled "Racial Ethnic Delegate Orientation" (page 76, May 6 *DCA*) erroneously listed sponsorship. The orientation was cosponsored by the Inter-Ethnic Strategy Development Group and the General Commission on Religion and Race. We regret the error.

Jail or the DCA?



Juanita Bennenfant received about two dozen calls intended for the local jail.

Scene: Sales office of the *Daily Christian Advocate.*

Time: Early morning, first day of General Conference.

"I want to know when you will let him out," asks the caller.

"Out of what?" replies Juanita Bellenfant, *DCA* sales manager.

"Don't you have him locked up down there?" comes a quizzical and somewhat tentative response.

And so it went for about two dozen calls by concerned friends and relatives of the incarcerated of Louisville and Jefferson County whose dialing connected them with the *DCA* sales office (588-4121) instead of the local jail (588-2142).

Perplexed by the growing volume of misdirected calls, Bellenfant, a United Methodist Publishing House staff member, turned to South Central Bell for an explanation.

Soon the sales office line went dead as telephone technicians deactivated the number. No more number, no more calls.

Neat solution? Maybe. Certainly helpful for Bellenfant and her team who process sales of the daily General Conference publication and distribute about 4,000 copies each day.

If you are not reading the *Daily Christian Advocate* each morning, see Bellenfant or her associates at the sales desk near the Cokesbury Resource Center entrance. A subscription to all daily issues is $38 if you pick up issues here each morning or $48.50 mailed to your home after the conference. A single copy of the Roundup Edition is $2; (includes postage) 10 or more copies, $1.50 each, mailed to your address. Delegates receive complimentary copies daily at their desks and a copy of the Roundup Edition mailed to their homes.

—Tom Potter

Global Ministries Sets '93 Gathering

Five thousand United Methodists are expected to attend the second Global Gathering, sponsored by the General Board of Global Ministries, in Indianapolis, March 25-28, 1993.

The first highly successful Global Gathering took place at the Galt House here in March 1987. Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa was the keynote speaker.

Speakers from Africa, Asia and Latin America will be featured. The Rev. Zan Holmes of St. Luke United Methodist Church, Dallas, will preach at the opening worship service. A global village, inspiring worship services, Bible study, and great singing are some of the highlights of the three-day celebration. The theme is "Called by the Spirit."

For additional information and registration, write to Rena Yocum, General Board of Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10115.

—Betty Thompson

Today's Book Autographing Sessions

Visit the Cokesbury Resource Center in the convention center, buy a book, and have it signed by the author during autographing sessions. Authors, book titles, and "signing" times for today are:

The Rev. Maxie D. Dunnam, 2-2:30 p.m.
Alive in Christ
Jesus Claims—Our Promises
Living the Psalms (hardcover and paper)
That's What the Man Said
The Workbook on Coping as Christians
The Workbook of Intercessory Prayer
The Workbook of Living Prayer
The Workbook on Spiritual Disciplines
The Workbook on the Christian Walk

The Rev. J. Ellsworth Kalas, 7 p.m.
Parables from the Backside

General Conference Has Seen "Red" Since 1960

R. H. "Red" Bond says he represents "the rough element" of The United Methodist Church. At General Conference for his ninth consecutive time, Red was first elected to the 1960 General Conference.

Tall and gregarious, Bond attributes his popularity here and in the Memphis Conference to his visibility and his humor. A certified lay speaker, Red has been in every local church in his annual conference. He has served in every lay office, including president of the conference United Methodist Men, and district and conference lay leader. He's also spoken in nearly half of the districts south of the Mason-Dixon line and in many north of it.

His hobby, designing and making antique oak reproductions, also attracts folks to Red. He showed me a replica he made of a gavel that Francis Asbury carried in his saddlebag. Cokesbury has some of his gavels and mite boxes available during this General Conference. The original is in the Tennessee Conference Archives. As I spoke with Bond, he was approached to make a family altar, one of his favorite pieces.

Red Bond graduated from high school at age 17 on a Friday and started climbing telephone poles for the Bell Telephone Company the following Monday. He worked for the company for 42 years. He did his "post-graduate work" in the U.S. Marine Corps and served in the most decorated outfit in the South Pacific in World War II.

Retired now for 13 years, he is still active. A member of First United Methodist Church in Dyersburg, Tennessee, Red currently serves as a lay member of the Memphis Annual Conference. He teaches a men's Bible study in Sunday school and serves on the administrative board. He attends a men's prayer breakfast every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. It's easy for him to make. He gets up at 4 a.m. and has attended the breakfast for thirty-two years with forty-five to fifty men.

Red grew up in a four-point circuit. All his fore-bearers were farmers. He said God got his attention in a foxhole halfway around the world. He says, "Don't promise God something you won't do." He's kept his promise by actively challenging laity to support the church and its clergy for thirty-six years.

Bond declined to name a favorite General Conference. He says that he sees God at work as the conference makes the great decisions that need to be made. "I'm a Methodist. I love the [United] Methodist Church and what it's trying to do." The biggest change that he's seen since 1960 is the increasing participation of women and the church finally utilizing their talents. He says that women have been the biggest influence on his life. He and his wife, Precious, have been married fifty-two years. They have two daughters of whom he is most proud.



R.H. "Red" Bond (center) holds one of his gavel replicas in the Cokesbury Resource Center. Patricia Meyers, marshal and DCA writer, holds a mite box. Bill Turner of the Cokesbury Resource Center stands by.

Red's recommendation for first timers at General Conference: "patience and participation." For further insights, Red Bond is easy to find. He's tall, has a wide smile, and comes naturally by the name "Red."

— Patricia Meyers

Cokesbury's Autographing Booth

Come by to greet and give support to these United Methodist authors!
Check daily postings throughout the Cokesbury display and the *Daily Christian Advocate* for scheduled appearances.

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Announcements

If your voting pad displays a number *or* a word when you cast your vote, your vote has been recorded!

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Reserve delegates must have completed seating permit forms from the chairperson of their delegation in order to be seated in legislative committees or plenary sessions. Additional forms may be secured in the Secretary's Office, room 103.

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Speakers during plenary sessions are requested to review verbatim transcriptions appearing in the *DCA*. Substantial corrections should be communicated to the Committee on Journal by noon for the current day's *DCA*. Corrections may be sent to H. Sharon Howell, Kansas East C-8, or to the Conference Secretary's office, room 103.

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Perkins' alums and friends breakfast will be held Thursday, May 7, 7:00 - 8:00 a.m., at the Hyatt Regency. Cost: $10, speaker: Bishop James S. Thomas.

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Members of the "Message to the Nation" writing committee will meet tonight (May 7) at 9:30 p.m. in room 114 of the Convention Center.

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The Institute on Religion and Democracy will sponsor an issues forum on "Peace and Human Rights in the Islamic World" Thursday, May 7, 12:45, Sampson Room, 1st floor, Galt House East. The speakers will be Habib Malik from Catholic University of America and Mia Adjali, Executive Secretary UN/International Affairs, Women's Division.

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World Methodist Council luncheon will be held Thursday, May 7, 12:40 p.m., Regency Ballroom, Hyatt Regency.

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Afternoon worship services begin with a pre-service concert each day at 2:00 p.m. with worship at 2:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of Trinity UMC, Third and Guthrie Streets.

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"Casting Out Fear: Reconciling Ministries with Gay/Lesbian United Methodists," a video that examines the pain and estrangement of gay and lesbian Christians and provides steps that UMs are taking to enable ministries of reconciliation among persons of differing sexual orientations, will be shown on Thursday, May 7, at 12:45 p.m., Days Inn, 101 E. Jefferson, room 615. A sandwich lunch will be available for $5.

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Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa will be interviewed on "Sunrise Today," WAVE-TV, Channel 3 (NBC) at 6:00 a.m., Friday, May 8.

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The Iowa Conference luncheon will be held at Kunz's Restaurant, 12:00 noon, Friday, May 8. Iowa delegates, reserve delegates, pages, and marshals are invited. Contact Don Mendenhall, C-18, for more information.

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An informal discussion on 21st century issues facing The United Methodist Church will be held Saturday, May 9, 7:00 - 8:00 a.m., Galt House East, 2nd floor, Governor Room #1. (Free continental breakfast for delegates.) Sponsored by Erwin UMC, Syracuse, New York. Contact Irving Hill, Galt House, to attend. The 6% of clergy delegates age 40 and under are especially encouraged to attend.

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The trustees and the president of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary invite you and your guest to dinner on Saturday, May 9, at 5:45 p.m., Hyatt Regency, second floor ballroom, $12.50 per person. Advance reservation only.

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Methodist Theological School in Ohio breakfast will be held Monday, May 11, 7 a.m. in the Brown Room, Galt House East. Reservations needed by 5:00 p.m. today. Contact C. Joseph Sprague, section B, row 3, seat 12 or President "Ned" Dewire, Galt House. Cost is $10.

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No Drinking in the Bar

The General Conference Office has declared there shall be no drinks in the bar:

"All delegates should refrain from taking beverages within the bar of the conference due to the presence of electrical wiring," says a statement from the conference office.

The Arkansas Area luncheon will be held at the Day's Inn on Monday, May 11.

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Urgent Notice: In recognition of the General Conference "Fast" in effect through Friday morning, the Iliff breakfast has been changed from Friday, May 8 to Saturday, May 9 at 7:00 a.m., in the Keeneland Suite on the Mezzanine Level of the Hyatt Regency. To cancel, contact Don Messer.

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The Reference Committee will meet in room 114 Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, noon to 1:30 p.m.

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Inter-Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy will meet in room 114 Saturday, May 9 at 4:30 p.m.

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You are invited to a "Global Gathering '93," March 25-28, 1993, Indianapolis, Ind. Come hear speakers, participate in workshops, sing, and worship in a truly international gathering of United Methodists. For registration information, write to: Global Gathering '93, c/o Service Center, General Board of Global Ministries, 7820 Reading Road, Caller No. 1800, Cincinnati, OH 45222-1800.

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The Methodist Peace Fellowship breakfast will be held Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 - 8:20 a.m., Miller's Cafeteria, 429 South 2nd Street. No ticket necessary. Featured speakers: Schuyler Rhodes, Washington Square UMC, New York; John Swomley, St. Paul School of Theology (emeritus), Kansas City; Mattie Jones, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Nyack, New York. For more information contact: Jean Edwards 458-8056.

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11:30 - Noon

Maxie Dunnam

Author Of:

Workbook On the Christian Walk
and others

Autographing books
Thursday, May 7
2:00 - 2:30

All signings held in the Cokesbury Display

Petitions Trivia

By Tom Potter

Individual United Methodists submitted the largest portion of the 2,433 petitions which will fuel the legislative process during the next 10 days.

Nearly 26 percent of the petitions are sponsored by individuals, an informal review of the petition list revealed. The list is based on data supplied by the petition secretary.

Another 22 percent of the petitions originated with general boards and agencies, the Council of Bishops, and General Conference task forces and special committees. About 19 percent of the petitions arose in annual conferences or their sub-units. Small groups at various levels of the church produced abut 16 percent of the petitions. Local church administrative boards, councils and charge/church conferences developed approximately 10 percent of the appeals, and the remaining 7 percent came from advocacy groups and caucuses.

Although the current volume of petitions is about 9 percent less than the quantity received at the last conference, the flood of paper near deadline still overwhelmed Odell Thompson of Beloit, WI. As petition secretary, she read each petition, numbered it, assigned it to a legislative committee, recorded it on the computer, and transmitted it to the Committee on Reference for review and referral.

"This was my first involvement in such a process," chuckled Thompson, recently retired from a 25-year career with a national retail chain. "I had no idea of what I was getting into when I volunteered for this job!"

Among the most active individual petitioners are Leonard D. Slutz, a member of Hyde Park Community Church, Cincinnati, OH; the Rev. Jerry Eckert, pastor of Emmaus Church, Milwaukee, WI; and Dr. Maxie D. Dunnam, pastor of Christ Church, Memphis, TN. Slutz submitted 40 petitions; Eckert, 33; and Dunnam, 30.

"Every once in a while I see something I think should be corrected," explained Slutz, 79, a practicing attorney and a veteran petitioner. "It may not be something so terribly important, but I believe we should brush up the *Discipline,* keep it up-to-date and make it accurate."

Slutz said his petitions focus on improvements in the judicial process, establishing general agency membership at more appropriate sizes, and providing for adequate representation of conferences outside the United States and Puerto Rico. Slutz served as a General Conference lay delegate from the West Ohio Conference from 1952 through 1968, and as a member of the Judicial Council 1972-80. His experiences, he explained, have helped him identify areas for improved effectiveness, greater efficiency and sharper expense control.

"I want to help the church establish a responsible grievance procedure that protects the rights of the churches, the individuals and the alleged victims," Eckert, 57, said. His 33 petitions plead for due process in charges against ministers, a clarified leave of absence procedure and sensitivity to potential legal liability in ministerial counseling. Other petitions call for greater sensitivity on the part of the clergy leadership and "line item" identification in conference budgets. And one petition offers a "list of sins comparable with homosexuality," according to biblical references.

Elimination of the General Council on Ministries and assumption of its basic responsibilities by the Council of Bishops is the thrust of 30 petitions submitted by Dunnam, 57, one of the organizers of the national coalition of United Methodist leaders who issued the "Memphis Declaration." Author of several books and publications, Dunnam also serves as a television teacher and evangelist as well as senior minister of Christ Church. From 1975 through 1982, he was world editor of *The Upper Room.*

The churches in Alaska, Maryland and Louisiana were among the most active congregations submitting petitions through charge/church conferences, administrative boards and councils on ministries.

"We hope to make the general church more responsive to the grassroots and to increase the ability of the grassroots to impact the general church," said Rev. George Anderson, 58, Mount Oak Church, Mitchellville, MD.

Now 110 years old, Mount Oak Church is a 550-member, growing congregation of young families in a "bedroom community" not far from the nation's capital. Through its administrative board have come 13 petitions supporting a pro-life stand on abortion, limitation of board membership size, University Senate reform, regular evaluation of seminaries, detailed data on World Service and conference benevolences, review of ministerial candidates regarding church doctrine, and elimination of three general agencies (General Council on Ministries, General Commission on the Status and Role of Women and General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns). "Many of our petitions are adapted from positions of the Good News movement," Anderson concluded.

St. Paul Church is a congregation of less than 100 members near Fairbanks in Alaska's Yukon River country. The 12 petitions authorized by St. Paul's administrative board address inclusive language, restrictions against further study of homosexuality and any other matter "the Bible identifies as sinful," and a requirement that general agency proclamations include a disclaimer that only General Conference officially speaks for the denomination. St. Paul petitions also focus on a new task force on children, nationwide health insurance and voluntary apportionments.

Downsville Church, a congregation of 109 members in a small Louisiana community east of Shreveport, expressed its concerns in 11 petitions advocating changes in annual conference membership and voting rights, withdrawal from the denomination by a congregation

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with its property, withholding apportionments, ministerial compensation based on merit rather than seniority and appointment of more "non-seminary" pastors. Downsville Church also petitioned for a constitutional change to bar avowed homosexuals from the ordained ministry, and removal of any clergy person knowingly appointing or endorsing an avowed homosexual for the ministry.

Among petition generators beyond the local church, the Minnesota, Detroit and California-Nevada conferences led the count with 31, 28 and 19 petitions respectively. Overseas conferences petitioning the conference are Zaire, the four German conferences, Muri Provisional Conference in Nigeria, North Shaba and Sweden.

Most active petitioners among the general boards and agencies are GBOD (74), GBHM (65) and GCFA (50). GBOD petitions cover a range of issues including laity organizational matters and a proposed Spanish-language hymnal.

"Any organization, ordained minister or lay member...may petition the General Conference," states the *Book of Discipline.* This time many chose to do that, apparently with faith in the democratic process, hope of approval by the assembly and love for those who probably will disagree.



Bestsellers at Cokesbury

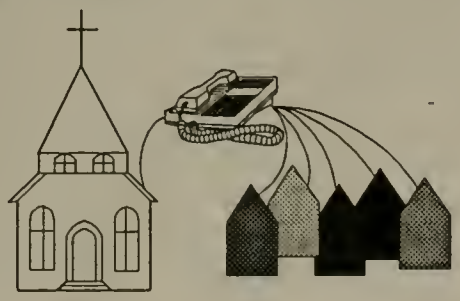
Business has been brisk at the Cokesbury Resource Center, reports manager Bill Turner. Souvenirs, gifts, and robes were among the most sought-after items during the first two days of General Conference. Turner commented that robes were popular especially with non-US delegates.

Delegates also have been buying books. According to an unofficial survey by Turner, the bestselling books so far at this General Conference have been—in no particular order—

* *Listening to Your Life: Daily Meditations With Frederick Buechner,* by Frederick Buechner
* *The Frog in the Kettle: What Christians Need to Know About Life in the Year 2000,* by George Barna
* also by George Barna, *User Friendly Churches: What Christians Need to Know About the Churches People Love to God to*
* *Racing Toward 2001: The Forces Shaping America's Religious Future,* by Russell Chandler
* *Street Singing & Preaching: A Book of New Psalms,* by Martin Bell, author of *The Way of the Wolf*
* *The Storyteller's Companion to the Bible: Exodus-Joshua,* Michael E. Williams, editor
* two books from a new imprint, Dimensions for Living: *Is There Life After Stress?,* by James W. Moore; and *How to Stay Alive As Long as You Live: Practical Guides for Christian Living,* by Robert H. Spain
* *The Power of Holy Habits: A Discipline for Faithful Discipleship,* by William H. Hinson
* *Yes, Lord, I Have Sinned But I Have Several Excellent Excuses,* by James W. Moore
* *Vision 2000: Planning for Ministry into the Next Century,* by Joe A. Harding and Ralph W. Mohney

— Keith Kendall

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Petitions Referred

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MN	10956	0448D	GJ	10956	0448D
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CC	10998	0647D	IC	10998	0647D
CC	10999	0647D	IC	10999	0647D
CC	11754	0653D	IC	11754	0653D
CC	11956	0653D	IC	11956	0653D

New or Corrected Petitions to the 1992 General Conference

636. Petition Number = CC-12444-0636-D; Council of Bishops.

Include South Africa in the Listing of Africa Central Conferences.

At the request of South Africa United Methodists, a district has been established in that country. We recommend the inclusion of South Africa in the listing of countries included in the Africa Central Conference (¶636.3(a)).

Petition Number = CC-12445-3000-M$; Northern Europe Central Conference Council of Bishops and GBGM.

Increase Number of Bishops in Northern Europe Central Conference From One to Two.

In order to provide for United Methodist mission into the Commonwealth of Independent States through the full-time and continuous supervision by a bishop of the church,

Be it resolved that the Northern Europe Central Conference be authorized to elect an additional bishop for one quadrennium for the sole purpose of giving oversight to the mission of The United Methodist Church in the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Petition Number = CC-12446-3000-M$; West Africa Central Conference.

Increase Number of Bishops From Three to Four to Provide for the Work of Nigeria.

To provide supervision for the rapid growth in Nigeria, be it resolved that the number of bishops in the West Africa Central Conference be increased from three to four.

Petition Number = GJ-12443-0004-D; James G. and Dorothy O'Quinn, United Methodist Clergy Couples, Chesapeake, VA.

Inclusiveness of the Church.

Amend ¶0004:

...Therefore, all persons, without regard to race, color, national origin, **status**, or economic condition, shall be eligible.... In The United Methodist Church no conference or other organizational unit of the Church shall be structured so as to exclude any member of any constituent body of the Church because of race, color, national origin, **status**, or economic condition.

Petition Number = HE-12436-3000; R

Training and Recruitment of Ethnic Minority Persons.

Whereas, The United Methodist Church supports the public education system in America and realizes that in an ever changing society "Excellence in Education" can be achieved with proper nourishing. Church, community and federal government involvement is imperative if the current trend in public education is to be reversed;

Whereas, The United Methodist Church believes that every person has a right to an education and it is society's responsibility to enable every person to obtain this right;

Whereas, The United Methodist Church believes in universal public education and supports public educational institutions;

Whereas, individuals have the right and freedom to inquire, discuss, and teach regulated by self-discipline of scholarship and good judgment;

Be it resolved, that the California-Nevada Annual Conference encourage the local churches to establish learning enrichment centers and tutors who can provide supplementary instructions for students to ensure academic excellence according to his/her potential;

Be it resolved, that the California-Nevada Annual Conference support the training and recruitment of qualified ethnic minority teachers that will serve as positive role models for ethnic minority students;

Be it further resolved, that the California-Nevada Annual Conference Board of Higher Education be directed to establish and recommend means of funding additional scholarship funds for ethnic minority persons to assist in funding the educational efforts of ethnic minority persons.

Be it finally resolved, that the California-Nevada Conference petitions the General Conference to:

1. Encourage all local churches to establish learning enrichment centers and tutors who can provide supplementary instruction for students to ensure academic excellence according to each one's potential;

2. Support the training and recruitment of qualified ethnic minority teachers that will serve as positive role models for ethnic minority students;

3. Direct the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to seek additional funding for scholarships for ethnic minority persons.

251. Petition Number = LC-10071-251-D; NAK

Duties of Lay Church Leader.

Amend ¶251.1:

c) Membership in the Charge Conference and the Administrative Council (or the Administrative Board and the Council on Ministries), the Committee on Finance, and the Committee on Nominations and Personnel, where, along with the pastor, the lay leader shall serve as an interpreter of the actions and programs of the Annual Conference and the general Church **(to be better equipped to comply with this responsibility it is recommended that the lay leader also serve as the Lay Member of Annual Conference);**

269. Petition Number = LC-12435-0269; GBOD.

Membership of the Committee of Pastor-Parish Relations.

Amend ¶269.2:

There shall be a Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations (Staff-Parish Relations) of not fewer than five nor more than nine lay persons representative of the total charge. One of the five to nine persons shall be a young adult. One of the five to nine persons may be a senior high youth. ~~In addition to the five to nine persons, a lay member of Annual Conference shall also be a member.~~ All shall be members of the local church or charge except where Central Conference legislation provides otherwise. No staff member or immediate family member of a pastor or staff member may serve on the committee. **In addition to the five to nine persons, a lay member of Annual Conference shall also be a member.** If a person ineligible to serve on the committee is elected as lay member to Annual Conference ~~and there is no other elected lay member to the Annual Conference available to serve, the vacancy will be filled upon election by the Charge Conference following the nomination of the Committee on Nominations and Personnel~~ **then the committee shall consist of the five to nine persons only.**

1a) The members, including the chairperson, shall be elected by the Charge Conference upon nomination by the Committee on Nominations and Personnel. In order to secure experience and stability, the membership (**not including the lay member of Annual Conference**) shall be divided into three classes, one of which shall be elected each year for a three year term.

The Ministerial Pension Plan.

Petition Number: FA-11685-3000-R; Thomas H. Griffith, CA-Pacific Conference. Advance Edition Page 1171.

Amend Section 4.7 of the *Ministerial Pension Plan Document* (Advance Edition I, pages 409-410:

. . . is less than $1,750; or with that vested former participant's written consent if the amount is more than $1,750, but less than **three-fourths** ~~one-fourth~~ of the. . .

Petition Number: MN-12193-0448-D; Thomas H. Griffith, CA-Pacific Conference. Advance Edition Page 1306.

Leave of Absence of Ordained Ministers.

Amend ¶448.1:

. . . This relationship may be initiated by the minister or the Cabinet, with ~~or without~~ the consent of the clergy member. . . .

... upon the board's recommendation. ~~The person in question has the right to a hearing before the bishop, Cabinet, and executive committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry prior to the granting of a leave of absence without the minister's consent.~~ Between sessions....

... upon the written request of the clergy member or the Cabinet with ~~or without~~ the consent of the clergy members. . .

Petition Number: LC-12322-0269-D; Thomas H. Griffith, California-Pacific Conference. Advance Edition Page 1272.

The Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations.

Amend ¶269.2

"There shall be a Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations (Staff-Parish Relations)~~. of not fewer than five nor more than nine lay persons representative of the total charge.~~ **In general, this committee shall have not fewer than five nor more than nine members. However, in situations where the missional needs of a particular Charge warrant a larger Committee, the District Superintendent or Designated Elder presiding may approve a larger membership on the Committee upon a two-thirds vote of the Charge Conference.** One of the ~~five to nine persons~~ **members** may be a senior high youth. In addition ~~to the five to nine persons~~ a lay member of the Annual Conference. . . .

Correction In Petition Numbers

Daily Christian Advocate

(1) Page 209; Paragraph 614; Petition Number CO-10812-614- D;GCFA,GCOM Delete "GCOM". New Petition Number is CO-12447-614-D: GCFA.

Petition Number CO-10812-614-D; GCOM. (Left Column, 7 lines from bottom) Subject: "The Membership of Jurisdictional Conferences." Correct as shown.

(2) Page 910; Paragraph 514 (second column) Petition Number MN-10643-514-D; "GCCU: Specific Responsibilities of Bishops." Keep as is. Remove GCCU, and add Council of Bishops.

Petition Number MN-10643-514-D; GCCU, Council of Bishops; Specific Responsibilities of Bishops. (Second Column 1/3 of the way down) Correct Petition Number should be: MN-12448- 514-D; GCCU. Remove Council of Bishops.

(3) Page 913; Paragraph 733; Petition Number MN-10171-733-D;GBOD,EPA,MNN: "Lay Observers of Conference Board of Ordained Ministries." Keep as is.

Petition Number MN-10171-733-D; GBOD "Lay Observers of Conference Board of Ordained Ministries" (second column, 15 lines from bottom). Correct Petition Number: MN-12449-733-D; GBOD.

(4) Page 1112; Paragraph 748; Petition Number DI-1225-0748-D; National Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, Springfield,NE "Coordinating Committee on Lay Work." Correct Petition Number is: DI-12025-0748-D.

(5) Page 1147; Paragraph 718; Petition Number FA-11367-0718-D; Jim Beal, Little Rock, AR. Keep as is.

(Right Column, 4 lines down) Petition Number FA-11367- 0718-D; Jim Beal, Little Rock, AR: "Plan and Method of Clergy Support." Correct Petition Number should be: FA-12450-0718-D.

(6) Page 1155; Paragraph 912; Petition Number FA-111074- 0912-D; Administrative Board, Mount Oak UMC, Mitchellville, MD. Correct Petition Number is: FA-11074-0912-D.

(7) Page 1272; Paragraph 2518; Petition Number LC-2518-D. Correct Petition Number is: LC-11301-2518-D. Delete title: "Fair Share of Property in a Realignment Charge." Add title: "Authority of the Board of Church Location."

(8) Page 1274; Paragraph 2540; Petition Number LC-11882-2540-D; Ministry Development Committee, Fayetteville, NC (left column, line 24). Delete this petition, through line 28. Petition Number LC-11882-2540-D, starting on line 29 remains as is.

(9) Page 1293; Paragraph 424; Petition Number MN-SIXPT = Petition Number MN-10163-0424-D "Question for the Order of Elder." Remove the words: "Petition Number MN-SIXPT =".

(10) Page 1083; Paragraph 12; Petition Number CO-12084-0012-C; 63 Members of GBGM, Women's Division and St. Paul, St. Andrew, New York, NY; "General Conference Membership." Correct Petition Number is CO-12083-0012-C.



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Changes in Standing Legislative Committees

Church and Society
Remove: Brannon, William C. (North Alabama)

Add: Bahule, Andre N. (Mozambique)
Um, Mary (The Korean Methodist Church)
York, Billy L. (North Alabama)

Conferences
Remove: Bahule, Andre N. (Mozambique)
Hearin, Gerry M. Jr. (North Alabama)

Add: Brannon, William C. (North Alabama)

Discipleship
Remove: Bozard, James D. (Florida)

Add: Hamilton, Tom W. (Florida)

Financial Administration
Remove: Berry, Beverley C. (Florida)

General/Judicial Administration
Add: *Hearin, Gerry M. Jr.* (North Alabama)

Global Ministries
Add: Christian, Vidya G. (Methodist Church in India)
Seng, Soon Jin (Methodist Church in Malaysia)

Higher Education and Chaplaincy
Remove: *York, Billy L.* (North Alabama)

Local Church
Add: Rodriguez, Gene (Florida)

Additions and Changes to Listing of Voting and Reserve Delegates

Florida:
Remove: Berry, Beverley C. (resigned)

Add to end of reserve list: Sweatt, Helen B., retired, 3750 29th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33711

Remove: Bozard, James D. (deceased)
Add to end of reserve list: Stiles, Jennifer R., student, Route 6, Box 467M, Tallahassee, FL 32304

South Dakota:

Remove: *Ward, Richard A.* (resigned)

Add to end of reserve list: *Berkenpas, Darlis A.*, pastor, 2708 S. 9th Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Sweden:
Remove: Eliasson, Ann-Marie

Add to end of reserve list: Jonsson, Christer

Changes in Standing Administrative Committees

Committee on Reference
Add: *L. Ray Branton* (Louisiana)

Nominations to the Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy

Western Jurisdiction
Oregon-Idaho
Remove: Carol L. Colley
Add: Marilyn J. Outslay

Changes in Commission Central Conference Affairs

Add: Kjernald, Margareta
Remove: Eliasson, Ann-Marie

Non-Voting Delegates from Affiliated Autonomous Methodist and United Churches

The Methodist Church of Hong Kong (2)

Man, Kwok-wai ( ), Hong Kong Circuit superintendent, 1/F, Yen Mem Building, 98-108 Jaffe Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Lin, David Huo-fu ISO ( ), immediate past vice-president, 1/F, Yen Mem Building, 98-108 Jaffe Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Evangelical Methodist Church of Costa Rica (2)

Section B, Row 22, Seats 6-7

Palomo, Fernando ( ),

Herrera, Carlos ( ),

Legislative Committee Reports

Church and Society

Six sub-committees were organized to act upon petitions addressing the following subjects:

1) gambling, human rights (e.g., children, persons with handicapping conditions, etc.), drug and alcohol concerns, community issues, criminal justice, disciplinary paragraphs on Church and Society structure. Chair: Patricia Deal, North Texas.

2) world issues (nuclear arms, eco-justice). Chair: Frank Gaylord, Wisconsin.

3) Social Principles paragraphs on political and world communities and "Our Social Creed," gun control, homelessness, etc. Chair: Beth Capen, New York.

4) medical, genetics, and health-care issues. Chair: Bernice Johnson, North Carolina.

5) abortion. Chair: Phillip Lawson, California/Nevada.

6) pornography, environment (national), investment policies, new disciplinary paragraph related to AIDS. Chair: Susan Sherbrooke, Pacific Northwest.

—Suzanne Calvin, Lee Ranck (May 6, 4:00)

Conferences

The committee divided into 3 sub-committees dealing with petitions from:

1) annual and district conferences. Chair: Jean Dowell, Minnesota.

2) jurisdictional conferences. Chair: Robert T. Casey, South Georgia.

3) General Conference petitions and constitutional matters. Chair: Margaret A. Paige, Detroit.

—Dan Ganger, Jane Dennis, (May 6, 3:20)

Discipleship

The committee heard presentations from two representatives of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and one representative of the Native American International Caucus. The three expressed concerns about the "Native American Service of Thanksgiving," and asked that it not be include in the *Book of Worship.* Reasons cited: offensive to several tribes that observe the "Ceremony of the Green Corn," upon which the thanksgiving service is based.

The committee divided into two groups to consider the proposed *Book of Worship*

—Bettie Story, Garlinda Burton (May 6, 5:30)

Faith and Mission

The committee agreed to take up in full committee both the report of the Committee to Study Homosexuality, related petitions, the Baptism study ("By Water and the Sprit"), and related petitions. Eight members of the study committee presented an overview of its report. No action was taken on the report or petitions.

—Lynn DeMichele, Ann Whiting (May 6, 4:45)

Financial Administration

The committee agreed to divide into 5 sub-committees:

1) General Board of Publication, and the Task Force on Relocation of the General Board of Global Ministries;

2) budget;

3) General Board of Pensions (other than health care);

4) health insurance;

5) general finance, administration, and miscellaneous.

—Jean Caffey Lyles, Willie Teague (May 6, 3:30)

General and Judicial Administration

The committee divided into 4 sub-committees:

1) church programs;

2) structure;

3) other General Council on Ministries concerns;

4) Chapter 8 (of the *Discipline.*

—Ralph E. Baker, Linda Green (May 6, 3:30)

Global Ministries

The committee heard presentations on the National Plan for Hispanic Ministries by Bishop Elias Galvan and on the Native American Comprehensive Plan by Cynthia Kent, GBGM staff person.

It divided into 4 sub-committees:

1) small membership churches/rural concerns. Chair: Knih Khin Jensen, Minnesota.

2) Native American concerns. Chair: Susan Hassinger, Eastern Pennsylvania.

3) Hispanic concerns. Chair: Arturo M. Fernandex, California-Nevada.

4) general and conference level Global Ministries concerns. Chair: Frank Dorsey, Kansas East.

—Betty Thompson (May 6, 3:30)

Higher Education and Chaplaincy

The following 4 sub-committees were formed:

1) chaplains and related ministries. Chair: Tom L. Christian, North Texas.

2) annual conferences Boards of Higher Education and Campus Ministries. Chair: Samuel Montgomery, Texas.

3) University Senate. Chair: Paul C. Bailey, Virginia.

4) Division of Higher Education and Theological Schools. Chair: Phylemon D. Titus, Detroit.

—Alvin J. Horton, Karen Tisinger (May 6, 5:00)

Independent Commissions

The committee spent its first 30 minutes in dialogue and reflection on the presentation on the Simi Valley verdict heard in the morning plenary.

Five sub-committees were formed:

1) COSROW;

2) Religion and Race;

3) Archives and History;

4) Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns;

5) other matters.

—Kristin K. Knudson (May 6, 5:00)

Local Church

Four sub-committees were formed:

1) Paragraphs 102-106, 107-113, 201-207, 208-243. Chair: Shirley Parrish.

2) Paragraphs 244-256. Chair: Sandra Hoke.

3) Paragraphs 257-271. Chair: Bob Pierson.

4) Paragraphs 2524-2552 and resolutions. Chair: Luther Henry.

—Kathy Kruger Noble, Rayford Woodrick (May 6, 3:40)

Ordained and Diaconal Ministry

The committee accepted the recommendations of its executive committee to deal, as a full body, with the report of the Commission to Study the Ministry as its first item. It also voted to divide the body into 4 sub-committees, chairs to be chosen later in the day. Membership of each sub-committee is to be decided May 7.

—Nancye Willis, Judy Smith (May 6, 3:45)

Central Conferences

The committee met on Monday, May 4, and concluded its business by adjournment at 5:30. It concurred with the petition that would permit the Council of Bishops to assign one of its members to another episcopal area to exercise the functions of the episcopacy upon the request of the resident bishop .

The committee approved the following matters referred to it by the Council of Bishops:

* that the South African Central Conference be included in the Central Conference of The United Methodist Church;

* that the number of bishops in the Northern Europe Central Conference be increased from one to two in order to provide episcopal supervision over the mission to the Commonwealth of Independent States;

* that the number of bishops in the West Africa Central Conference be increased from two to three in Nigeria;

* that North Shaba be included in the Zaire Central Conference.

In other action the committee voted to affirm the General Board of Global Ministries as well as the African Growth Initiative.

—Billie R. Dalton

Albany Area Urges Fasting for Funds

All General Conference delegates are challenged by the Albany Area (Troy and Wyoming Conferences) not only to join in today's (May 7) fast but to contribute to a goal of more than $50,000 to help feed hungry people of the world.

The Rev. James M. Perry, director of the Troy Conference Council on Ministries, said that fasting delegates are urged to contribute an amount equivalent to or more than their $62 daily expense allowance. Receipts will be divided evenly between the Louisville food bank and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Advance Special for "U.S. Civil Disturbance in Los Angeles" (Code No. 901735-2).

Persons who, due to medical reasons, cannot fast are urged to join in prayer and financial support, Perry noted.

Each delegation chairperson will receive today a collection envelope and a special supply of stickers reading, "I'm Fasting with the Albany Area," Perry explained. Donations will be collected through tomorrow evening, May 8. Sealed envelopes containing donations can be returned to the "Challenge" director by conference pages. Checks should be made out to the "Albany Area Challenge."

"All donations will be deposited in a local bank," Perry said, "and the total will be announced and disbursed before the end of General Conference."

The fast-and-fund idea was originated by Rev. William J. Barney and Dorothy M. Earl, chairpersons of the Troy and Wyoming delegations respectively. In its original form it was adopted at a late March meeting. The effort received extra emphasis yesterday with conference approval of a motion calling for fasting and a service of reconciliation focused on the civil disturbance in Los Angeles.

—Tom Potter

Proceedings of the 1992 General Conference of The United Methodist Church

Committee On Journal Report

The Committee on Journal hereby certifies as accurate, with the following corrections, the proceedings as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for Tuesday, May 5, 1992.

Daily Edition, p. 86, col. 2, Global Ministries Officers–Substitute "Raul Alegria" for "Paul Alegria".

Daily Edition, p. 99, col. 1, par. 1–Paragraph 1 should be attributed to CAROLYN MARSHALL.

Daily Edition, p. 99, col. 3, par. 2–Substitute "lot' for "law".

Daily Edition, p. 101, col. 2, first two full pars. should be attributed to CHARLES E. LUTRICK.

Daily Edition, p. 101, col. 2, third full par. should be attributed to BISHOP de CARVALHO. Add in parentheses at end of par. "(Approved by hand vote.)"

Daily Edition, p. 104, col. 3, par. 7–Substitute "on ordained" for "unordained".

Daily Edition, p. 105, col. 1, par. 4–Substitute "CAROLYN MARSHALL" for "UNIDENTIFIED PERSON". Substitute "Brawn" for "Broad".

Daily Edition, p. 105, col. 2, par. 2–Substitute "BISHOP TALBERT" for "UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER."

Daily Edition, p. 105, col. 3, par. 2–Substitute "after" for " act of".

Daily Edition, p. 106, col. 2. par. 2–Substitute "OMBAKU LOMOTO (Central Zaire)" for "UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER"

Daily Edition, p. 106, col. 2, par. 5–Delete "unintelligible". Substitute "I am going to translate" for "but don't wait".

Daily Edition, p.106, col. 2, last full par. should read, "The intent of our motion is that the remainder of the plenary tomorrow will be for this issue."

Daily Edition, p. 107, col. 1, par. 3–Substitute "blocks" for "walks".

Daily Edition, p. 107, col. 2, par. 4–Insert following "is this right?" the sentence in parentheses "(Norris responded, "yes.")" Insert following "announcements for us tonight?" the sentence in parentheses "(Marshall responded, "no".)"

Daily Edition, p. 107, col. 2–Insert following the last par. the following:

(song)

BISHOP SPAIN: Our closing prayer tonight will be given by Bishop Edward Tullis.

(Prayer)

H. Sharon Howell (chair)
Section C, row 8

Wednesday Morning May 6, 1992

Bishop William B. Lewis, presiding

(benediction and hymns)

BISHOP WILLIAM B. LEWIS: Let's find our way back to our places and be in order. We are already five minutes behind. At this rate, we'll be a month. The order of the day is for us to hear the Laity Address. And if Ken Plummer will come, we're ready to begin that part of our business. They don't listen. May we have your attention, please? I mean, sit down! And then be quiet! Scouts' honor, or something. Ken Plummer is the conference lay leader of the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference. And he has the pleasure of introducing for us our Laity Address speaker.

KEN PLUMMER (Central Pennsylvania): Bishop Lewis, fellow delegates. Over two years ago, the National Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders started the search process for the person to present the Laity Address to you this morning. The Laity Address would be a speech that best captured the spirit and visions of United Methodist laity. It was to highlight the ministry of the laity in their communities and their congregations. The theme for the address was to be, "Ministry of the Laity: Serving God in Our World, in Our Private Lives, and in Public Responsibilities--Connecting Faith and Action." The search was open to all laypersons throughout the world who were members of The United Methodist Church. The search process worked; 284 persons, including several from Central conferences, submitted manuscripts to be screened and judged. Ten volunteer screeners from the five jurisdictions selected 46 manuscripts for final reading by all screeners. This second reading gave us four finalists. These four persons, three women and one man, came to Nashville and presented their addresses to the conference lay leaders at their 1992 annual meeting. And three judges who were not lay leaders had to select the address that they felt best expressed the theme, "Ministry of the Laity: Serving God in our

Private Lives and Public Responsibilities-Connecting Faith and Action." The person selected was Ruby Galloway Farish, a member of Boston Avenue United Methodist Church of Tulsa, OK--a church school teacher, an active church worker, homemaker, chaplain with the Tulsa Police Department. She was honored in 1988 as a Tulsa Volunteer of the Year. It is with great pleasure and pride I present to you Ruby Galloway Farish. (Lay address found on page 116)

Singing

BISHOP WILLIAM B. LEWIS: Thank you, Ruby, and God bless you, speaking so well for all of us. We have a technical problem; I'd like your patience to quietly give us your attention for a few moments so that we can work it out. We have a number of people with us who are receiving translation. They have a little box in addition to the little voting box that all of us have that their earphones plug into and we've had some new arrivals who need translation and we've run out of the receiver boxes; got plenty of headphones. And each receiver box has a plug-in receptical for two sets of headphones. So that each of you who are receiving translation that is sitting by someone else who is receiving translation, if you were willing and can do it, give us your receiver boxes back and plug both sets of headphones, yours and your neighbor's that sits next to you, into the same box. And that way, we can have a few more receivers, the little receiver boxes for the newcomers. Hold your hand up (if you understand what I've said) for me. If you are receiving translation and there are two of you sitting side-by-side, you both can use the same receiver box. And let us have the receiver box, and if you can do that and would raise your hand, one of the pages will come and pick up your receiver box and bring it down to the translators. We'd appreciate if you help us with that. All right, our secretary Carolyn Marshall will present some nominees to us for the Interjurisdictional Committee.

CAROLYN MARSHALL: The nominees as they have been received from the various annual conferences are recorded in the *Advance DCA*, Volume 1, on pp. 76 and 77. An addendum to that report is on p. 35 of the *DCA* under a dateline of May 5, 1992. There is one change that still needs to be made which has been received; that is in the Western Jurisdiction--Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference. The name of Carol L. Colley is to be replaced with Marilyn J. Outsley. These are the nominations for the Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, you have these nominations before you there on p. 35. I recognize the man to my left and will you go to microphone 12, please?

CHARLES YRIGOYEN (Eastern Pennsylvania): On p. 76 under the Northeastern Jurisdiction, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, the name of Charles Yrigoyen should be replaced with the name of Claude A. Edmonds.

BISHOP LEWIS: P. 76, are you in the *Advance DCA* now with that one?

YRIGOYEN: Yes.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, thank you for that correction. I recognize the, we will go to microphone 8, please?

RAY OWEN (Oklahoma): We need to replace the name Tal Oden on p. 77, the Oklahoma Delegation. Tal Olden should be replaced with Tom Junk.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, that's p. 77, Tal Oden.

OWEN: Tal Oden.

BISHOP LEWIS: In the place of Tom...

OWEN: No, Tom Junk should be the new name.

BISHOP LEWIS: Tom Junk in place of Tal Oden.

OWEN: Yes, thank you.

BISHOP LEWIS: Thank you. I'm not really playing Ed McMahon to your Johnny Carson. We have a tape running and it can't read; and so on some of these numbers we need to see that they get into the tape and need a little time also for the translators to pick up some of those details about places. Are there any other corrections to these nominations? Are you ready to elect them? All who will do so, we got someone else. Will you go microphone 13, please, in the center?

BEVERLY ABBOTT: (Maine) on p. 76 in the *Advance DCA* to the Northeastern Jurisdiction, the names under Maine should read James Lee McPhee as clergy and Richard Gross as the lay.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right. Do you all have those? Will you go to microphone 14, please? That's it; you're headed for it.

L. RAY BRANTON (Louisiana): My name has been left off the Committee on Reference. I am L. Ray Branton.

BISHOP LEWIS: That's the Committee on Reference; it's on p. 35, isn't it?

MARSHALL: May I speak to that?

BISHOP LEWIS: Yes, thank you. All right, our secretary has a response to that.

MARSHALL: Those committees are appointments by the Council of Bishops. That name was inadvertently omitted when that listing was made. The correction has been turned in to the *DCA* and all of those lists of corrections in delegations were to have been in today's *DCA*. Something happened and they are not there, so several of you are going to have similar questions as far as changes in your delegation, changes for legislative committees. And I aimply say, we've again taken it in this morning. Hopefully, it will be in tomorrow's edition.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, will you go to microphone 4, please?

PHILIP CONNOLLY (West Ohio): I believe ours got in after the deadline, and I'm sure that it'll be added in the corrections that the secretary just talked about.

MARSHALL: It is already in on p. 35.

CONNOLLY: OK, thank you.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, are we ready to elect? If so, vote now. All right, the count is 859 yes, 8 no, and 7 abstentions. I know you all can read, but remember the tape recorder can't. Our next item of business is the election of John Street Church trustees. Are we ready for those? There was some question about whether we would be.

MARSHALL: Yes.

BISHOP LEWIS: We are. Good.

MARSHALL: Whereas the deed of the John Street United Methodist Church of New York City calls for the election of that church's board of trustees by the General Conference; that plan was approved in the General Conference session of 1868. General Conferences since then through 1988 have so elected these trustees. Now I present to you the nominees as they come from the John Street United Methodist Church; trustees to serve for the period 1992-96. The resident bishop of the New York Annual Conference, Wilma Roberts, James Cardwell, Warren L. Jervy, William C. Kirkwood, Raynor R. Rogers, Stephen Rose, William T. Staubach Jr. and Connie Takamine.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, is there any question about these nominations? Are you ready to elect them? If so, vote now. The count is 870 yes, 9 no and 18 abstentions. Thank you. We are ready for consideration of the order of the day that was put into our agenda yesterday and if Willard Stevens will come to the microphone, he will lead us off in that presentation

concerning the Simi Valley verdict. He's coming. He's trying to figure out how I knew his name was Willard instead of Buzz.

WILLARD STEVENS (Desert Southwest): Bishop Lewis and members of the General Conference, I'm Buzz Stevens from the Desert Southwest Annual Conference, and James Lawson and Beverly Shamana will be leading us through this process, so I call on them at this point.

JAMES LAWSON (California-Pacific): Bishop Lewis and sisters and brothers of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church, first of all, let me give you an overview of what we hope to try to do. And may I say to you that a variety of people have been working on these matters since we've arrived at General Conference. From across our connection, many, many conversations, some of which went on until 2 o'clock this morning trying to shape some of this, and then trying to make contact rather in the hectic process of the General Conference with the variety of people who have had input and who want to have input. But the overview is this. I will make an introductory statement that tries to lift up some of the dimensions of what we're talking about. Then we have asked a group of witnesses to have a couple of moments with a litany of song and prayer in between. Then Beverly Shamana will lead us in a period of dialogue and an open-mike process, after which then we have prepared five motions to present to you. And then finally, Bishop Leontine Kelly has been asked to give a concluding reflection and meditation and prayer. We will have six motions for your consideration this morning. Beverly Shamana will make one of these and then I will make, at the end, the other five. We appreciate very much the fact that you have changed the agenda sufficiently to let the flash points across the United States speak to us. Let me say very briefly that in the city of Los Angeles, which is in a sense the center point of what happened, that it is an experience that the United States has never before faced. Nothing in the '60s can equal the impact or the width or the depth of what happened in Los Angeles. We're talking about over 4,000 fires. How all of these occurred it may take weeks and months for us to really learn. Some of the early assessments of the media I suspect are absolutely wrong. Twenty-five hundred injuries, 50 deaths to date. According to my people in Los Angeles last night, 11,000 arrests. Most of them for the first time having any kind of encounter with the police. Now, of course, I've only mentioned in a sense those kinds of statistics. But, of course, those statistics do not begin to indicate the massive dislocation or the dissembling of life on the part of literally thousands of people. Those statistics do not describe the fact that it was across the metropolitan area--Hollywood, Beverly Hills, south central Los Angeles, Crenshaw, West Adams area, Long Beach, 25 miles away at the Harbor, east Los Angeles, west Los Angeles, downtown. It doesn't indicate the extent to which we're not talking about a single community but a vast metropolitan area and according to many reports and many the people of my own congregation, there were White looters, there were Black looters, there were Hispanic; there were men, there were women, there were children. They cut across classes. The stories are still unraveling as to why they looted. There were two different groups. On the one side, those who were doing the firing of places. There's some indication that some of the fires took place because landlords decided this was a good time to get rid of their property and bow out. I don't know what evidence will document that, but that is widely said across Los Angeles. But there was a distinctive group, the fires and then the looters. To see, in fact, mothers going into drug stores that were burned and taking Pampers and when asked, "Why are you doing it?" "because we need them, and tomorrow they will not be there anyway." The deaths were all races. There have been many lineups in the press of the names and who they are and what they were doing, where they were. Some have said, "Well they were in the wrong place at the wrong time." I insist that no human being is in the wrong place at the wrong time if they're alive. That's an excuse for a society that still is weaned on violence and hostility towards people and categorizing people in such a fashion that it writes them out of the human race rather than including them in. The fires, the deaths, affected all our communities. The fires were not just with the Korean-American merchants. They, coming into a new culture, already suffer cultural shock. But, of course, the worst of the cultural shock is the pathology of American racism that they know nothing about from their own society. And so they're in pain. Korean businesses that were burned. But Black businesses also were burned, probably in larger numbers than Korean businesses. Many of our congregations are counseling with families whose businesses have burned. Many of our congregations--Black, Hispanic, Anglo. There was Jewish looting. There were Jewish youngsters apparently [unintelligible]. Now I would like to suggest to you that we have to look beyond the categories that the press uses. For the first instance, I'd like to propose to us that if we are paying attention to the territories where we operate, that is, to the places to which we have been assigned either as lay people or clergy, if we're paying attention to the places where we have been assigned, we will discover whether it's White, Black, blue, green, yellow; rich, poor, middle-class, affluent, or impoverished or on the edge, that there is great pain that cuts across all of these categories in the United States today. The suicide rates everywhere indicated, the murder rates from the FBI indicated, go back and look at the 1991 murder rates from the FBI which I saw three weeks ago for the first time. In 1991, 23,000 murders: 9,700 White men, 9,400 Black men; Asian, Hispanic to a lesser number. White men killing White men. Black men killing Black men. You cannot analyze that as being racist; you've got to analyze that as all kinds of people who have a sense of shame about who they are, a sense that their lives are not worth. Our American society is teaching millions of our people all across the categories that we like to use, that their life is worthless.

[Unintelligible] Eighty-seven % of those verdicts, according to the FBI, were White on White, Black on Black, with the age group of 15-40 in the males being the group at risk. We'd like to say this is only a disease in the Black community. No, sisters and brothers, it's not, any more than divorce and family breakup is only a disease in the Black community. It's a disease in America, and we in the church need to begin to address that to the press, and to the President, to the politicians, to the multinational corporations, to ourselves.

That's why the word of the 1960s was never heard. For Martin King posed the word well. He did not speak primarily in terms of segregation or integration. Martin King said, as he called many of us into mission and ministry, "We are about the business of redeeming the soul of America. If you translate this from the Hebrew, we are about the business of redeeming the life of America."

That's why historically, in the Black American Christian tradition, Exodus, the third chapter, has always been a primary source of our understanding of how God moves in the world. "I have seen the suffering of my people. I have seen the oppression with which they are oppressed. And I have come down to rescue them and to lead them to a good land of milk and honey. So, you go, Moses, and tell Pharaoh."

We like to say too often in the church, the world shapes the agendas of the church. Yes, because God sees the pain and misery in our world and addresses the church, and says, "Go, and do something about it. You go. I'd come down to rescue. You go and do it." At the heart of the problem is what Toni Morrison calls the "pathology of race."

If indeed, the law of life, as Moses and Jesus insisted, is simple--"Thou shalt love the Lord your God with heart and mind and soul and strength, and your neighbor as yourself"--then when we, from the very beginning, committed the genocide of the Native Americans, established slavery, refused to allow the Constitution to include women and all who did not own a piece of land, we created the basis of two societies. We created the seed of destruction in our own corporate life and character. And we of the church must hear the voice of God calling us to transform it.

We are a violent society, which is another form of "thingification," and we suggest to you this morning that that violence permeates every community. Family abuse. In fact, more American families experience a form of violence--rape, family abuse, wife beating, murder, assault, suicide, accidents--more American families experience a form of violence than experience anything to do with drug addiction. Yet the drug addiction is the one being fought, while the violence in our hearts and in the land, the inner violence and the outer violence, are being ignored.

But the spirit of the churches in Los Angeles is an Easter spirit, a Resurrection spirit. Before, in fact, almost the first fire began, we had begun meeting to talk about what happens when the verdict comes down. And how do we mobilize the community to do the right things, to not forget the issues that are significant? In the Los Angeles District of The United Methodist Church, our district superintendent Robert Smith immediately called a meeting of all the pastors. And last Sunday, all of our churches took offerings, and began to collect food and clothing. We began to establish saving stations in 2 districts, at least, perhaps 3 districts. I'm not sure. We began to move on hunger, meeting the immediate emergency needs of people. We've established legal centers for counseling, counseling centers to help deal with the pain, and the hurt, and the brokenness. The food, medicine, transportation programs--wherever the needs are, we're trying to meet them already because so many of our congregations in the Los Angeles community are a people who are committed to the notion that the kingdom of God is at hand; the time is now. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the gospel. Repent, find new directions for the life of the congregation, and the nation, and the earth, because we have been enabled and empowered by the one who revealed himself fully, classically, powerfully in Jesus of Nazareth of the kingdom, and telling us, "Lo, I am with you, even to the end of the earth."

The forces of the world have no ultimate weight. That the dangers we face even in what we see in this experience are dangers that are short-lived, because they represent the principalities and powers. But the people of God dare to work in the midst of pain and sorrow for the purpose of letting life emerge out of death. Nonviolence out of violence. A new city out of an old city. And a new humanity and a new people, who are graced by the love of God.

WILLARD STEVENS (Desert Southwest):

STEVENS: Bishop, I share with the body a statement prepared by the Western Jurisdiction delegation, entitled "A Call to Repentance and Action."

"The spirit of the Lord is upon us in this very moment, anointing us to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty and release, to comfort those who mourn, to give a garland instead of ashes, to raise up the devastations of many generations, and to repair the ruined cities."

Out of the rage and destruction we have seen from peoples of all colors in Los Angeles and other cities this past week, we, as people called United Methodist, believe that God's spirit is calling us to acknowledge and confess our failures, and to reclaim our Wesleyan heritage.

We stand in the tradition of John Wesley, who went into the places where people were helpless, wounded, and disenfranchised, to live out and preach salvation and social holiness. The *Book of Discipline* calls us to authentic Christian response to the perils of the present age. A quote from the *Discipline*, "that the healing and redeeming work of God might be present in our words and deeds."

Gathered here at the global United Methodist church, we can no longer ignore what Walter Bruegemann has call the fabric of compromises and lies which shape our society. We have tried peace, peace where there is no peace. Our only way out is to acknowledge the deep pain, powerlessness and hopelessness which surpasses all lines of color and cultures--setting people against one another in fear along lines of class. We must speak truthfully of our pain, and only then are free to dream new dreams. We publicly confess that as United Methodists we have not done all that we might have done, all to confront and transform our own insentivity, that inertia towards racism. We have persistently ignored the signs and warnings of the violence of endemic racism, classism, and injustice. We have ignored our own spiritual emptiness and materialism. We have ignored our own Social Principles, our theological task, and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our confession must move us now to repentance and action. The church must act to develop study and action programs that inform and educate United Methodists about the unfinished business of creating a society as Martin Luther King Jr. described--where persons are judged on the content of their character rather than the color of their skin or their position in life. We call on this body to approach each issue on its agenda with what we have said is "our theological task for the discipline to express the heart cries of the downtrodden and the aroused indignation of the compassionate." We ask the church to explore and develop working relationships with the community's social and political leaders to address issues of employment and economic need. We urge the U.S. Department of Justice to move with all immediacy, to investigate civil rights violations in Los Angeles and other cities. As United Methodists, we must recognize that there will be no peace without justice and that justice must be lived out in every life, every home, and every institution of our society. In this crisis moment, we seek conversion as change of heart, a renewed vision and commitment to God's new heaven and new earth. "For justice shall

roll down like mighty waters, and righteousness like an ever lasting stream."

BERNARD KEELS (Baltimore): The events of Los Angeles have hit me in a particular way as it relates to the issues of media in this country. I have been a television reporter and talk-show radio host and had been appalled at what the public turns on and listens to, and accepts as the gospel. The first rule that I discovered in media is that news is nothing more and nothing less than what the reporter says it is. The second truth I learned was in Baltimore, MD, when I wanted to do a story about an enterprising young Afro-American young man who had developed an escort service for senior citizens in the high-rise building. The news director told me that was not newsworthy. I said, "Explain to me what is news worthy?" He said that if a young man helped an old lady across the street it would not be newsworthy. If that same young man, while helping the woman across the street, assaulted her, then that would be news. A sad statement on what the fifth estate is all about. Moreover, as I look around the rainbow of this room, I'm incredibly impressed, what our God has endowed in our hearts. The hues of our skin, the texture of our hair, the thickness of our lips, the accents that we have. We must look very carefully to know that most of us today, probably only know about our neighbor only what we've seen and heard and read. It was in 1968 that the Kerner Commission wrote its very famous remarks, and it said as I quote, "If White Americans allow what they see on television, read in the newspapers, or hear on radio, to condition the understanding and expectations of Black Americans, they will neither understand nor accept their brothers and sisters." I believe one can translate the same phrase today to talk about the Korean community. What do we really know about the Korean community? What do we really know about the Native American community? Our only images of the Native American community are in the cowboy and Indian serials. There was always a massacre when the Indians won. There was always a victory when the cowboys won. It is very, very important that racism and sexism and stereotyping in our language and media be avoided at all cost. It is amazing that people in the North who hear a southern accent think that every White person with a southern accent is a member of the Klan. For their feeling is pervasive in a northern part of this country, who say that. It is amazing when you hear someone from an international community speak with an accent. The media would have you believe that they are not as intellectually gifted as others. The fact of the matter is that they are twice as gifted, for they can think and speak in two languages. It is interesting--the image and role of women we see on media. You can see a man grow old and graceful behind an anchor desk. But you can't name one female anchor over the age of 40 or 45. We need to become vigilant in our efforts to understand what the media does, what it causes us to do. The inclusiveness behind the cameras is another issue that hurts me so much. We need to know that Black and White and red and brown all should work to report and tell the stories of this great nation. One of the tragedies about Los Angeles was the steady diet of hate being filled without even knowing we were receiving it. A primary example would be those horrible, horrible pictures of men and women being dragged out of their vehicles and beat upon by angry mobs. Two things struck me as a journalist about that. One, we did not see anybody rescuing. We know that there were a lot of people who risked their lives to rescue--to the extent you only see the perpetrator; you begin to subliminally think that everybody that hue is of the same mind-set. But the second condition of that camera work that was more devastating--and a lot of us never realize it--whenever you see someone burning or someone being beat or hit in the head with a fire extinguisher and your soul gets chilled down to the bone, you must ask yourself one quick central question. Where is the man or the woman who was pointing the camera in filming that event? How could they allow that to happen and only say, "Oh, what a shame, what a shame," and not put the camera down and help and go and rescue?

We have some difficult days ahead. Days when we need to go back to the gospel of reconciliation, the gospel of transformation, and ask ourselves a central question. If God intented for the rainbow to have many colors, why is it in the most powerful tool we have as a human family, we have a curious absence of ethnics and women in critical decision-making capacities? It is very, very sad to be able to tell one's story to the tongue and accent of your own experiences. I came from an all-ethnic denomination to become a United Methodist, and one of the reasons I did so was because I had a dream as a little boy. In Birmingham, AL, I realized something was vastly wrong with drinking water out of a different water fountain. I realized something was vastly wrong with always understanding that somehow my coarse hair and my thick lips were not an object of beauty. I was so happy when I made a trip to Africa and found out that indeed a gap in my teeth is considered a sex symbol. In the media, the station offered me free orthodontal care if I would get my gap in my teeth fixed, a powerful statement. Look at the unidimensional characteristics of those who are in the media. They look alike and sound alike. Those who are living below the Mason-Dixon line, why is it that your local anchorperson does not have an accent germaine to that particular geographical area? This must be carefully looked at. VISN and UMCom and other great tools of the church must challenge America to see not through an eye dimly, but to see when we will be seen face to face--not to know in part, but to know fully, even as we are known. So I leave you this morning and ask you again that as you turn on the television this night, don't worry about what you see and what you hear. Realize that every station and every market is accountable to someone. There needs to be active monitoring on the part of local United Methodist Women and local United Methodist Men's groups. The Women's Division is to be applauded for having the study group some years ago on racism and stereotyping in language and media. It is a powerful dimension. It is a powerful dimension as we stand and because I've seen men this week and women this week who are Asian and that first moment is tense because we both are thinking, "You are the bad guy and You are the bad guy. You are not the bad guy; you are not the bad woman." It is this uncontrollable, powerful thing that we call "all the news that's fit to print" that needs to be changed in the twinkling of an eye. I go now and I thank you for this time, and God be with you. God help The United Methodist Church.

BRANDON CHO (California-Pacific): Bishop, my fellow United Methodists, I'm Brandon Cho, pastor of North Long Beach United Methodist Church, near by the City of Angels. Before I begin my sharing, I'd like to invite all the Asian-Americans that are sitting in this place to stand from your seats. Thank you. I'd like to read for us from 1 Corinthians 12:26, in which the apostle Paul, using a metaphor of a human

body, speaks of the unity and accountability of the body of Christ. "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it. If one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we are the body of our Lord. One of the marks of the body of Christ is God's mandate and our ability to bear each other's burden. And this morning, I come to you with a very heavy burden in my soul. I share it with you as your Asian-American brother and particularly as your Korean-American brother. Last week, we witnessed probably the worst kind of urban violence in the history of our nation. My fellow Korean-Americans suffered greatly as a consequence of it. Hundreds of their shops and businesses have been looted, destroyed, and burned down, leaving behind only the traces of ashes. The smoldering shells of their shops and businesses shocked them literally with the reality that their American dream for the land of opportunity filled with milk and honey has been shattered. It took them many, many years of hard work--without a vacation, without a weekend break--to establish their life in this newfound homeland, only to be destroyed within minutes by fire and violent hands. Many who had gone through this terrible ordeal said, in one voice, that the City of Angels has turned into a battleground, a war zone. And to my fellow Korean-Americans, it was another Korean War, and they have to tremble once again with fear between life and death. It was, in a literal sense of the word, a hell. Lamenting what has transpired after the verdict, Rodney King said, "Those police officers beat me, and now Los Angeles is beating me again." All of my fellow Korean-American victims of this violence feel that they, too, were beaten and violated mercilessly. No one, no ethnic group, no race, should go through this terrible hell anymore. Enough is enough. Rodney King's shaky voice still lingers on in my ears, in my heart, when he raised this very simple, down-to-earth question: "Can we get along? Can we get along?" I invite you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, to identify with my fellow Korean-Americans' hurt and brokenness today. We want to be wounded healers. Join us, therefore, in transforming this violent nation of ours, which we love, into a nation of peace, reconciliation, harmony, a mutual hope for all peoples, regardless of their backgrounds and ethnicity and stations of life. After all, the love of Christ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Just a few days ago, more than 30,000 Korean-Americans marched on the streets of Los Angeles, calling in one accord for peace, peace, peace. The image of this little child also marching on this will help us. This little boy was holding his grandma's hand with his right hand, and with his left hand he held with his little hand a sign that said, in English, "Peace," while his grandma was shouting in Korean, "Pyong-ha! Pyong-ha! Pyong-ha!" Let this be the song of our faith today.

BEVERLY J. SHAMANA (California-Pacific): As you remain seated, shall we now sing verse 2 of #428? And you might have figured out now that it would probably be wise just to keep that page marked for a little while longer.

(hymn)

MARVIN B. ABRAMS (California-Pacific): Good morning, friends. My name is Marv Abrams. I'm pastor of a Native American United Methodist church in southern California. I'm also Seneca. Many people would say, with a name like that, he should be a rabbi. But again, it was the government that insisted at one point in our history that we all have last names, and some of them they couldn't spell, and some of them they couldn't pronounce. I would like to ask that . . . I know there are many Native Americans in our . . . this census of 1990 there was an increase of 39% in terms of Native Americans within the United States. In another section in the census it says that there are at least 6.7 million Native Americans, persons rather, who say they have as a parent one who is a Native American. I would like to ask those who have Native American heritage to stand. Thank you.

BISHOP LEWIS: This is . . . Marvin and I have an understanding about this, but it goes back a ways.

ABRAMS: A long ways. Right. Last night I heard with some deep emotion a bishop sharing in one paragraph saying, "Let us use the occasion of the 500th anniversary of European expansion into the Americas for confession and reparation for the brutal exploitation and genocide of indigenous peoples." May this anniversary be a time of, as he said, "new beginnings." Indigenous people in many lands need our support, as he said, in the struggle for justice. So often in the . . . in all the reports in Los Angeles, there was no mention of Native Americans. And let, yet, let me tell you a story of one, one woman whose plant was closed, who was riding a bus to work and didn't hear about that, and who was stranded on the other side of Los Angeles, the western side of Los Angeles. She lives in downtown Los Angeles, and she called our home. She's one of our members. She asked if someone would be able to go and get her, and my daughter and her boyfriend, they offered to go and get her. They came back from that experience, from taking her home, and my daughter said, "Dad," she says, "you can see it on television, but," she says, "you don't know what it's like until you've been there." You don't know what it's like until you've been where we are. When we have people, Native American people, who are a problem to somebody--we've always been a problem to somebody--and have tried to deal with that problem in so many different ways. As Carol was saying, over half of the Indians today live in major metropolitan areas. There was a policy in the '50s and '60s to try to get Native Americans off reservations and into "the mainstream." We would say that today. We in the church are asking you to stand beside us. We have young people in one of our ministries in downtown Los Angeles. We took him home and I said, "Where do you live?" and he says, "Well, near Elysian Park."

We got to the area and said, "Where is it? He said, "that second bush over there." And that's where many of our people lived. We understand what economic injustice is about. We do not have businesses that will burn. But we have cardboard boxes that were burned. We are asking that you stand beside us as we address these economic problems of injustice. We are asking that you stand beside us as we try to correct some of the false history that you find today, the stereotypes of romanticizing that we see on television and in the movies. When you ask young people, little ones, you ask them, what does an Indian look like? They say, "Well, he has feathers growing out of his head." Now you know that is not true. That is not the Indian of today. The Indian of today is living in economic poverty and on reservations across our country. The Indians of today are dealing with the stereotypes that happened. The Indian of today is trying to raise up the issue of sovereignty, of nations within this nation. And people don't hear. And people don't listen. And people

don't understand. We're asking that you stand beside us as we deal with that. Within this General Conference there are a number of different petitions that are coming to us that deal with a comprehensive plan for Native Americans, and enabling the church to look at the total Native American population and address some of these issues that we are facing, not only in the urban centers where we have over half of the Indians, but on the reservations and rural areas where the same economic problems exist, where the same injustices exist. We are asking that you stand beside us as we deal with all that. Today, yesterday rather, we asked that there be service of reconciliation and healing. We came to the church before the General Conference and we sat in recognition of the 500th anniversary of this "discovery" of America. That there be a service of reconciliation, that the church repent, and that the church look at itself and review the history and deal with that. We said that we would like to have a service of reconciliation and healing. And the church said no, until yesterday. We ask that you stand beside us. We need you, who are our relatives. We are all related. Among the Iroquois, I am a Seneca and the Senecas are one of the Iroquois Confederacy. Among the Iroquois as they came together, there was a man who was called the Gunwada. He came and said, you Indian folks can work together. He bought 5 tribes together. And as a symbol of their willingness to work together, they buried their weapons at the base of a pine tree. For us, that is a great tree of peace. The roots of that tree, as seen by our people, are not just for Senecas or Iroquois people, but there for all people. We are all related. And that we ask that you stand beside us as we work together within the church. Thank you.

(recess)

BISHOP LEWIS: Thank you, Rosa. Let us all be seated and be in order. And we're ready for our next speaker.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Bishop Lewis and sisters and brothers of this great conference.

BISHOP LEWIS: Will you give your attention, please?

ARTURO FERNANDEZ (California-Nevada): Just a couple of days before coming to Louisville those of us in Fresno, CA--I am Arturo Fernandez, serving a Methodist church in the inner city of Fresno, CA. A few days before we came, we were all, as the rest of the country and many parts of the world, shocked by the events in Los Angeles, and those of us who work with the poor in Fresno have been meeting and trying to avoid any problems that might occur in our communities there. And it was during this time that a group of youth went and looted some of the stores and in the process came across a man who was sitting in his pickup truck, an Hispanic by the name of Rodriguez, who was there to sell his medicinal herbs to those who were celebrating El Cinco de Mayo, and sitting in his truck, he was shot and killed by this group without any reason whatsoever. We entered into that grief with that family, with the pain that was felt, not just in that family but throughout the Hispanic and a lot of the White community. I came with some of that grief, wondering how things are going with that family. And I also came to Louisville with the thoughts that were expressed to me by my daughter Maria, who is 18 years old. As we discussed the terrible things that had happened in L.A. and were still happening, she looked at me, and she said, "Daddy, how can I now have confidence and trust in our judicial process?" That was a very difficult question for me. I didn't want to just answer right away because I know what her background is and I admire her in the first place for being able to raise that kind of question. I am concerned for the kind of answers that we are going to give to our children across the land. And what answers we are going to give as a church across the land, to those that cry out for justice. As we watched on TV the violence and then with hope that our President would bring a good word and address the roots of our problems, we Hispanics were shocked to hear him give us his best word, apparently, which was to promise us that he was sending the INS to L.A. to apparently take care of the problem, to weed out from among us those, perhaps, who are the cause of the problem. We are indeed confused in this country. We are indeed confused when we think that that kind of solution that resorts again to the indirect militarism that our bishop spoke about last night will be the answer to the problems of our communities. We who work with the poor Hispanic and Latino communities recognize the increased numbers of poor in our communities that are despairing. They're despairing because they've tried to get jobs that are meaningful and that can add dignity to their lives and to their families and they cannot get them. They are driven to other means. The increase in drugs I happen to be part of a drug treatment program we are seeing a tremendous increase in both the selling, those that are becoming part of the selling sales force, as well as the users out of despair. The poor indeed keep getting poorer. This is true not only in the barrios and ghettos of our communities in America but also in the Third World--in Central, in South America, and in many places across the entire world. The root of our poverty, the root of our hopelessness is not just in the barrios and in the ghettos, it comes out of the oppression against the Third World, and our brothers and sisters are driven to come, hopefully finding some justice, finding some relief here, only to encounter not only the racism from the Whites but racism from those of us, from many of us who are native-born ethnics, who look at them sometimes as outsiders. We need to go beyond simply noting and analyzing and providing the rhetoric that makes us feel bad about the situation. Most of us were shocked indeed with the L.A. verdict in the light of the overwhelming evidence. I would like to submit that we, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church, are the jury who will decide our priorities for ministry and mission as a church of Jesus Christ. The evidence of human need and challenge for mission is before us in the documents, in the proposals and the resolutions and in the testimonies and sharing that we will give to one another. What will be the verdict? Good words and charity will not be sufficient because that will not feed the hungry or bring sight to the blind or free the oppressed. Only the full commitment of the church will do. What we decide at this General Conference will determine what our local churches will do. Let us do the right thing.

SHARON RHODES-WICKETT (California-Pacific): Sisters and brothers, hi, I'm Sharon Rhodes-Wickett, member of the California-Pacific Annual Conference, superintending a district of which part has burned down, I want to tell you one of the Easter stories that has come out of the violence in our land. Friday, I got a call from one of our pastors who serves a church in Compton, and Compton was one of the areas hard hit. And she said, "Pastor, I want your permission." Bishop May, she said, "I want your permission to declare ourselves as a saving station." I said, "Go on ahead, let's go." And

Saturday they leafleted the community, they made lots of phone calls, and they set everything up. I joined them Sunday morning at 9 o'clock for the opening of the saving station. And what a wonderful event that was! But my journey, my 9-mile journey from my house to that church, was a valley that I drove through before arriving at the church. My heart sank more into despair as I drove down the street and saw the barricades and saw the soldiers with their fatigues on and the camouflage makeup on their faces, and their guns weren't in any kind of holder. They were held like this as I drove down the street and I thought, "Oh, my Lord, what's happened to our community?" And I pulled up to Compton Enterprise Church. And out on the front lawn there were tables set up with flowers and fresh paper on the tables to welcome the visitors and the members of the community. They had 8 stations set up for social service, involving the people in the church who are social workers and nurses and other kinds of professions. And they brought people in. There was a station for hot meals that they needed food to eat right then, another station to take home a bag of groceries, and lots of things for babies. There was a medical services atation for blood pressure check and blood augar. There was a clothing area where they could go and pick out some clothes to wear. There was an Upper Room prayer ministry where they could go and receive the comfort that members of the congregation were giving. There was a station for shut-ins, so that if someone couldn't come they would go to them. And there was a place for child care so that the children of the workers and those who came could be cared for as they were having their needs met. After a couple of hours of working the atations--and I would add that each person who came was escorted from station to station by those of us who worked there--then we had worship. Oh, did we have worship! And my heart was lifted. My heart was lifted higher than it had been in quite awhile. Because we were reminded of the promises of God on which we stand and which we have our being. And nothing, and nothing would shake us from those promises. And as I began to leave that afternoon more food, and more clothing, and money was coming in from surrounding churches to help this saving station. And as I left, yes, I drove past more barricades, and I drove past more guna and more fatigues. But this time my heart didn't sink quite as low, because I was reminded that we are a people of God and that we stand on the rock-solid promise of God's covenant to be our people no matter what. And as I left I thought of the aign that you read as you leave Compton Enterprise which is, "Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place."

(song)

BORIS K. TRAJKOVSKI (Yugoslavia Provisional): I want to say it's a great pleasure for me, dear bishopa, dear delegates, to say my story and to say my witness. I want to introduce myself. I am coming from Yugoslav Annual Conference and my name is Boris Trajkovski, Boris Trajkovski. When I prepare myself for my coming here, I was so glad to have come in your state, where everything is already done. But first days of my coming my heart was broken and I'm too sorrowing, I'm too unhappy about all these things what are going here. I want to point out a few things. All this work is going to discuss very familiar words, "For then, what is this freedom and democracy?" I can give you my point of view. What is democracy? Democracy. There is not democracy without freedom. Progress. There is not progress without democracy. Creativity. There is not creativity without freedom. Security. There is not security without negotiation and solidarity. Dependence. The progress, the security, and the creativity can only be achieved by dependence. All human beings, I think, depend from this motto, what we can take from the Bible. "Do to the others what you expect they should be doing to you." Do you want to learn our history, what is going on in Yugoslavia? Do you want to repeat your history from your past, to return yourself in very well-known Civil War from your past. My country is now in this time in misunderstanding. Everywhere is unrest. People are unhappy. Everyone is looking for freedom. In every human being is very common discord. What is freedom? Human rights, and everything. The children are not able to enjoy their childhood. All people are not able to spend the rest of their lives. Many dangers. Many people must leave their homes, their residence. You know that there are thousands and thousands deaths. Many people are unhappy. What is the main problem in our country? Everybody is going to end it by himself. I belong to the Croation, I am from the Serbian nation, I am from the Macedonian nation. Everybody in his own way, but nobody's ready to come together and to negotiate. I know that this story is not from now, it's from our past. I know that our regime has done many things about this, because they didn't make a right choice, to teach the people through negotiation [unintelligible] to give them a right direction in their life. Now, here in this state we have many possibilities to give to the people a right way. Through negotiation, to teach the people, to invite the people to come together and to sit at the same table and to find the same solution.

TRAJKOVSKI: I know that everybody from this state as in my country as well, have their own view about all things for their creativity of economic justice and political justice. But, we must brush out everything and throw out everything in front of the gospel and to come together. I want to encourage you and to advise you that you must be as a picture in this world. Because I'm coming from this side of the world, and all people are turning their face in United States. And now what is going on, many people are disappointed with this; the great teacher lost his mind. We must come together and to teach each other and to share our witnesses. May God help us to come together and to find a good solution. Thank you.

ROBERT SMITH (California-Pacific): Bishop and members of the Conference, I'm Robert Smith, California-Pacific Annual Conference. I serve as the superintendent of the Los Angeles District of the California-Pacific Annual Conference. I really feel a little bit uneasy about being at the city of General Conference today, because I feel as though I need to be in Los Angeles with my people. I serve a district that has 48 churches. I have 20 White churches; 14 African-American churches. I have 11 Korean churches, ministries, misaions. I have a First German church. I have a Chinese church. I have two Japanese-American churches. I have a Samoan church, and I have several Hispanic congregations, some primarily Mexican-American, some Cuban, and other varieties of Spanish-speaking peoples. And I have a Native American ministry in the Los Angeles district. Ours is a most unique and peculiar and special district in the whole connection. A microcosm, I believe, of what God is trying to make of all humankind. God is at work in the world. God is at work in the world.

God, God is at work in the world seeking to make of all humankind members of God's one family, and we're a microcosm of that. Wednesday evening, we were going about routine district business seeking to hire a program associate, and got the news that the verdict came down not guilty, not guilty, not guilty, not guilty. We could not believe what we heard. We hastened to end our business and to get the people home, because already we began to hear the sirens of police cars and fire trucks. And we know that the stage had been set because our blessed police chief Darryl Gates, had already beefed up his forces to be ready for the outbreak, in case, in case the verdict would be not guilty. And so, all of our people went home. I went home and began to call all of my people to make sure that they had gotten home all right, and then to call all of my pastors in the affected areas as the news was coming through, to find out what the conditions were. We received the reports, we talked up until midnight, trying to make sure; in some areas we could not get through. We were watching television and the like, and the focus on the first evening--aside from the Florence and Normandy site, one block away from where my secretary lives where the driver was pulled out of the truck and beaten in the streets, and where the first service station was torched--aside from that scene, the focus primarily was in downtown Los Angeles, around City Hall, around police headquarters, around the Federal Building. What we saw on television were young Blacks, young Latinos, young Whites, young Asians in the downtown area. And so we listened to this all night long, and the next day in a 2-hour period, we were on the phone calling all of our pastors to come together in downtown Los Angeles, 1010 South Florence Street, in the heart of the whole thing. We must talk about this. We must dialogue about this. We must share our feelings. We must plan a strategy as to how we are going to respond to the need which we now find in front of us. Thirty-six of my pastors came. One of my pastors at USC, Trisha Ferris said, "I cannot come. I have to stay here with the students. I have to be a pastor on this campus." My campus pastor at UCLA said, "I cannot come. I must be here with the students." The pastor from Ocean Park in Santa Monica said, "I cannot come. I will be in South Central L.A. looking around." As the pastors sat and talked we shared our feelings; we shared our hurt; we shared our anger; we shared our despair. We shared why it was that people were being destructive, and why it was that people were committing, people were committing death. And we felt that if we were going to be the church of Jesus Christ in that setting, we had to do certain things. We had to offer a statement. And that statement is entitled, "Out of Anger, Despair, Destruction, and Death, We Are Issuing a Call to Hope and to Resurrection." And that statement indicates we the clergy of the L.A. District of The UMC join our United Methodist Council of Bishops whose statement we had received by that time to express our outrage at the failure of the jury to find any of the defendants guilty in the beating of Rodney King. The endorsing of the police misconduct in this matter is unacceptable. In a subtle and insidious, as well as in direct and blatant ways, the not guilty verdicts are expressions of racism. The change of venue of the trail and the defense strategy--a defense strategy which successfully sought to create in the minds of the jury identification with police fear--produced a gross miscarriage of justice. We share the rage from which the violence in our streets has sprung. Though we deeply regret its consequences, and we commit ourselves to be in ministry with those who have suffered further because of that, the response of violence in our city is not to the verdict, but is triggered by the verdict and is fed by the continued and historic inequity of the distribution of wealth of power and justice in our nation.

ROBERT SMITH: In response to these events and to the God whom we know in Jesus Christ, we the pastors of the Los Angeles district commit ourselves to transform our outrage into courage through a whole series of actions which we propose, which we committed ourselves to, which we drew up and distributed to all of our churches in the Los Angeles district for use on Sunday morning. And then leaving the confines of my office, I drove into south central L.A., and I saw the fires and I saw the looting and I saw the burning in the heart of south central. There I was in my old 1972 Buick Electra, identifying with the community in their pain and their hurt and to my surprise, I did not see just Black youths looting, but I saw all kinds of people looting. Many of them, our new neighbors in the downtown. We have in the downtown area, Little Central America. We now have Koreatown to join with Little Tokyo and Chinatown. We have more than 400,000 Salvadorans, 100,000 Guatemalans, many of whom are undocumented, cannot access the system, cannot get social services, do not have decent housing, do not have legal protection, many of them who set up street vendors and the police drive them off the streets and the city ordinances say they cannot be there. So that when once the violence broke out, it seemed triggered by the verdict, then everybody it seems who had a cause joined in and the looting began. And the fires began and my friends, I am concerned that while it was all over Los Angeles, south central, downtown, and as Jim Lawson had said, in Hollywood, in the West Side, and the like, our news media has been very careful, very careful to portray young Blacks and the burned-out Korean merchants so as to exacerbate the already very high level of tension between Koreans and African-Americans in the city of Los Angeles. And I think, I think it's unfair, it is ungodly, it is unconscionable, it is unjust. This is not, this is not what it is all about. We share the hurt and the pain of so many of our Korean merchants who were burned out, but many other merchants were burned out and, my friends, many of the Korean merchants who were burned are in churches on our Los Angeles district, and we must do something about it. I did a second visit into the heart of south central L.A. and saw power out, water in the streets, devastation everywhere. In the residential areas, no destruction, primarily commercial and business. My pastor said to me, we have to be present in the community now in the midst of the storm. If you are not present now, don't come when the storm is all over. You can't get into the community as a part of the aftermath, you have to be there in the midst of the storm; otherwise, I hate to think of what could happen. And so my pastor planned the response, and we said that Holman Church would be designated as an area where food might be collected, and so hundreds of pounds of food have been brought into Holman. Pampers and all kinds of articles to meet human need has been brought into Holman. We established four sanctuary churches: Faith Church at 108th and Western; Hamilton Church in the heart of south central; Vermont Square in the very heart of south central; and Korean Central, which is on the near east side near downtown in front of which all the businesses were burned and looted, not by Blacks. And so I did a third visit into the area on Saturday morn-

ing and this time I went into Koreatown so I could see what was going on. And I was just ahead of the march in Koreatown, but I was there because one of my churches, Wilshire Church--multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi-racial, Black, Hispanic, Filipino, Korean, with a pastor for each ministry: (an English person clergy for the senior pastor, English person American) English-American person, a senior pastor; a Black woman associate pastor for the English ministry; and then a Korean pastor and a Filipino pastor and a Hispanic pastor. They had organized themselves to go into Koreatown and join with the clean-up movement and so they engaged in clean-up in Koreatown and for the first time, my English-American senior pastor said that he and his spouse, who is also clergy in our district, said, we felt like we were in the minority, like my wife and I when we were in Ireland. We were marching in a peace march and we said we would slip into the crowd inconspicuously. An update on the food situation. I talked with, we did create a strategy group and that group is implementing our plan right now. That is why I can feel safe in leaving and coming to the General Conference and so I talked with the coordinator and he said the food at Holman is exhausted. We don't have any more, we need more food. He said that Faith Church was the recipient of all the contributions of food from the office of Senator Diane Watson. He said that Vermont Square had received a truck load of food from Ralph's Supermarket and that all of it had been given away, and he said that Hamilton is getting up to speed and the Korean Central Church is seeking to counsel persons about getting loans for small businesses in order to restore the businesses in Koreatown.

BISHOP LEWIS: Take our proper places and return our attention to the microphone and our leader Beverly. Are you out there listening? Let's return to our places and give our attention to Beverly.

SHAMANA: I'm sure that your time of sharing with each other has been enlightening and a rich time. I do have to apologize, however, that we will not be able to have individuals come to the microphone due to the press of time. We had very much looked forward to this and I'm sure that some of you have things that are on your heart that you want to share with the entire body. Perhaps we can find some way to do that in conjunction with some of our legislative time. I do apologize for that because we had hoped that we would be able to do it. But at this time I do need to provide for the time when Bishop Kelly will come and bring us closing moments, and so in order to do that I move to suspend the rules to permit her to come before us.

BISHOP LEWIS: Is that right now or is that at the close?

SHAMANA: That will be at the conclusion of the resolutions.

BISHOP LEWIS: You all understand that this is a motion to suspend the rules so that Bishop Leontine Kelly may make a concluding speech when we're ready for that. It takes a 2/3 vote and it's not debatable. If you would sustain that you may vote now. You got a green light? When the light's green vote yes or no to suspend the rules. Yes 692, no 181, abstention 4, so it's clearly suspended.

LAWSON: Bishop Lewis, we have 5 brief motions and I would like to begin moving the first one. That the legislative committees be asked to locate and mark specific issues already in their agendas that impact upon this matter, that they highlight them and lift them up and report them back to the General Conference in their reports. That's my first motion.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right. Do you all understand this motion? Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the light appears. Well, the vote is 714 yes, 169 no and 29 abstentions.

LAWSON: The second motion, Bishop, is that the Council of Bishops address an urgent pastoral letter for all congregations of the denomination asking that Pentecost be a weekend of prayer and fasting for the entire church.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right. You hear this motion. Are you ready to vote on it? Please vote when the light appears; 770 yes, 147 no, with 14 abstentions.

LAWSON: The third motion, that the General Conference issue a message to the nation and that we select now a General Conference Task Force to write that message. And we have created a list of names that we would suggest might be on that message committee.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, do you hear this motion? Are you ready to vote on it? Please vote when the light appears: 681 yes, 237 no, with 17 abstentions.

LAWSON: No. 4, that we fast, this motion was passed on yesterday but we want to repeat it to remind us, we fast Thursday evening before supper and then for 24 hours; we give our savings to UMCOR or as directed by the Council of Bishops.

BISHOP LEWIS: Ready to vote? Please vote when the light appears. The count is 638 yes, 252 no, with 44 abstentions.

LAWSON: No. 5, that the Council of Bishops call The United Methodist Church to the Pentecost Weekend of fasting and prayer, a motion already passed, and that they ask for an offering from every congregation; 50% of which would remain in the annual conference; 50% to UMCOR or as directed by the Council of Bishops. And Bishop, I would move that if this is sustained then that we refer this to GCF&A for its perusal.

BISHOP LEWIS: Because that is standard procedure for us and it will be a part of your motion. Alright. Are you ready to vote? I have someone at my left. Go to microphone 11; well, or 6, that's all right.

GEORGE CARUSO (North Indiana): Bishop, I'm bothered; this is a sort of point of order, and I'm not sure if I'm in order or not. When this was proposed as an agenda item, the implication was, as I understood it, there would be time to respond. And I appreciate the excellent presentation that's been given to us, but we've been denied the opportunity of responding. Will that be provided? Is that a point of order? Do we have to move it for the Agenda Committee, or what can be done? I feel disenfranchised as a member of this General Conference; I was not allowed to respond. (Applause)

LAWSON: Bishop, I think our group agrees, but we were trying to do it within the time limit and we overran the time, and so we were trying to compress it so that we could finish by the 12:30 hour. Of course, it's 12:00 now, so as far as I'm concerned there can be responses if we want to do it. We did not want to come back with motions at another session.

BISHOP LEWIS: It's been suggested that if we vote on the motions, we may have a little time for some response. But we opted to go with the motions so they wouldn't be left out, and if they go as well as the other 4 have, we've got about 10 minutes.

BISHOP LEWIS: Are you ready to vote?

SMITH: My friends, what we had on the shelves is exhausted and we need more resources, and therefore we call upon this General Conference to make some kind of response. I am sure that everyone of you here wants to write a check for $10, for $15, for $25, but I need more $100 gifts. I need $1,000 gifts to go to Los Angeles to meet human need. And then my friends, as this General Conference is seeking to

respond to this whole matter, let me say to you, you as a church, we as a church, very often act like we have finished dealing with the urban ministries agenda. I say to you we have not yet finished with the urban ministries agenda. We must devote connectional resources to address the mass human needs in the urban scene. In our annual conference we are getting ready to mount a major fund drive. We're hoping to raise $25 million. We're devoting 30% of that to the School of Theology at Claremont. The rest is to go for congregational development strategy across the whole conference. Much of that is to go into bricks and mortar and land, but the L.A. district said no, that is not where the concerns are. We must develop a congregational development strategy in the city of Los Angeles that will address 5 major program areas: immigration and refugee concerns to meet the needs of the new neighbors that we have in the city; homelessness and affordable housing; families at risk in south central L.A., in east L.A. and all over the city; churches covenanting together to address the whole question of drugs and substance abuse; and multiple ministries for regional churches through reconfigurations in the south central Los Angeles area. My friends, we have not yet completed the urban agenda. I call you, let us get back to the urban agenda.

RHODES-WICKETT: I invite you now to join with us on verse 4 of our hymn, and I suspect we might like to stand as we sing this 4th verse.

(hymn)

BEVERLY SHAMANA (California-Pacific): My name is Beverly Shamana, and I am the Associate Council Director in the California-Pacific Annual Conference. Bishop, members of the General Conference, we have heard many diverse and passionate and moving testimonies to what has happened this past week and it calls to mind a phrase that has been echoing in my head and in my heart from yesterday's most powerful worship, the phrase being "to fill the needs of others as acutely as your own," and from your response to these various witnesses, you have done that. You have felt the needs of others as acutely as your own. This gathering of General Conference offers us a unique opportunity, one which we may not find ourselves in for a long time, and that is an opportunity to talk with other people from other conferences, from other parts of the world, from other parts of the country, from other cultures, from other races, about what is on our heart, what has been motivated, what has been inspired, what these witnesses have engendered in us. By this day of General Conference we know the persons in front of us very well by the shape of their neck. I would like to offer us an opportunity to get to know the shape of their soul. And so I want to ask you to do 3 things. Number 1 is to form a small group of 4, 5, 6, 7 people, whereby you can share what this has meant to you. That is to say, how have you experienced the human condition of violence, of despair, of looting in your own setting, in your own church, in your own community, in your own family, in your jobs, in your cherished relationships. What shape has that taken in your setting? This is the common thread that we all share. The second thing I'd like you to do is to build a bridge for each other and with each other from your discussion to the various resolutions that you are aware of that we can impact by what has happened and what will impact us in the days ahead. And then the third thing after about 10 minutes that we are going to ask you to do is to share, at an open microphone, whatever insights, whatever learnings, whatever leanings come out of your discussion together that you would like the whole conference to hear. We will open the microphones for a brief time. And finally I would say to let the Spirit do the translating. I urge you to speak candidly out of your own heart, guided by the grace and the Spirit that can transform our hearing and our speaking. So I would ask you now to talk to each other across delegations. We don't want Georgia talking to Georgia and California to California, but if you can even move around a little bit so that you can talk across geography, so that there can be the kind of cross fertilization that informs us all. I would invite the side sections, those areas beyond the bar of the conference, to form some groups to talk so that we can bind and link up to each other in this way, as we are bound to Christ and to the church. I think we can do it. Let's try it, let's try it. Let's just move around a little bit and talk to each other and share.

BISHOP LEWIS: Hold, hold your seats a moment. We have someone at microphone 14, and I'm going to recognize you and then we're gonna do this, depending on what happens here, but you're supposed to be recognized from your seat and then come to the microphone. Well, I said I'm going to now, but I'm telling you that for the benefit of everyone. Okay, go ahead.

CHESTER JONES (Little Rock): Mr. Chairperson and delegates of the conference,

BISHOP LEWIS: Tell us who you are.

JONES: I'm Chester Jones from Little Rock, Arkansas. And I would just like to add another thing to this because all of the information has been very good and very insightful, and if most of you are like I am: you have watched television and you have pretty well picked up on most of the information and that's good because all of us are paralyzed with it.

BILL CROUCH (North Texas): Question as to the motion that we take an offering, can you be more specific about that? To what would it be intended? What's the point?

LAWSON: The offering would be direct 50% remaining in the Annual Conference for ministries related to this matter in their own area, 50% to UMCOR as directed by the Council of Bishops. We hesitate about this because, while the immediate needs we must meet--that is, food, clothing, shelter, and so forth and so on--that there's also the whole business of rebuilding, of work for change, so that we don't want to make it inflexible (the offering), so that it goes only to emergency relief, but to make it also possible to be used for other kinds of ministries and mission.

GEORGE CARUSO: I simply wanted to give you the opportunity to tell us what we are giving our money for. Thank you.

LAWSON: Thank you. I recognize at Microphone 3. Yes, go ahead, Joe.

C. JOSEPH SPRAGUE (West Ohio): I move to amend by addition, if that's in order.

LAWSON: It is.

SPRAGUE: That in solidarity and consultation with indigenous persons and local churches in a selected neighborhood, The United Methodist Church commit itself to the creation in Los Angeles of a "shalom zone." A shalom zone would be one strategically-located city block or its equivalent rebuilt with the necessary buildings, businesses, and social services needed for life, liberty, and the pursuit of meaning. To create this shalom zone, The United Methodist Church, working through the national division, would issue a call posthaste for staff and volunteers,

money such as that just mentioned, and the material, love, and labor to rebuild both physical structures and human lives broken by the cycle of poverty and deprivation. The response to this call in money and people would be coordinated through the Los Angeles Planning and Strategy Committee. Let the call go forth for workers with children and youth, community organizers, M.D.'s, nurses, dentists, counselors, lawyers, business people, architects, contractors, plumbers, electricians, and all who are willing to help. To this army of shalom would be added an intentional remnant of persons small in number, but large in the love of Jesus, who would commit themselves to live as neighbors and urban missioners in the shalom zone for an extended period of time so as to claim the shalom zone for Christ. Once this model is in the process of being developed, The United Methodist Church would invite the ecumenical and interfaith communities of this nation to duplicate our effort by creating similar zones of hope. This proposal, to be referred to the Legislative Section on Global Ministries for the development of implementing strategies, attendant budgets, and reported to GCNFA and to the plenary as soon as possible.

BISHOP LEWIS: If there is a second?

SPRAGUE: I don't think I need to speak any further.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, it has a second. Does the committee wish to respond?

LAWSON: Well, we heard the spirit, Joe, of that. Bishop, we heard the spirit from Joe Pennel's amendment and we are prepared to accept it and incorporate it to the best of our ability.

BISHOP LEWIS: The committee says they will accept that amendment. Is that right?

LAWSON: Yes.

BISHOP LEWIS: Are you ready to vote? All who will . . . Well, please vote when the light appears. I've got a big sign right here in front of me if I were smart enough to read it. And the vote is 631 yes, 265 no, 31 abstentions.

LAWSON: We have the main motion before us now, Bishop. That was an amendment.

BISHOP LEWIS: No.

LAWSON: No?

BISHOP LEWIS: That was a main motion.

LAWSON: OK. We accepted it.

BISHOP LEWIS: You accepted it and that's it.

LAWSON: We have been asked to announce that we want to emphasize the fact that already many, many . . . for many, many agencies of the church, we have received resources and offers of solidarity and a willingness to be able to plan and work with our Los Angeles Area. But we want to remember that there are other areas also in great need, San Francisco as an example. UMCOR has already sent the first $50,000 first grant to the Cal-Pac Conference. They have already established an advance number and that number is 901735-2. 901735-2 is the advance number. It should also be said that Church World Service has been in conversations with many of our people, with our congregations, our leadership in the area, and that a variety of other kinds of Protestant, primarily church organizations and concerned groups have been in conversation. We appreciate that very much. And now, I think, to bring the concluding reflection is Bishop Leontine Kelly.

BISHOP LEONTINE KELLY: I think we have heard the word. Tonight, remember the words of Henri Nouwen, "When a little boy asked the prophet, 'Dear prophet, why do you keep prophesying when nobody listens to your words and when nobody changes their life?' And the answer that question was and always will be, 'I prophesy not simply to change the world, but to prevent the world from changing me.' " It seems to me, that as we in this General Conference come together that what we are about all week is not only the awareness of what has happened in a particular place, in Los Angeles, and in San Francisco, and ripples in other areas, but to understand that we as a country sit on a powder keg, the chickens have come home to roost, we look not only historically, but biblically and theologically, in terms of what our task is, what our mandate is, as disciples of Jesus Christ, and that is to love one another and we have not done it. And yet we have the opportunity, and what a witness of diversity we are as we sit together here! What a democratic opportunity this is! What a democratic instrument this is as the General Conference of The United Methodist Church! One of the most democratic institutions in the world. And we need to go home and help people understand what it means to be United Methodist. It is not to affirm their fears, it is to disturb their comfort so that they might live out their faith. Just a few things. If we do not prioritize education in this country, for all children and for all people, we will never come to an understanding. We have left . . . we have . . . You don't have to applaud me, just let me finish a minute. We have left . . . dare to leave the educational funding of our country to the lottery, because they promised it. As Methodists, we have never sustained gambling, but if you are going to have lotteries, I want to put defense on lotteries and put money in our budgets to educate people. We are a democracy. We cannot be a democracy if we do not know that fundamental to any democratic freedom-justice process is an understanding of what we are about, and we should be about the business of that. When a young man said to me, and many of you heard me say it, a young community director said to me, "Bishop Kelly, don't you understand that the gang system in this country is to the crime syndicate as the Junior Achievement Program is to corporate America?" It is not that our children cannot learn what it means to be moral, spiritual people, it is that we have tolerated who will teach them. As I stood in Jones United Methodist Church and preached a funeral of a 23-year-old Black man, shot down by drive-by shooting. I counted 45 young Black males between the ages 17 and 24 as they came into the church to the funeral of their brother. There they were in full dress, burgundy bow ties, burgundy boutonnieres, burgundy cummerbunds. I thought to myself, "It looks like a prom scene, but I know it is the *Godfather*." And that is the symbol of our country, and that is the model of violence that we have sustained in our public arena and in our militarism and with our thinking this week contextualized by the Bishops' statement, the Bishops' vision, the Bishops' commitment to the total picture, we have an agenda to work on. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. We cannot afford to be the church that in the 18th century was accused of being seditious, because it dared to stand in 18th century England for marginalized people. We cannot claim that history and continue to be such a comfortable, pure church. We cannot be ministers of the gospel if we are not willing to hit the streets where the people are.

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Delegates Continue to Work Diligently

In 1988 the General Conference heard about 1,500 acres of land in Zimbabwe and a dream. Thursday, the story was different.

"We now have a staff, faculty, teaching building, and students," the Rev. Roger Ireson, general secretary of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, said in a report on Africa University, the first higher education facility sponsored on that continent by United Methodists.

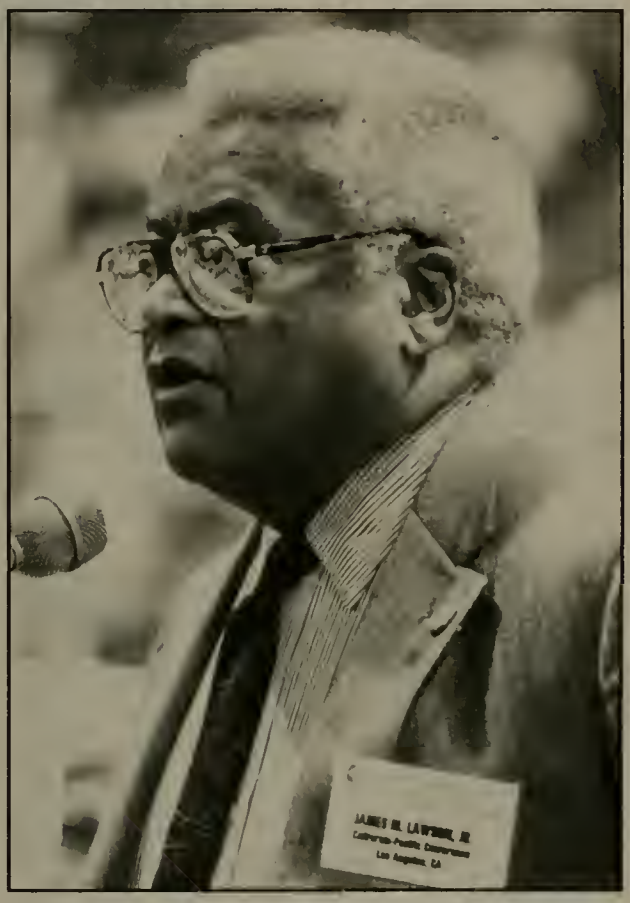
The approximately 40 students are pursuing careers in agriculture. Additional studies are expected to be in place by the time the 1996 General Conference convenes in Denver, and construction of dormitories and classroom buildings will have been completed, Ireson said. Curriculum is in an African context.

The education executive paid tribute to other general agencies of the church for their cooperation in telling the story of Africa University and to annual conferences and local churches for their financial support. Other speakers included Bishop Emilio de Carvalho of Angola, recently elected first chancellor of the university; the Rev. Yemba Kekumba of Zaire, dean of the theology faculty; Angella Current, head of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry's scholarship department; and Bishop Roy C. Nichols who is assisting in a scholarship endowment drive.

Agenda

Friday, May 8

8:30 a.m.	Worship
9:00 a.m.	Committee on Agenda
	Nominations
	Committee on Courtesies
	Committee on Presiding Officers
	Announcements
9:30 a.m.	Plenary Adjournment
9:45 a.m.	Legislative Committees
2:30 p.m.	Legislative Committees
7:30 p.m.	Legislative Committees



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James M. Lawson, Jr. (California-Pacific) stands to speak the opening days of the 1992 General Conference.

Delegates applauded frequently as the story of the university unfolded, and they rose in appreciation as their colleagues from Africa moved down the center aisle of the plenary hall singing.

As the rejoicing concluded, the Rev. Don Ott of Wisconsin, who chairs the Agenda Committee, told the 998 lay and clergy delegates that it was "time to do a reality check" and "work diligently" on the thousands of pe-

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Northwest Texas Youth Choir To Lead Worship



The Spirit Wind Youth Choir of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference will lead in both worship services today.

The Spirit Wind Youth Choir of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference will sing in both General Conference worship services today at 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. They also will present a concert at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary of Trinity United Methodist Church.

The choir was established in the late 1970s as an outreach ministry of the conference council on youth ministries to enable youth to participate in a music/drama experience not offered by their congregations and to minister to area local churches through a summer tour. Each year they sing in 12 or 13 churches covering 1,500 to 2,000 miles across the conference.

The choir is directed by Bert W. Bostic, minister of program music for St. Luke United Methodist Church in Midland, Texas, and Jon Johnson, chair of the fine arts department of South Plains College and director of music for the First United Methodist Church, Levelland, Texas. Debby Vester, organist/music assistant for St. Luke Church is accompanist for the choir and serves as the organist for today's worship services.

Preacher in the 8:30 a.m. service is Bishop Ernest A. Fitzgerald of the Atlanta Area. Liturgist is D. Randall Williamson, Atlanta director of ministerial services, North Georgia Conference.

Dr. Peter Weaver, senior pastor of First United Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., will preach at the 2:30 p.m. service. Liturgist for this afternoon's service will be Shirley Parris of Brooklyn, N.Y., lay leader for the New York Conference.

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"Catch the Spirit" on VISN

Area United Methodist Churches

The following congregations, located within a three-mile radius of the convention center, welcome General Conference delegates and others to join them for Sunday worship:

Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church
318 W. St. Catherine
585-2176
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Genesis United Methodist Church
300 N. 42nd St.
772-3551
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.

St. Paul United Methodist Church
10525 Old Taylorsville Road
Jeffersontown, KY 40299
267-4465
Worship, noon

Marcus Lindsey United Methodist Church
801 E. Main St.
584-8709
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:45 a.m.

New Coke United Methodist Church
428 E. Breckinridge
587-0437
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.

New Hope United Methodist Church
1228 S. Jackson St.
634-5707
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 10:45 a.m.

R.E. Jones United Methodist Church
2330 Algonquin Parkway
772-3773
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.

St. Paul United Methodist Church
2000 Douglass Blvd.
459-1595
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 8:25 and 10:55 a.m.

Trinity Temple United Methodist Church
537 S. Third St.
585-2905
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Zion United Methodist Church
980 Edward Ave.
585-3857
Sunday school, 9:15
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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titions stored in legislative committee computers. All those petitions will have to be turned into calendar items and dealt with in plenary before the conference can be adjourned May 15.

In a brief business session before convening in committees, delegates declined to set an order of the day for Monday to consider all petitions related to homosexuality and abortion. When the delegates had completed their electronic voting, the big screen at the front of the hall showed the motion had received 521 "no" votes against 427 "yes." The issues now will come to the floor at a time to be determined later.

Two other motions from the floor were approved. One called on general agency heads to report cost reductions achieved during the past four years, and anticipated reductions for the 1993-96 quadrennium. The other asked for a report on general agency staff present in the conference, and related expenses.

An estimated 500 persons attended the quadrennial luncheon sponsored by the North American Section of the World Methodist Council. The council presented its "Seat of Honor" accolade to Daniel D. Hankey, an Atlanta physician; the Rev. Norman E. Dewire, president of the Methodist Theological School in Ohio; and the Rev. Maxie D. Dunnam, pastor of Christ United Methodist Church in Memphis, Tenn.

The battery of computers clicked throughout the Commonwealth Convention Center Thursday afternoon and night as delegates worked on the petitions. Most of the legislative committees divided into smaller units to expedite the process.

In late afternoon the Judicial Council released two decisions carried from earlier dockets. In one, the church's highest court said that a plan governing compensation for general agency staff personnel applied to the General Board of Pensions and the General Board of Publication, as well as the 11 other agencies. The other decision dealt with the salary of the president of an annual conference foundation.

The nine-member Judicial Council is in session throughout General Conference to adjudicate questions relating to constitutionality of pending legislation. Tom Matheny, Hammond, La., attorney, is council president.

—Robert Lear



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J. Walter Ellisor (Alabama-West Florida) inquires about *Disciple: Into the Word Into the World* at the *Disciple* booth in the Cokesbury Resource Center. Celinda J. Hughes, Cokesbury staff member, responds. *Disciple* celebrates its fifth anniversary this year.



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The Rev. Kate Bell, a pastor in the Iowa Conference and a visitor to this General Conference, keeps track of both the discussion and her needlepoint.

Radio Stars United Methodists

The General Conference radio news staff continues to receive requests from stations for persons to be interviewed for news stories and talk shows.

That's only one of the radio services being offered for General Conference. The basic radio news source is a toll-free number that was mailed last month to 1,000 stations across the United States. Other stations were contacted by annual conferences who have arranged for customized interviews to be "fed" by telephone at prearranged times.

This is the first General Conference where a concerted effort is being made to provide news to Hispanic radio stations. Almost 300 Spanish-language stations in the United States and Puerto Rico were mailed preconference stories in Spanish. They were invited to follow General Conference activities by calling InfoServ's Spanish-language lines: during business hours, dial (800) 251-8140 and request the Spanish-language tape; 24-hours-a-day, dial (615) 742-5425 (toll call).

At the conclusion of General Conference, those stations will be priority-mailed an audio-tape with several stories in Spanish which address general issues of the conference as well as decisions specifically affecting the Hispanic constituency.

—Bill Richards

Today's Book Autographing Sessions

Visit the Cokesbury booth in the convention center, buy a book, and have it signed by the author during today's autographing sessions. Authors, book titles, and "signing" times are listed below:

H. Eddie Fox (co-authored with George E. Morris), 11-11:30 a.m.
Faith Sharing
Faith Sharing Video Kit
Let the Redeemed of the Lord SAY So!

Kenneth C. Kinghorn, 11-11:30 a.m.
Gifts of the Spirit
Gospel of Grace

George G. Hunter III, 11-11:30 a.m.
Church Growth
How to Reach Secular People
The Contagious Congregation
To Spread the Power

Artemio R. Guillermo, 3-3:30 p.m.
Churches Aflame

May 8 TV Programs Focus on Changing Communities, Gulfside

Remember to tune in your hotel TV at 7-8 a.m. and 9-10 p.m. today for United Methodist programming.

"Why We Care," which highlights United Methodist response to major issues of the day, is a new weekly series produced by United Methodist Communications (UMCom) for the Vision Interfaith Television Network (VISN). The first six programs were produced with the General Board of Global Ministries, while future programs will be undertaken in cooperation with other agencies.

Today "Why We Care About Changing Communities" focuses on the efforts of congregations embracing the gifts of their multicultural communities. In Texas, churches decimated by "White flight" find new hope in serving their changing communities, while in Arizona, a church community intertwines Christian faith with cultural traditions, reaching people who once felt alien in their own land.

"Catch the Spirit" co-hosts Anisa Mehdi and Hilly Hicks visit with staff members at Gulfside Assembly, a 140-acre retreat center located near Waveland, Miss., along the Gulf of Mexico.

Founded in 1923 by Bishop Robert E. Jones, the first Black bishop elected as a general superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Gulfside continues to serve the needs of Black United Methodists as "an institution designed for and committed to the commemoration of the contributions and heritage of Blacks in the historic Wesleyan tradition" and as a center for Christian education, culture, and recreation. Gulfside has been a United Methodist Advance Special since 1980.

These programs, which also include a one-minute General Conference news summary (repeated twice during the hour), can be seen on the following channels: Brown Hotel, Channel 8; Galt House/Galt House East, Channel 16; Holiday Inn Downtown, Channel 6; Hyatt, Channel 4; Seelbach, Channel 14; other hotels, check your Visitel channel.

—Jackie Vaughan



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How many messages can you find in this local hotel's sign?

Bits 'n Pieces

These items are in the "Did you know?" department. If you have interesting tidbits to share about General Conference delegates or doings, please jot them down and bring them to Barbara Dunlap-Berg at the *DCA* office on the lower level of the convention center.

* The Rev. Charles Rex Bevins, Nebraska, is chairing his fourth consecutive General Conference legislative committee—this time as chair of the Discipleship Committee. He chaired Discipleship in 1988 and Global Ministries in 1980 and 1984.

* The Memphis Declaration contained 171,169 signatures as of May 7. Writers of the document affirm that "God revealed himself in Jesus Christ, the only way of divine salvation; holy living is the way for Christians to live out the mandate of discipleship given by Jesus Christ; and the local congregation is the center for mission and ministry to the world."

* Sisters Dora S. Washington and Rosa Washington are lay delegates to General Conference. Dora, a university administrator, hails from Mississippi, while Rosa, an educator, represents the California-Nevada Conference.

* Blisters and sore throats are the most common health problems plaguing General Conference participants. (That's not surprising when you consider the amount of walking and talking that goes on around here!) An average of 30 patients per day visit the first aid station at the conference center, according to Dr. Donald Mosley, a member of St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Louisville, and one of eight volunteer physicians staffing the infirmary. Also volunteering their medical expertise are nine Louisville-area nurses. The first aid station is open 8:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

* If you think it's deja vu, you're partly correct. No, it's not 1950. And yes, the popular *Endless Line of Splendor*—last updated in 1975—is newly revised and available for $6.95 from the Cokesbury booth. For the latest version, Webb Garrison—author of the first edition—wrote 20 new vignettes, illustrated by artist Dani Aguila. The 1992 version contains all of the original stories and art work as well as the new material.

* Three candidates for the episcopacy chaired legislative committees during first-week sessions of General Conference (C. Rex Bevins and Janice Riggle Huie, South Central Jurisdiction, and Walter L. Kimbrough, Southeastern Jurisdiction); two more served as vice chairs (Vance Summers Jr., North Central Jurisdiction, and Fritz Mutti, South Central Jurisdiction); and one was a committee secretary (Sharon Z. Rader, North Central Jurisdiction).

Committee Serves Generous Doses of Louisville Hospitality

With the 1992 General Conference under way, members of the committee responsible for serving up a generous dose of Kentucky hospitality during the event are feeling "real excitement, a sense of achievement, and relief."

That's the assessment of Rhoda Peters of Louisville, co-chair of the program division of the Local Arrangements Committee.

"A number of people on the committee have slept, eaten, and breathed General Conference almost constantly for the last three months," Peters said. The committee has been hard at work more than two years.

"We had a marvelous response from the delegates to the opening reception Monday night," Peters said, "and we're looking forward to this Sunday." That's when the host committtee will present a musical celebration centered around the new United Methodist Hymnal. Performances, which will feature the renowned Junaluska Singers, are planned for 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at downtown Louisville's Macauley Theater.

"The cooperation of everyone has made our task especially pleasant," she added.

Volunteer power seems to be the driving force behind many of the host committee's achievements. Peters estimated that 25 to 35 volunteers work daily as van drivers, first aid assistants, information desk personnel, and hospitality room hosts. "They help to make the wheels go 'round and keep things going day to day," she noted.



Visitors to the first aid station are greeted by volunteer nurses and physicians such as Kay and Dick Groff.

The volunteer force included more than 70 ministers who assisted with Monday night's service of Holy Communion, and the ranks will swell even more for this weekend's celebration.

Volunteers have pitched in and helped in many ways. Recruits from local churches in every district in the Louisville Conference assisted in baking 240,000 cookies served in hospitality rooms this week and offered at plenary breaks next week. In response to cost-cutting measures, generous donors contributed all the ham, cheese, and biscuits for Monday evening's reception.

"In many cases, we simply asked and received," Peters said. "That kind of cooperation has made this job exciting."

The first days of the conference found the local arrangements staff working to insure delegates had satisfactory housing and were familiar with transportation options.

"People have been surprised at the trolley service," Peters said. Unbeknownst to some, the trolley shuttle is part of the city transportation system. "But we've had some people comment that we sure must have gone to a lot of trouble to arrange to have those trolleys for the conference," Peters said with a laugh.

The second week of the 1992 legislative assembly will be "a lot more routine" for the local arrangements staff, she predicted. Volunteers will continue to be shuttled from the Louisville Conference offices to Commonwealth Convention Center, about 11 blocks away. Their main jobs will be staffing the information desk, delegates' lounges, and post office.

The General Conference first aid station has been a busy place. It was visited by 21 persons on opening day of the conference. Ailments included allergic reactions, injuries resulting from falls, and upset stomachs.

This is the first time the first aid room has been staffed by both a nurse and a doctor, Peters explained. "We have found it to be a very helpful service," she said, adding that the committee plans to recommend it be similarly staffed at future General Conferences.

"When you get 5,000 people together, there are a host of things that can happen that require medical attention," Peters said. The services provided at the first aid station often save on costly trips to clinics and hospital emergency rooms, she pointed out.

A serendipitous aspect of all the preparatory work and hours is "the excitement of meeting all the people —the bishops, foreign delegates, and so many others who've been just names on long lists," Peters said. "It's fun now to meet these people.

"Working closely with the Commission on the General Conference, the Local Arrangements Committee is responsible for "the on-site legwork and hospitality," Peters said. "Our job is doing things that make people feel good and have a positive experience."

—Jane Dennis

UMCOR Advance Special Addresses the Urban Crisis in Los Angeles

Los Angeles Area relief efforts continue. At one relief center alone, by May 6, demand for filled grocery bags had risen to a level of 90 bags daily—at about $20 per bag.

Typical items needed include food staples, baby food, infant formula, and diapers.

According to the *L.A. Times* May 5, an equal number of bags are being distributed to those who have lost their jobs or their homes.

Your gifts through UMCOR Advance #901735-2 will be forwarded to the California Pacific Annual Conference and allocated to relief centers at a variety of churches including: Vermont Square, Holman, Korean, Wilshire (Pico Union Center), and Faith United Methodist churches in Los Angeles, and Enterprise Church in Compton.

In addition, the following volunteers are needed in the area: social workers; community health workers; translators, especially Spanish/Korean/English; attorneys familiar with California property insurance or immigration law; full-time temporary office help.

These responses address only a part of the short-term dimensions of the crisis. Longer-term responses must be explored and developed.

For more information, contact the Los Angeles District Office, the Rev. Robert Smith, superintendent; Gaunnie Dixon, associate; (213)-749-6310.

—From United Methodist Ministries, Los Angeles District



Delegates from the Baltimore and Southern Illinois Conferences join other small groups in discussions on Tuesday morning. Small-group work has not been used in a plenary session in recent memory.

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May Chun (California-Pacific) and Donald Ott (Wisconsin) share a lighter moment in the hall.

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Translators Tackle 14 Languages



Left: Translators work behind the scenes during a plenary session.

RALPH BAKER PHOTO

Below: Wandja AFumba and Lunge Djundu (both from the Central Zaire Conference) listen to the proceedings using the translation service.

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"When we went through the Episcopal Address, we all said, 'What is this new word?'" Marguerite Wieser grinned.

"We did not know this word *connectional.* We guessed it must be something like a network...a connectional church,'" she said in the Swiss accent of her native Geneva.

"That is what we are trying to do here: make a connection," explained the coordinator of 14 translators for all conference plenary sessions. "We want to be a vital part of this conference, connecting people who may be separated by different languages."

Wieser and her team of translators, still undaunted by United Methodist jargon, are part of a group of 31 expert linguists interpreting the English-language dialogue of the conference into six different languages for about 110 persons from a variety of Central Conferences and affiliated autonomous churches. The languages include French, German, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Portuguese, and Spanish. French is the mother tongue of delegates from Belgium, Burundi, and Zaire. German is native to delegates from Germany and Austria as well as a second language elsewhere in Europe. Mandarin Chinese is spoken by Taiwanese; Portuguese by delegates from Angola and Mozambique, and Spanish by representatives from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Guatemala, and Mexico.

How does an interpreter manage to think in two languages, listen, and talk simultaneously? Barbel Simons of Deventer, Netherlands, whose professional career as a translator spans 26 years and service with the United Nations, European community, and World Council of Churches, believes this ability is "a gift of the Lord." It also requires special education and "a little practice," she added. Simons studied languages and economics at the University of Leipzig and law at King's College, London. Like other interpreters at plenary sessions, Simons works in 30-minute shifts due to the strain of listening to one language and simultaneously interpreting in another.

Delegates requiring the translator service in plenary sessions may register for it in the office of the Local Committee near the North Lobby entrance to the convention center. Equipment includes a receiver and earphones. The receiver—a small, metal box that will fit in the palm—has two earphone outlets and a dial. The outlets permit two listeners to use the same receiver at the same time. Listeners can dial their preferred language channel.

Translators serving in the legislative committees are coordinated by Joyce Hill of the staff of the General Board of Global Ministries. This personal interpretive service may be requested in the committee sessions.

Operator of the six-channel transmitter is Glenn Carlson of Asbury United Methodist Church, Indianapolis.

—Tom Potter

Sayre Is Longest-Serving Clergy Delegate

Meet the Rev. Dr. Charles Sayre, here for his eighth consecutive General Conference. Sayre heads the delegation from the Southern New Jersey Conference. He was surprised to be honored by his first ballot election by his colleagues—since he retired two years ago. As former minister of the largest church in the conference, he believes people know where he stands: with a solid Wesleyan theology.

His twenty-five years of service as senior minister of Haddonfield United Methodist Church, Haddonfield, New Jersey was the springboard for his current ministry. While serving Haddonfield UMC, he started Respond, an outreach program connecting the suburban church with urban ministries. He is passionate about the church's work in the inner city and says there is no difference between the urban and suburban church: they are both in ministry together. Sayre now networks with Respond, 250 mainline suburban, storefront, and Pentecostal churches and county agencies to provide ministries in Camden, New Jersey.

Camden recently was named the poorest, most devastated city in the United States by *Time* magazine, Sayre said. Of its 90,000 residents, 23,000 families are on welfare. Sayre focuses on children ages five to thirteen, whom he says "need safe houses, not crack houses."

His three-pronged urban strategy provides a strong program for these young people and their families. That strategy includes 1) a house church, which centers around a Black, Christian grandmother who opens her heart and her home; 2) support groups—Sunday school classes, small groups, and so forth; and 3) one-on-one mentoring for boys and girls. Through these three, Sayre said that the Respond Center is recreating the New Testament church.

When asked about special memories of past General Conferences, Sayre provided a brief history. He noted that the 1964 and 1968 conferences were involved in the merger. He recalled an Evangelical United Brethren bishop saying that the merger was like a big fish swallowing a minnow.

Sayre was shocked to see the loss of one million members in the next ten years. 1972 was the re-structuring conference, when three "super boards" replaced several smaller boards. He believes this was a big mistake because the boards became directing rather than serving agencies and that we still deal with the issue today.



The Rev. Dr. Charles Sayre takes a break from his eighth consecutive General Conference.

Sayre calls the period after 1976 the time of inclusiveness. By *inclusiveness,* he means the inclusion of racial/ethnic persons, women, and the global church. He pointed to the call in Wednesday morning's session for more headsets as an example of the church's growing inclusiveness. He thinks this is important. He sees parallels between growth and mission and between ingrown concerns and membership loss, both in local churches and in the denomination.

The Rev. Sayre encourages first-time delegates to do their homework for their legislative committee. He said that it's nearly impossible to read everything that comes before the General Conference. He says the real work is done in the legislative committees and urges delegates to be engaged with the issues. "The issues are vital and dynamic...marvelous."

Married nearly fifty years, he also enjoys gardening and reading mysteries when not working.

—Patricia Ann Meyers

Cokesbury's Autographing Booth

Come by to greet and give support to these United Methodist authors!
Check daily postings throughout the Cokesbury display and the *Daily Christian Advocate* for scheduled appearances.

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Announcements

The doors to Plenary Hall will be locked at 8:30 a.m. each morning during worship. This is done in deference to those persons who have arrived on time and to those who have prepared the worship.

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United Methodist television programming continues in area hotels for the duration of General Conference. The hour program, brought to you by UMCom, airs at 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. each day except Sunday and includes a General Conference update and a variety of UM programming, including "Catch the Spirit" and "Why We Care." This service is available on the following channels: Brown Hotel, Channel 8; Galt House/Galt House East, Channel 6; Holiday Inn Downtown, Channel 6; Hyatt Regency, Channel 4; Seelbach, Channel 14.

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Albany Area challenge checks will be accepted through Monday's plenary session. Deliver checks to Bill J. Barney, Sec. B-7-1 or Dorothy M. Earl, Sec. B-3-1.

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Positions available this July: registrar/assistant to dean and director of development for annual fund with Methodist Theological School in Ohio. Contact Norman E. DeWire, president, Galt House, room 1035.

MAY 8



Time change: Committee on References will meet in room 114 at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, May 8.

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Food Service, Hall C, will be closed Friday, May 8. Food will be available in the lobby for those who cannot fast.

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"Jim Lawson Live," a call-in issues show broadcast every Friday night on the VISN Interfaith Satellite Network, will originate from the General Conference stage Friday, May 8 from 10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Friday's show will ask the question: "Is it possible to be pro-choice and pro-life?" This UMCom sponsored show can be seen Friday in Louisville on the Faith Channel (Storer Cable Channel 19).

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The Institute on Religion and Democracy will sponsor an issues forum on "New Mission and Ministry in the Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe," Friday, May 8, 12:45 p.m., Sampson Room, 1st floor, Galt House East. Speakers: Bishop Ruediger Minor and Mark Elliott.

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MARCHA will offer a banquet on Friday, May 8, 5:30 p.m. at the Seelback Hotel, 500 Fourth Avenue. Donation $24.

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Meet Alex Awad, Palestinian-American missionary commissioned by GBGM to serve in Arab East Jerusalem. (Editor's note: two times reported:) Friday, May 8, 1:15 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. -- Quality Hotel (100 E. Jefferson), room 401. (Coffee, tea, juices, and broth provided); 5:00 p.m. -- press conference, convention center, room 203 (event co-sponsored by UM Communications).

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Affirmation and the Reconciling Congregation Program will sponsor a worship service, which will include the commemoration of persons who have lived with AIDS, on Friday, May 8, 12:45 p.m., in the Regency South Room of the Hyatt Regency.

MAY 9

The Montana Logging and Ballet Company will perform in a benefit concert for the Methodist Federation for Social Action on Saturday, May 9 at 8:00 p.m. in the Macauley Theater. Tickets are $20, available in the lobby of the convention center. Also available from MFSA are stoles from Palestine, Ghana, and Guatemala.

MAY 10

National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc., dinner will be held Sunday, May 10, 4:00 p.m. at R.E. Jones United Methodist Church. Donation $10, contact Joseph Roberson or Betty Henderson for reservations and transportation.

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Worship service -- "Discernment in Action," Sunday, May 10, 10:00 a.m., Galt House, Archibald Room, hosted by the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

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Western Pennsylvania celebration luncheon: Sunday, May 10, 2:00 p.m. Masterson's Restaurant, 1830 S. Third Street (636-2511), carpool or group taxi, (approximately twelve blocks from convention center).

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The Presbyterian Center, 100 Witherspoon Street, invites you to see and tour the National Offices of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), on Sunday, May 10 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

MAY 11

Bishop Emilio J.M. deCarvalho will appear on WAVE-TV Monday, May 11 at 6:00 a.m. on "Sunrise Today," local Channel 3. He will discuss Africa University and upcoming October elections in Angola.

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Minnesota folks and friends will gather Monday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Galt House East. For reservations call L. Grage, Galt House - 1830.

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The National Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders invites all present and former conference lay leaders to lunch on Monday, May 11 from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the cafeteria behind Cokesbury.

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The New Jersey Area luncheon will be held Monday, May 11, at 12:45 p.m. in the Governor's Room of the Galt House East.

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Louisiana delegation and friends will have a breakfast May 11, 7:00 a.m. in the Galt House East, Governor's Room. Guests: Bishop and Mrs. Oden and bishops elected from Louisiana and their spouses.

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Northern Illinois Conference dinner will be held, Monday, May 11, 6:00 p.m., Brown Hotel. Tickets may be purchased for $10.50 from Kay Dillard.

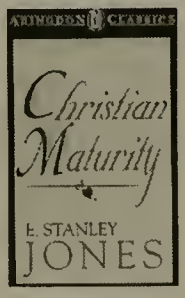
MAY 12

The Indiana Area is sponsoring a luncheon on Tuesday, May 12 in the Hyatt Regency, Park Room.

MAY 13

Albany Area dinner will be held Wednesday, May 13, 5:45 p.m., Days Inn, 101 Jefferson St., $15. Reservations needed by Friday, May 8, to Dorothy Earl, Sec. B-3-1 or Bill Barney, Sec. B-7-1. Entertainment by Sister Spirit.

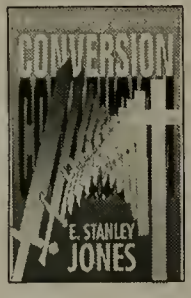
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Cokesbury

Visit the Cokesbury Display at General Conference!

OA-0275-2

Legislative Committee Reports

Church and Society

The committee voted to concur with petitions that:

* revise a resolution that reaffirms Peace with Justice as a Special Program assigned to GBCS and funded by the Peace with Justice offering;

* take a stand against gun violence by expanding education programs, communicating with the Congress and President, and developing model legislation on effective gun control;

* work for available and affordable housing by local churches enlisting volunteers, funding projects, pooling resources, urging community organization/advocacy, and undertaking the building and renovating of houses;

* decry homelessness as a "scourge upon the nation's conscience" and recommend actions for change by all levels of the church;

* highlight new developments in genetic science; examine medical, agricultural, and environmental implications; and call for broad church actions on genetics.

—Suzanne Calvin, Lee Ranck (May 7, 12:30 p.m.)

Conferences

The committee concurred with petitions that:

* would permit reserve clergy and lay delegates to jurisdictional and Central conferences to serve as reserve delegates to General Conference;

* would include all clergy members in the election of delegates to General Conference including associate members, probationary members, and local pastors.

—Dan Gangler, Jane Dennis (May 7, 2:30 p.m.)

Faith and Mission

The committee concurred with report of the Committee to Study Homosexuality as amended. Vote: yes 89, no 0, abstention 0.

The amendments include:

* adding annotated bibliography to study;

* developing study resources "consistent with the Social Principles of the UMC which support ministry to homosexual persons by individuals, groups, local churches, annual conferences, and the general church;

* requesting the UMPH to develop resources in consultation with advisory committee appointed by the Council of Bishops and funded by UMPH; "If a practicing homosexual is named to the committee, the committee shall also include a person who has abandoned that lifestyle.";

* retaining present language of par. 71F;

* adding par. 71G supporting human rights and civil liberties for homosexual persons, but deleting words "in same sex relationships."

There will be a minority report on language of 71F.

—Lynne DeMichele, Ann Whiting (May 7, 5:30 p.m.)

Financial Administration

The committee called for adoption of a 1993-96 general church budget of $448,928,000. The action would put a cap on general church apportionments for the quandrennium, limiting them to no more than four times the amount apportioned to the annual conferences for 1992. Any new programs approved by General Conference would have to be contained within the cap. The vote was 68-17 with one abstention.

The committee rejected 61-24, with one abstention, a motion to accept the General Council on Finance and Administration budget figure of $495,652,000 as a cap.

The committee asked the GCFA to prepare, for committee use, a budget based on the committee's recommended figure.

The committee also concurred with petitions that:

* would allow annual conferences to elect either a treasurer or a treasurer/director of administrative services, who would be present at cabinet meetings when administrative matters were considered;

* permit the director of the conference or area UM Foundation to have voice without vote on the Conference Council on Ministries;

* bar CCFA members from voting on matters in which they have a conflict of interest;

* make inclusiveness a consideration in the selection of CCFA officers and the audit review committee;

* give the CCFA responsibility for helping local churches to make facilities and programs accessible to the disabled.

* add "a housing allowance in lieu of parsonage" to pastors' expenses that must be reported in the annual conference journal.

The committee voted nonconcurrence on 35 petitions (including at least a dozen relating to standardizing pastoral salary schedules).

—Jean Caffey Lyles, Willie Teague (May 7, 6:00 p.m.)

General and Judicial Administration

The committee concurred with:

* a report from the General Conference explaining the progress of 3 programs: Rural Crisis; Focus on Children, Youth, and Families; and Peace with Justice;

* the definition that a special program is a quadrennial emphasis approved by the General Conference and assigned to a general program agency;

* an amended recommendation to add a budget in the establishing of study committees, commissions, and task groups;

* the observance of Golden Cross Sunday on a date set by each annual conference rather than the General Conference;

* the preference that Laity Sunday be observed on the third Sunday in October;

* a proposed budget for the National Committee on Deaf Ministries of $104,500 for the 1993-96 quadrennium;

* the GCOM and GCFA that all general agency headquarters be retained in their present locations through the next quadrennium.

—Linda Green (May 7, 4:45 p.m.)

Global Ministries

The committee concurred with the following petitions with amendments:

* calling the General Board of Global Ministries' National Division to establish a study committee for Asian-American Language Ministries;

* allowing each annual conference to set up a Commission on the Small Membership Church.

The committee voted nonconcurrence with petitions:

* regarding composition and election of directors of Women's Division and the use of its undesignated funds;

* requesting funds for a Study of Rural Community with a suggested budget of $100,000.

—Linda Bloom (May 7, 2:40 p.m.)

Higher Education and Chaplaincy

The committee concurred with petitions: * affirming rural chaplaincy as a specialized ministry for both laity and clergy. (A minority report was submitted, which concurs with the petition but that replaces all references to "rural chaplains" or "rural chaplaincy" with "persons working in rural ministries" and deletes all references to certification.);* editing, for clarity and consistency, various parts of par. 732 regarding responsibilities of an annual conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry;* amending par. 1511 to clarify the role of the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries regarding chaplain endorsement authority, the establishment of standards for such endorsement, and the advocacy and encouragement of those serving under the World Division of the General Board of Global Ministries;* clarifying that United Methodist schools of theology are established and maintained for the education of diaconal ministers as well as ordained ministers;* calling for the adoption of the continuing resolution for $20 million in apportioned funds and special gifts in support of the Africa University;* changing the name of The National Methodist Foundation for Christian Higher Education to The United Methodist Foundation for Christian Higher Education;* defining the University Senate as an elected body of higher education officials created by General Conference to determine which schools can be listed as affiliated with The United Methodist Church;* describing the purpose of the University Senate as that of establishing the criteria required of schools, colleges, universities, and theological schools to be listed as United Methodist-affiliated institutions; and assuring through an effective review process that such schools have institutional integrity, well-structured programs, sound management, and clearly defined church relationships;* directing the GBHEM and the Division of Higher Education to see that at least 10% of the $100 million scholarship Endowment Fund be allotted to United Methodist students at non-United Methodist schools (provided sufficient unrestricted funds are available); amending the original petition to include requirements that local church pastors certify that applicants have been active members of The United Methodist Church for at least one year and that funds be allotted only to full-time undergraduate students of accredited institutions;* supporting the development of campus ministry programs by: 1) focusing campus ministry as a mission of the church; 2) strengthening ethnic minority programs; 3) fostering a recognition of the world as our parish in campus ministries; 4) supporting the role of campus ministry in ministerial enlistment and lay leadership development;* urging adoption of "Campus Ministry: Mission at the Center" as a Special Program for the 1993-96 quadrennium, funded at $1 million and assigned to the GBHEM for implementation;* adding an assistant general secretary for the Black College Fund to the Division of Higher Education.—Al Horton, Karen Tisinger (May 7, 5:00 p.m.)

Independent Commissions

The committee concurred with petitions:

* adding jurisdictional networks of communicators and making UMCOM the publisher of the official Program Calendar of the denomination;

* endorsing communications access for persons with hearing and sight impairments;

* supporting VISN - Vision Interfaith Satellite Network;

* allowing for the addition of sexual harassment policies and procedures to the priorities of the Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women;

* granting change in the make-up of additional at-large membership on the Conference COSROW;

* enhancing the membership of the Conference Committee on Religion and Race;

* redefining the purpose of the Commission on Archives and History;

* reconfiguring the membership of the Commission on Archives and History, plus amending to include Central Conference representatives;

* reorganizing the paragraphs related to historic societies;

* developing definition and description of historic sites, historic shrines, and historic landmarks;

* clarifying the responsibilities of the General Commission on Religion and Race with regard to constituencies served by annual conferences and local churches;

* reaffirming United Methodist membership in the National Council of Churches;

* reaffirming United Methodist membership in the World Council of Churches (WCC).

The committee voted non-concurrence on:

* adding a permissive "may" to the creation of the annual conference COSROW;

* changing the responsibilities of the conference COSROW;

* providing "Catch the Spirit" during "prime time" in all areas of the U.S.;

* redirecting funds from "Catch the Spirit" to a national radio and T.V. ad campaign;

* changing from "shall" to "may" relative to annual conferences creating a Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns.

—James H. Steele, Kristin Knudson (May 7, 5:15 p.m.)

Local Church

The committee concurred with petitions to:

* include the chairperson of the Council on Ministries in the council's basic membership and to include a coordinator of scouting ministry as an optional member;

* add providing "interpreters" to the list of duties of the coordinator of communications;

* require that, when a merger is proposed, the local church conference of each church in a multi-church charge approve the merger;

* require district superintendent to secure legal counsel concerning reversion clauses or other restrictions before approving the sale of abandoned property;

* require local church trustees to act as socially responsible investors;

* require relocating local churches to offer their property to a United Methodist congregation or agency at a price not to exceed fair market value.

The committee concurred with amendments with petitions to:

* list a "Chairperson of Community Volunteers" as an optional member of the Council on Ministries and to include a job description for the chairperson;

* list a new description of the duties of the chairperson of the worship work area;

* add the word "interpreters" to the list of services the coordinator of communications provides and to add production of video resources for ministry and outreach to the duties of the coordinator;

* delete language specifying the Administrative Board of Council as the administration organization of the church;

* specify the local church trustees annually review property, liability, malpractice, and crime insurance coverage;

* state a church leaving a church that joined the circuit after the parsonage is acquired has no claim on the value of the parsonage;

* encourage a formal covenantal relationship for congregations and groups with shared facilities and development of mutual ministries;

* require plans for new church buildings and parsonages conform to accessibility codes and be reasonably accessible.

—Kathy Kruger Noble, Rayford Woodrick (May 7, 5:00 p.m.)

Ordained and Diaconal Ministry

The committee took the following action on Wed. evening (May 6):

* voted non-concurrence with the resolution from the Council of Bishops, which called for a continued study during the next quadrennium, regarding the report of the Commission for the Study of Ministry;

* voted to receive the report of the Commisssion for the Study of Ministry, commend the commission for its work, and use the study as a background to guide the committee's decisons on petitions assigned for its consideration;

* voted to send all petitions, including those from the commission, to six sub-committees;

* confirmed the appointment of the sub-committee chairs—Bill Crouch, Linda Marshall, Jerome DelPino, Joy Carr, Ted Walter, and Doris Rudy.

—Judy Smith (May 7, 11:30 a.m.)



Judicial Decisions

(Received 05-07-92)

DECISION NO. 671

IN RE: Whether 1988 General Conference Resolution Entitled "Pay Equity in the USA" Applies to All General Agencies.

DIGEST:

The 1988 General Conference Resolution entitled "Pay Equity in the USA" applies to all General Agencies including the General Board of Pensions and the General Board of Publication.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

At the 1991 Annual Meeting of the General Council on Finance and Administration, its committee on Audit and Review was directed to seek clarification from the Judicial Council on the intent of the General Conference with regard to the 1988 General Conference Resolution entitled "Pay Equity in the USA."

The Council on Finance and Administration has attempted to carry out its responsibilities by requesting information from all the agencies of the church. The General Board of Pensions and the General Board of Publication have refused to supply the requested information on the grounds that they are not specifically included in the resolution.

At a hearing on May 6, 1992, in Louisville, Kentucky, oral presentations were made by Craig Hoskins, representing the General Council on Finance and Administration, and James M. Walton-Myers, representing the General Board of Pensions and the General Board of Publication.

Jurisdiction:

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 2615 of the *1988 Discipline.*

Analysis:

The resolution in question, "Pay Equity in the USA", states;

1. We call upon the General Council on Finance and Administration to evaluate internal wage structures and practices of general agencies in light of the principle of pay equity and to include this assessment in its regular monitoring of equal employment opportunity compliance [*The Book of Discipline*, Paragraph 907.7(b).].

The General Board of Pensions and General Board of Publication have joined in a brief in which they argue that they are not included in those required to comply with the resolution because of the reference to Paragraph 907.7(b). Both agencies state that they are in compliance with the resolution's aims but do not have to report to the General Council on Finance and Administration because they are not included in Paragraph 907.7(b).

We find that Paragraph 907.7(b) is a process paragraph and do not determine it as limiting the duty of GCFA to monitor all general agencies. The parenthetical reference is an explanatory comment by definition and is not a part of the legislation. (See *1988 Book of Resolutions,* p. 361, entitled "Pay Equity in the USA.")

Had it so desired, the General Conference could easily have excluded the two agencies which are asking to be excepted. It would have taken only a reference to general agencies receiving general church funds or to the agencies by name. Neither of these occurred in the original resolution nor the minor changes made in the final presentation.

Decision:

The 1988 General Conference Resolution entitled "Pay Equity in the USA" applies to all General Agencies including the General Board of Pensions and the General Board of Publication.

May 7, 1992

Tom Matheny, President

Wayne Coffin, Secretary

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DECISION NO. 672

IN RE: Interpretation of Provision in the *1988 Discipline* Paragraph 710.3(c) that "[t]he Term Conference Benevolences Shall Not Include Allocations and Expenditures for Other Conference Agencies and Officers Whose Work Is Primarily Administrative."

DIGEST:

An Annual Conference may provide for the salary of the president of the conference United Methodist Foundation from conference benevolences so long as the work of the president is not primarily administrative, but includes other duties such as stewardship, promotion, and development.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

By action of the 1991 session of the Virginia Annual Conference, the funding for the office of the president of the United Methodist Foundation was included in the Conference Benevolences Budget. Par. 710.3(c) of the *1988 Discipline* states: "...conference benevolences shall not include those conference allocations and expenditures for other conference agencies and officers whose work is primarily administrative." An episcopal decision was made by Bishop Thomas B. Stockton on the question of whether this allocation was legal. The Bishop answered in the affirmative, stating:

"The President of the Foundation is a staff member of the Conference Council on Ministries with duties in the office of Ordained and Diaconal Ministries as well as the executive of the Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation is to solicit, receive, and administer funds for the ministry of the church. The past President of the Foundation has been involved in various stewardship training sessions, as well as assisting local churches in stewardship emphases. The new President and consultants, will expand this ministry. Therefore, it is my opinion that the President of the Virginia Conference Foundation is engaged in ministry beyond merely administrative and that the budget of the Virginia Conference is in harmony with Paragraph 710.3(c) of *The Discipline*."

In his opinion, the bishop stated, the allocation of conference benevolences to pay the salary of the president of the Virginia Conference Foundation did not violate the *Discipline*. We did not, however, at our October 1991 session have any information as to the actual job description of the president of the Foundation or the allocations of the president's time.

Thus, we reserved our decision of the review of the bishop's ruling and retained jurisdiction until our May 1992 meeting. This was to allow us to receive further information as to the actual work of the president of the Foundation and to determine whether, in the words of the *Discipline* Paragraph 710.3(c), the work of the president "....is primarily administrative."

Jurisdiction:

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 2612 of the *1988 Discipline*.

Analysis:

Since our October 1991 meeting we have received considerable information relative to the duties of the president of the Foundation. In by-laws adopted June 26, 1990, the job description of the president was spelled out in some detail. Contained in the job description are the duties which require the president to promote stewardship throughout the Annual Conference; to engage in marketing, public relations and promotions on behalf of the Foundation; and to assist in the management of Foundation assets.

It is apparent the work of the president of the Foundation is not "primarily administrative." Thus, the bishop is correct in his ruling; the support of the president of the United Methodist Foundation is properly included in conference benevolences; and there is no violation of *1988 Discipline* Paragraph 710.3(c).

We feel compelled to observe, however, that while the method chosen by the Virginia Conference to fund the president of the Foundation is not a technical violation of the *1988 Discipline,* we question the use of conference benevolences for this purpose. Great care needs to be used by Annual Conferences in designating allocations and expenditures as conference benevolences. It may well be that another source of conference funding would be more appropriate for the chief executive officer of a United Methodist Foundation.

Great care also needs to be used in the language of foundation charters; e.g., the Virginia Foundation might wish to review the language of its charter to make certain it is broad enough to authorize the job description of the president.

Decision:

An Annual Conference may provide for the salary of the president of the conference United Methodist Foundation from conference benevolences so long as the work of the president is not primarily administrative, but includes other duties such as stewardship, promotion, and development.

May 7, 1992

Tom Matheny, President

Wayne Coffin, Secretary

Petitions Referred

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New or Corrected Petitions

¶514 MN-12448-514-D; The Council of Bishops (new)

Specific Responsiblities of Bishops

Add a new 514.3

3. To teach the Holy Scriptures; to teach and uphold the Doctrinal Standards of The United Methodist Church; and to lead the church in its teaching ministry.

(Petition Number: CJ 11007-3000R; Council of Bishops)
(corrects copy found on Page 667)

The Global Nature of The United Methodist Church

WHEREAS there must be developed a truly global church which has an integrity which affords dignity for all parts of The United Methodist Church. Our church must be an expression of the global nature of our church membership. "A member of a local United Methodist church is a member of the total United Methodist connection." (par. 210); and
WHEREAS there must be equity (parity) between what are now called Central Conferences and Jurisdictional Conferences; and
WHEREAS we must provide for connectional unity with the flexibility and freedom for meeting regional needs; and
WHEREAS we must redefine some General Conference responsibilities as regional ones. Much of the current General Conference agenda is focused exclusively on United States issues and needs. At least some of this agenda could be handled in a North American Regional Conference just as similar regional agenda could be addressed in other Regional Conferences; and
WHEREAS we must be sensitive to how God seeks to manifest the Gospel in each unique culture and nation. We must also maintain a vital global connection in order to prevent both narrow parochialism and detrimental regionalism; and
WHEREAS our global vision for The United Methodist Church includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Provision of a means by which the United Methodist family can live and serve together in a common dignity and respect as we together respond to the mission of Jesus Christ.
2. A serious responsiveness to the unique needs and expressions of faith in each of the regions of the world and provision for freedom for creative response to unique characteristics.
3. Connection of our global United Methodist membership at essential points and through common global mission.
4. Responsiveness to the radically changed and changing world culture in which we are called to do ministry in Christ's name.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Conference authorize the Council of Bishops, in cooperation with the General Council on Ministries, the General Council on Finance and Administration, and the Commission on Central Conference Affairs, to continue to develop this proposal on the Global Nature of The United Methodist Church and to report to the General Conference, 1996.

IC-12452-3000-R; Council of Bishops (New)

Act of Covenant Between the United Methodist Churchand other churches.

Bishop Forest C. Stith, Chairperson
Affiliated Autonomous Committee, Council of Bishops
PREAMBLE
Covenants have been an integral part in the history of God's relationships with the People of God. Indeed, as the General Conference of 1968 stated ("On the Ecumenical Road", A Statement on the Cause of Christian Unity):"...the profoundest imperative to Christian unity springs from God's own design and providence for his covenant People." In the Preamble to the Constitution of The United Methodist Church we are alerted to the dangers of all dividedness: "The Church of Jesus Christ exists in and for the World, and its very dividedness is a hindrance to its mission in that World." In recent decades we have received clearer understanding of the relationship between Christian unity and our covenant with God. At the same time we have new insight into the nature of the Christian Church and a new sense of common global mission. Geographical and political boundaries do not limit the Body of Christ.
The United Methodist Church has a stake in the faithful discipleship of other communions. Other communions have a stake in the faithful discipleship of The United Methodist Church. Thus, The United Methodist Church now seeks a new form of acceptance of God's gift of unity. We seek to engage in covenant with other Christian churches wherever more visible Christian unity can increase effective mission in the modern world. This covenant is a symbol of the search for deeper relationships with churches that are a part of the whole Covenant People of God.
In this Act of Covenanting, the emphasis is on our roots in the Apostolic Faith and in our contemporary experience of God's love and will. It is aimed at encouraging a new sense of global common cause, mutual support, mutual spiritual growth, common study of scripture and culture, creative interaction as ministers in the mission of God's Church, cross-fertilization of ideas

about ways to be in that mission, sharing the resources, and exploring new forms of service directed at old and emerging needs.
In this Covenant, the 2 and he United Methodist Church acknowledge The centrality of the Sovereignty of Jesus Christ, as basic to all relationships. Our links with the Apostolic Faith through Scripture, Tradition, Experience, and Reason lead us now solemnly to affirm to each other that "all who are baptized into Christ are members of Christ's ministry through the people of the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit." (Commission on Christian Unity Digest, 1974, p. 335; Official Record, XII, 1974)
WHEREAS the 1988 General Conference adopted an Act of Covenant document to be offered to communion churches around the world,
and WHEREAS the following churches have signed this document, after consultation with the Council of Bishops
The Methodist Church in the Republic of China
The Methodist Church of Indonesia, Gereja Methodist Indonesia
The Basel Christian Church of Malaysia
Iglesia Evangelica National Methodista Primtiva De Guatemala
Puerto Rico Iglesia Metodista Unida
Methodist Church Nigeria
The Methodist Church-Kenya
The Methodist Church-Ghana
The General Conference of 1992 agrees to join with these churches in the Act of Covenant as found in the *Book of Discipline* (para. #650) and *Book of Resolutions*.

Bishop Forrest C. Stith
Chairperson
Affiliated Autonomous Committee Council of Bishops
COVENANT:
(a) We, therefore, recognize our respective baptisms as different facets of the one baptism and mutually recognize the members of the F3 and of the United Methodist Church are members one of the other;
(b) We, therefore, recognize each other as authentic expressions of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ.
(c) We, therefore, recognize the ordained ministries of our churches and pledge our mutual efforts at effecting forms of reconciliation of those ministries, including the exchange or transfer of ordained ministers between properly constituted bodies where the approval and consent of the appropriate authorities involved is given. The assumption of pastoral care of members visiting or residing in each other's countries is another instance of this aspect of the Act of Covenanting.
(d) We are committed to a systematic participation in full Eucharistic fellowship as a symbol of transcendence over manifestations of human divisions.
(e) We expect that the various agencies of our two churches will function in new ways of partnership in mission and evangelism, in education and implementation of the Gospel. Mutual sharing of principles and methods can improve our functioning in our separate contexts and especially in continuance or new development of joint projects in mission between the F4 and The United Methodist Church.
(f) We expect that an expanded and focused international linkage of visitations and partnerships will take place. The bishops or presidents of the churches will arrange for mutually agreeable visitations and exchanges that will provide contact with and some knowledge of the social, political, economic, moral, and religious context in which the people of the world struggle for existence, meaning, and purpose. Mutual visitations may include occasional presence at each other's appropriate assemblies..
(g) Extended partnerships might be possible between, for example, a covenanting church or its parts and a particular congregation, Annual Conference or Episcopal Area of The United Methodist Church. Such participation in this covenant would be by special action subsequent to adoption of the Covenant. Such an extended partnership, perhaps in consultation with specific United Methodist agencies as well, might be for a defined period to enable a mutual flow of persons, interest, and commitment. The partnership can be extended or ended by mutual agreement. Such extended partnerships would make palpable the global stake we have in each other in various parts of the world. These focused partnerships would be integrated with visitations by leaders, and the sharing by agencies of time, ability, and funding resources.
(h) Our covenant assumes the continuing independence and autonomy of the covenanting churches in their structures, traditions, styles of implementation of ministry, existing partnerships, agreements and explorations, forms of worship, and program. But we look forward to knowing each other in love, to losing our fear of difference and our fear of differences for the same, of more effective participation in the mission of God's Church. We make bold to anticipate that out of our experience we will be led by the Spirit to new forms of covenant and to new relationships for the global Christian community.
(i) A brief liturgical celebration of the Act of Covenant shall be prepared by representatives of the two Churches and shall be celebrated at the chief legislative bodies of both covenanting Churches.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the undersigned do hereby covenant and agree to the ACT OF COVENANT as heretofore set forth, and hereunto set their hands and seals for and on behalf of their respective Churches the day and year of our Lord set after their names.

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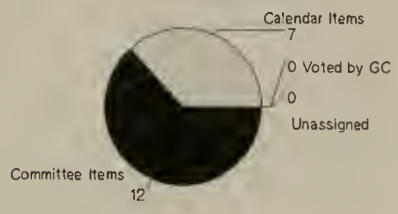
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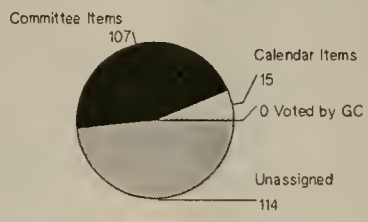
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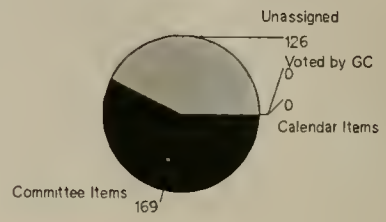
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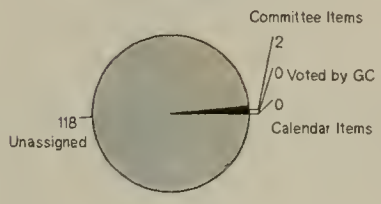
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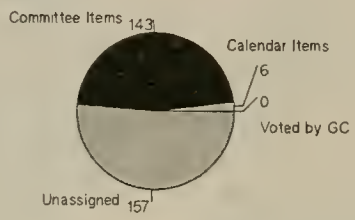
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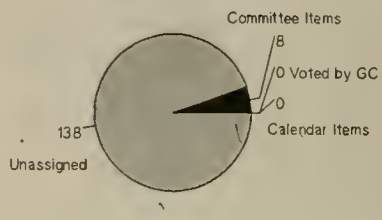
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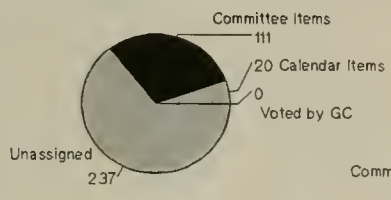
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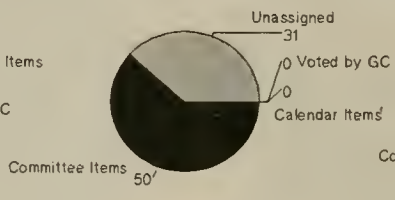
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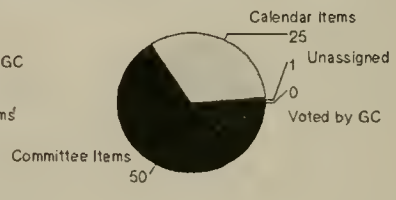
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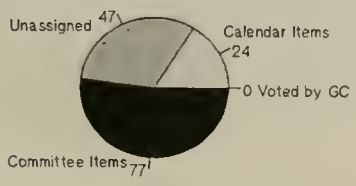
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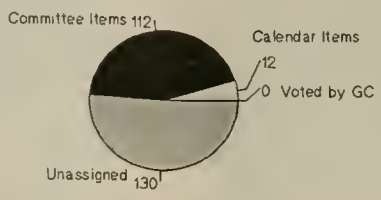
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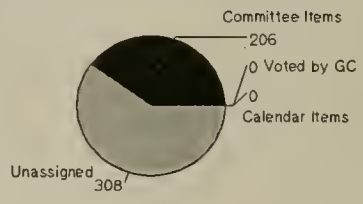
Independent Commissions



Local Church



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These charts picture the work done by each legislative committee. No petitions have been voted on by the General Conference plenary. "Calendar Items" indicates the number of petitions voted on and released by the committee. "Committee Items" records the number of petitions being worked on somewhere in the committee. "Unassigned" shows the number of petitions that the committee has not yet addressed.

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Calendar Items

Consent Calendar No. 1
Rule 27.3-4

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Calendar items printed with an * after the calendar number will automatically be placed on the Consent Calendar. If any five delegates wish to remove an item from the Consent Calendar for plenary consideration, the delegates shall complete the approved form in Room 102 by 3 p.m. on the day the calendar item first appears in the DCA. Calendar items which contain a minority report will be indicated by the initials "MR" in parentheses.

1* CC001
Subject: The accredited representative of the Council of Bishops.
Petition: CC-10996-0527-D
Page in Advance DCA: 925
Membership: 39; Present: 30;
For: 30; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/4
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

2* CC002
Subject: Central Conference Episcopal Appointment.
Petition: CC-10096-0638-D
Page in Advance DCA: 925
Membership: 39; Present: 23;
For: 21; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/4
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

3* CC003
Subject: Central Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women.
Petition: CC-10540-2301-D
Page in Advance DCA: 925
Membership: 39; Present: 24;
For: 19; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/4
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

4* CC004
Subject: Organize the Present Four German Annual Conferences into one Central Conference.
Petition: CC-10342-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 926
Membership: 39; Present: 24;
For: 24; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/4
Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:
Amend Par.4, line 4: replace ~~let~~ with **led**
Amend Par.5, line 2: replace ~~1992~~ with **1991**
Amend Par.7, line 5: replace ~~German~~ with **Germany**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

5* CC006
Subject: Creation of a Shaba-Tanzania Annual Conference.
Petition: CC-11057-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 927
Membership: 39; Present: 24;
For: 24; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/4
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.
Judicial Council ruling in 1984 determined that Central Conferences can determine the number of their Annual Conferences.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

6* CC007
Subject: Episcopal Administration in Central Conferences.
Petition: CC-10995-0030-C
Page in Advance DCA: 924
Membership: 39; Present: 30;
For: 30; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/4
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

7* CC008
Subject: Changing "Ministerial" to "Clergy".
Petition: CC-11179-0027-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1019
Membership: 39; Present: 29;
For: 25; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/4
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

8* CO012
Subject: Changing the wording "Ministerial" to "Clergy".
Petition: CO-11180-0012-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1083
Membership: 79; Present: 71;
For: 67; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

9* CO013
Subject: General Conference Membership.
Petitions: CO-11504-0012-C, CO-12083-0012-C.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1083, 1019 .
Membership: 79; Present: 73;
For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

10* CO014
Subject: Annual Conference.
Petition: CO-11424-0010-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1083
Membership: 79; Present: 73;
For: 63; Against: 0; Not Voting: 10;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

11* CO015
Subject: Update language of the Constitution.
Petition: CO-11181-0014-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1083
Membership: 79; Present: 72;
For: 69; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

12 CO018
Subject: Clergy Delegates to General Conference.
Petition: CO-11281-0038-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1086
Membership: 79; Present: 71;
For: 43; Against: 22; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

13 CO019
Subject: Lay delegates to General, Jurisdictional or Central Conferences.
Petitions: CO-10015-0038-C, CO-10177-0038-C, CO-10961-0038-C, CO-11061-0038-C, CO-11187-0038-C.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1086, 205, 205, 1086, 1086.
Membership: 79; Present: 71;
For: 38; Against: 23; Not Voting: 10;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

14* CO036
Subject: Update the language of the Constitution.
Petition: CO-11186-0037-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1086
Membership: 79; Present: 72;
For: 69; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:
"Add to par. 37, Article III the following sentence. These reserve clergy and lay delegates to the Jurisdiction or Central Conferences may act as reserve delegates to the General Conf."

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

15* CO037
Subject: Provision for Annual Conference reporting of delegates.
Petitions: CO-11060-0037-C, CO-11670-0037-C.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1085, 1086.
Membership: 79; Present: 72;
For: 68; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

16* CO041
Subject: Annual Conference.
Petition: CO-11669-0010-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1083
Membership: 79; Present: 73;
For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

17* FA044
Subject: Basic Salary Plan.
Petition: FA-10339-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 489
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 79; Against: 5; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

18 FA051
Subject: World Service Apportionments.
Petition: FA-10055-0710-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1146
Membership: 93; Present: 90;
For: 66; Against: 22; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

19 FA053
Subject: Budget of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration.
Petition: FA-11823-0710-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1146
Membership: 93; Present: 90;
For: 82; Against: 7; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

20* FA068
Subject: Ministerial Support.
Petitions: FA-10610-3000-R, FA-11077-3000-R, FA-12032-3000-R.
Pages in Advance DCA: 488, 1164, 1165.
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 79; Against: 5; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

21* GJ001
Subject: Report on Implementation of 1989-92 Special Programs.
Petition: GJ-10881-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 592
Membership: 80; Present: 75;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

22* GJ002
Subject: Defining a Special Program.
Petition: GJ-10829-0803-D
Page in Advance DCA: 652
Membership: 80; Present: 78;
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

23* GJ003
Subject: Report on the Process for Development for a Quadrennial Theme and Special Program.
Petition: GJ-10880-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 591
Membership: 80; Present: 79;
For: 75; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

24* GJ004
Subject: Report on the Information of the 1989-92 Quadrennial Theme.
Petition: GJ-10875-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 584
Membership: 80; Present: 79;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

25* GJ005
Subject: Report on the Advance for Christ and His Church.
Petition: GJ-10877-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 587
Membership: 80; Present: 79;
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

26* GJ006
Subject: Policies Regarding Special Study Committees, Task Groups, Commissions, Etc., by General Conference.
Petition: GJ-10869-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 569
Membership: 80; Present: 79;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:
Amended to: Add budget to **all** proposals for studies.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

27* GJ007
Subject: Church Founding Date.
Petition: GJ-10836-0824-D
Page in Advance DCA: 658
Membership: 80; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

28* GJ008
Subject: Church Funding Dates.
Petition: GJ-10209-0824-D
Page in Advance DCA: 658
Membership: 80; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:
"..., while remaining sensitive to the recording of the entirety of the church's history, including all information regarding the younger unit".

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

29* GJ009
Subject: Report on Strengthening Small Membership Churches.
Petition: GJ-10891-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 612
Membership: 80; Present: 79;
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

30* GJ010
Subject: Report on Referral Regarding Council of Bishop's Initiative.
Petition: GJ-10883-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 596
Membership: 80; Present: 79;
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

31* GJ011
Subject: Golden Cross Sunday.
Petition: GJ-10208-0276-D
Page in Advance DCA: 652
Membership: 80; Present: 79;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

32* GJ012
Subject: Laity Sunday.
Petition: GJ-12068-0275-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1180
Membership: 80; Present: 79;
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

33 GJ013
Subject: Report on Developing Congregations for Deaf Ministries.
Petition: GJ-10863-3000-A$
Page in Advance DCA: 556
Membership: 80; Present: 77;
For: 74; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

34* GJ014
Subject: Discontinuance from Probationary Membership.
Petition: GJ-10659-0418-D
Page in Advance DCA: 619
Membership: 80; Present: 77;
For: 74; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

35* GJ015
Subject: Eligibility and Rights of Probationary Membership.
Petition: GJ-10658-0413-D
Page in Advance DCA: 619
Membership: 80; Present: 77;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

36 GJ016
Subject: The Meaning of Membership.
Petition: GJ-10657-0215-D
Page in Advance DCA: 619
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 69; Against: 6; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:
Delete words "In Matthew 18:15-17"

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

37* GJ017
Subject: Quadrennial Emphasis on Ministries with Persons with Disabilities.
Petition: GJ-10973-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 670
Membership: 80; Present: 77;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

38 GJ018
Subject: Special Sundays without Church-wide Offerings. Access Sunday.
Petition: GJ-10120-0275-D
Page in Advance DCA: 651
Membership: 80; Present: 77;
For: 70; Against: 6; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

39 GJ019
Subject: Special Sundays - Access Sunday.
Petition: GJ-12102-0275-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1180
Membership: 80; Present: 77;
For: 69; Against: 7; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

40 GJ020
Subject: The Observance of Heritage Sunday.
Petition: GJ-11138-0275-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1179
Membership: 80; Present: 77;
For: 66; Against: 9; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

41* HE001
Subject: Responsibilities of the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries.
Petition: HE-10387-1511-D
Page in Advance DCA: 921
Membership: 78; Present: 74;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

42* HE002
Subject: Policy forbidding the bearing of arms.
Petition: HE-11093-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1234
Membership: 78; Present: 74;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

43* HE003
Subject: Responsibilities of an Annual Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry.
Petition: HE-10386-0732-D
Page in Advance DCA: 745
Membership: 78; Present: 71;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

44* HE015
Subject: Task Force to study merging prayer and medicine at United Methodist hospitals.
Petition: HE-11094-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1229
Membership: 78; Present: 74;
For: 74; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

45* HE017
Subject: College of Medicine within the Africa University.
Petition: HE-10976-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 752
Membership: 78; Present: 73;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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46* HE019
Subject: Schools of Theology.
Petition: HE-10397-1530-D
Page in Advance DCA: 750
Membership: 78; Present: 65;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

47* HE021
Subject: Africa University.
Petition: HE-11918-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1236
Membership: 78; Present: 73;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

48* HE022
Subject: Feminist Theology.
Petition: HE-11858-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1235
Membership: 78; Present: 72;
For: 68; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

49* HE023
Subject: Cease giving Bachelor's Degrees.
Petition: HE-11573-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1235
Membership: 78; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

50* HE024
Subject: Study guidelines on the use of D.D. degrees for clergy.
Petition: HE-11095-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1234
Membership: 78; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

51* HE025
Subject: Change the name of Wesley Foundation.
Petition: HE-11572-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1235
Membership: 78; Present: 71;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

52* HE026
Subject: The National Methodist Foundation for Christian Higher Education.
Petition: HE-10396-1522-D
Page in Advance DCA: 750
Membership: 78; Present: 71;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

53* HE028
Subject: Consultative Relationship with UM Schools of Theology.
Petition: HE-10215-1521-D
Page in Advance DCA: 749
Membership: 78; Present: 64;
For: 58; Against: 5; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

54 HE029
Subject: Purpose and objectives of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry.
Petition: HE-11272-1518-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1232
Membership: 78; Present: 64;
For: 58; Against: 6; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

55* HE030
Subject: Membership and Organizations.
Petition: HE-10394-1517-D
Page in Advance DCA: 749
Membership: 78; Present: 63;
For: 63; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

56* HE033
Subject: Membership of the University Senate.
Petitions: HE-10129-1517-D, HE-11618-1517-D, HE-12278-1517-D, HE-12279-1517-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1230, 1230, 1231, 1231.
Membership: 78; Present: 65;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

57* HE034
Subject: Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry. Amend para. 732.1.
Petition: HE-10009-0732-D
Page in Advance DCA: 745
Membership: 78; Present: 71;
For: 64; Against: 4; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

58 HE038
Subject: Campus Ministry Special Program 1993-96.
Petition: HE-11770-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 1234
Membership: 78; Present: 71;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

59 HE039
Subject: Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry.
Petitions: HE-11217-0732-D, HE-11218-0732-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1229, 1229.
Membership: 78; Present: 71;
For: 55; Against: 15; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

60* HE040
Subject: Selection placement of pastors to the Wesley Foundation.
Petition: HE-11570-0000-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1229
Membership: 78; Present: 71;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

61* HE041
Subject: Higher Education apportionments.
Petition: HE-11279-1516-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1316
Membership: 78; Present: 71;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

62* IC001
Subject: Responsibilities of the General Commission on Communications.
Petition: IC-10634-1906-D
Page in Advance DCA: 814
Membership: 68; Present: 54;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/6
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

63* IC002
Subject: Communications Access for Persons Who Have Hearing and Sight Impairments.
Petition: IC-10637-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 823
Membership: 68; Present: 52;
For: 52; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/6
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

64* IC003
Subject: Vision Interfaith Satellite Network.
Petition: IC-10636-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 827
Membership: 68; Present: 53;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/6
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

65* IC004
Subject: Responsibilities of a Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women.
Petition: IC-10555-0741-D
Page in Advance DCA: 810
Membership: 68; Present: 64;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/6
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

66 IC005
Subject: Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women.
Petition: IC-11224-0741-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1238
Membership: 68; Present: 65;
For: 55; Against: 9; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/6
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

67* IC006
Subject: Eliminate COSROW.
Petition: IC-11621-0741-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1238
Membership: 68; Present: 65;
For: 60; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/6
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

68* IC007
Subject: New Historic Shrines and Landmarks.
Petition: IC-10633-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 824
Membership: 68; Present: 62;
For: 62; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:
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69* IC008
Subject: Historic Shrines, Historic Landmarks, and Historic Sites.
Petition: IC-10631-1812-D
Page in Advance DCA: 814
Membership: 68; Present: 67;
For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/6
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

70* IC009
Subject: The Historical Society.
Petition: IC-10630-1810-D
Page in Advance DCA: 812
Membership: 68; Present: 67;
For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/6
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

71 IC011
Subject: Responsibilities of the Commission on Communication.
Petition: IC-12009-1906-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1238
Membership: 68; Present: 68;
For: 38; Against: 27; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/6
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

72* IC012
Subject: Responsibilities of the Commission on Archives and History.
Petition: IC-10627-0738-D
Page in Advance DCA: 809
Membership: 68; Present: 67;
For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/6
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

73* IC013
Subject: "Catch the Spirit" Funding.
Petition: IC-11867-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 1249
Membership: 68; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/6
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

74* IC014
Subject: Purpose of the Commission on Archives and History.
Petition: IC-10628-1803-D
Page in Advance DCA: 811
Membership: 68; Present: 67;
For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/6
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

75* IC015
Subject: Television and radio advertisement campaign.
Petition: IC-10977-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 826
Membership: 68; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/6
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

76* IC016
Subject: Responsibilities of the General Commission on Religion and Race.
Petition: IC-10557-2108-D
Page in Advance DCA: 815
Membership: 68; Present: 68;
For: 66; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/6
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

77* IC022
Subject: Continuing Membership in the National Council of Churches.
Petition: IC-10649-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 824
Membership: 68; Present: 62;
For: 60; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

78* IC023
Subject: Continuing Membership in the World Council of Churches.
Petition: IC-10648-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 824
Membership: 68; Present: 62;
For: 60; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

79* IC024
Subject: Conference Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns.
Petition: IC-11222-0739-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1237
Membership: 68; Present: 63;
For: 59; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

80* IC025
Subject: The National Council of the Church of Christ in the USA and the World Council of Churches.
Petition: IC-11308-2402-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1243
Membership: 68; Present: 63;
For: 61; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

81 IC043
Subject: Elimination of the Commission on Status and Role of Women.
Petition: IC-12306-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1248
Membership: 68; Present: 64;
For: 57; Against: 6; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

82 IC044
Subject: Delete the Organization and Responsibility of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women.
Petition: IC-10064-2201-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1241
Membership: 68; Present: 64;
For: 57; Against: 6; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

83 IC045
Subject: Eliminate General Commission on Status and Role of Women.
Petition: IC-11625-2201-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1241
Membership: 68; Present: 64;
For: 57; Against: 6; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

84 IC046
Subject: Transfer Duties to CS.
Petition: IC-11626-2201-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1242
Membership: 68; Present: 64;
For: 57; Against: 6; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

85 IC047
Subject: Dissolve COSROW by 1996.
Petition: IC-11866-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1248
Membership: 68; Present: 64;
For: 57; Against: 6; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

86* LC001
Subject: The Ministry of All Christians.
Petition: LC-10840-0102-D
Page in Advance DCA: 828
Membership: 89; Present: 81;
For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/6
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

87 LC003
Subject: Expression of love of God and neighbor in our churches.
Petition: LC-11100-0107-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1250
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 74; Against: 8; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/6
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

88* LC008
Subject: Membership of the Council on Ministries.
Petition: LC-11174-0258-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1266
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/6
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

89* LC019
Subject: The Chairperson of Worship.
Petition: LC-11878-0261-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1267
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 80; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/6
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

90* LC037
Subject: The Administrative Council or Administrative Board.
Petition: LC-11274-0244-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1259
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 77; Against: 3; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

91* LC040
Subject: The Coordination of Communications.
Petition: LC-12016-0262-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1267
Membership: 89; Present: 81;
For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:
delete:~~To provide other resources, the Coordinator of Communications may develop a Communications Task Force of talented and interested persons approved by the Church Charge/Council/Board to portray in Video the heritage of the congregation, it's worship and education and fellowship activities, it's witness to children and youth and adults and families, and it's missions to local and national and world projects.~~

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92* LC041

Subject: Coordinator of Communications.
Petition: LC-12113-0262-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1267
Membership: 89; Present: 80;
For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend petition 12113: Delete period following the word "interpreters".

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

93* LC042

Subject: Organization and Administration of the Local Church.
Petition: LC-10800-0244-D
Page in Advance DCA: 834
Membership: 89; Present: 80;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend by deletion the part of the petition reading: Amend para.244:

~~1. Local church may establish an Administrative Council, Nurture Outreach Witness Ministries model which shall be..."~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

94* LC043

Subject: The Administrative Council - Basic Administrative Structure.
Petition: LC-11727-0244-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1259
Membership: 89; Present: 79;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

95* LC044

Subject: Organization of the local church.
Petition: LC-11226-0244-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1259
Membership: 89; Present: 79;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

96* LC045

Subject: Local Churches Administrative Councils.
Petition: LC-10226-0244-D
Page in Advance DCA: 834
Membership: 89; Present: 80;
For: 77; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

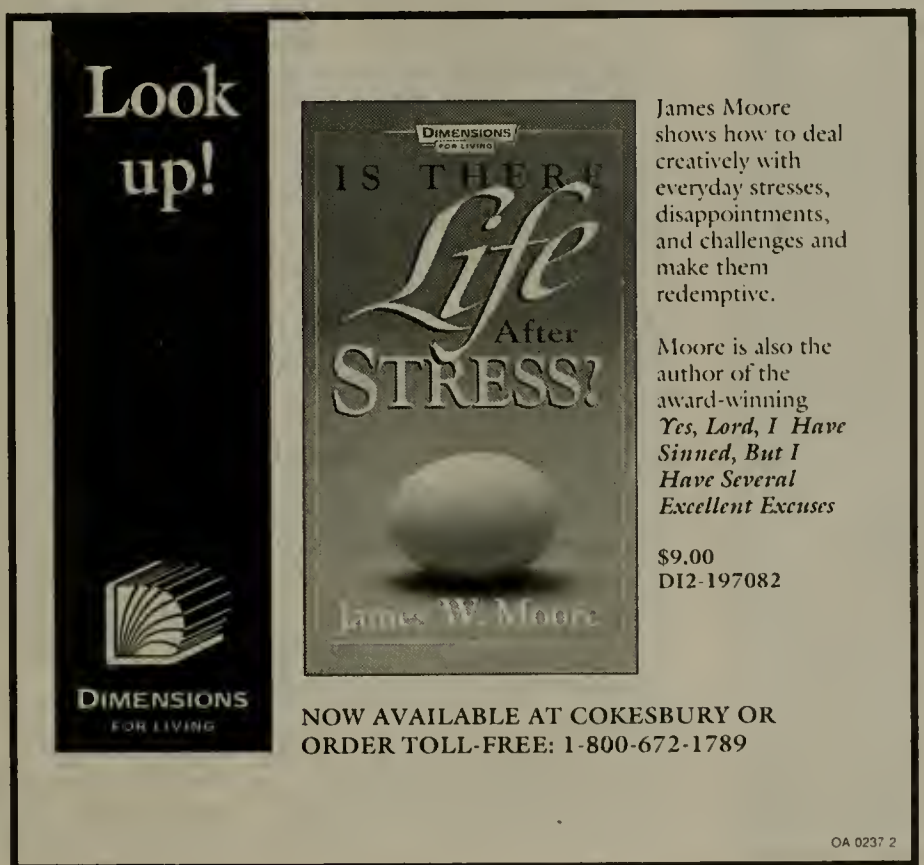
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97 LC046

Subject: The Work Area Chairperson.
Petition: LC-12015-0260-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1266
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 49; Against: 27; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/6

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /



Proceedings of the 1992 General Conference of The United Methodist Church

Committee On Journal Report

The Committee on Journal hereby certifies as accurate, with the following corrections, the proceedings as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for Wednesday, May 6, 1992.

Daily Edition, p. 120, col. 1, picture caption--Substitute "Bellenfant" for "Bennenfant".

Daily Edition, p. 136, col. 2, third full par.--Delete "STEVENS" (second consecutive reference to Stevens).

Daily Edition, p. 137, col. 3, 11 lines from bottom (prior to Brandon Cho speech)--Insert the following:

RHODES-WICKETT: While you're up, just stay up and turn to number 428 in your hymnal, number 428, and we are going to sing verse 1 only for the healing of the nations. Verse 1, 428.

(hymn)

CAROL COLLEY (Oregon-Idaho): Brothers and sisters in Christ, although you might not have seen very many Native Americans on your television during the aftermath of the trial, our hearts were there, too. Probably we were there, too in many of the cities. More than half of us do live in cities, you know, not just reservations, and this issue affects us deeply. We do understand police brutality, we do understand economic injustice, and we certainly understand disregard for human rights. We are over-represented in the prisons, and as our international brothers and sisters know, and we should know as well, we also form part of the population of political prisoners within the United States. We do feel rage at the racial and economic injustice, not just in the cities but in all of the land. Native Americans may approach this, however, from a slightly different aspect than the other immigrant populations. For us, the issue is part of five hundred years of injustice, and we're wondering when justice will come. For us, the issues may be the issues in all of your local communities, actually, even maybe where all of you live. For us, we're wondering when people will understand upon whose land your church and your home sits; to be thankful for the people that made it possible for you to live where you live. We're wondering when we will not be seen as objects of mission and concern, but when the rest of our brothers and sisters will treat us with equality and respect and wish to do things in consultation with us. We're wondering when all of you will fully understand the necessity for the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, that you will know what that is; it's part of some of the legislation that's coming before you this time, and you will know that this is an issue that you should join us in supporting. We're wondering when all of us will understand more of each other, that you will understand more about the hundreds of tribal nations that live in the United States, and that those of us who are not from the United States will understand more about the indigenous peoples across the world whose land rights, human rights, religious rights are often the same. For five hundred years it has been like this for us, this is just another trial. When will justice come? What kind of world are we as Christians working on together? Justice has not come, obviously, for you and me, but what about our children? What about our grandchildren? What about our great-grandchildren? What about our great-great-grandchildren?

Daily Edition, p. 138, col. 2, first full par.--"SHARON RHODES-WICKETT" for "BEVERLY J. SHAMANA".

Daily Edition, p. 139, col. 1, immediately prior to the word "recess"--Insert the following:

BISHOP LEWIS: Thank you, Marvin. Let's try to hold the mood in force of this time. But let's take a 10 minute recess.

Daily Edition, p. 139, col. 1, immediately following the word "recess"--Insert the following:

(hymn)

Daily Edition, p. 139, col. 1, second full par.--Substitute "ARTURO FERNANDEZ" for "UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER".

Daily Edition, p. 139, col. 2, line 25--Substitute "Marisa" for "Maria".

Daily Edition, p. 140, col. 2, immediately preceeding the word "*song*"--Insert the following new par.:

Will you now sing together with me vs. no. 3 of 428?

Daily Edition, p. 140, col. 2, fifth line from bottom--Substitute "settlements" for "residence".

Daily Edition, p. 140, col. 2, last line--Substitute "identify" for "end it by".

Daily Edition, p. 140, col. 3, line 9--Substitute "the gospel" for "negotiation". Delete "unintelligible".

Daily Edition, p. 140, col. 3, line 13--Substitute "the gospel" for "negotiation".

Daily Edition, p. 140, col. 3, first full par.--Delete "TRAJKOVSKI".

Daily Edition, pp. 142-144 are out of sequence. See immediately below:

and this time I went into Koreatown so I could see what was going on and I was just ahead of the march in Koreatown but I was there because one of my churches, Wilshire Church--multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi-racial, Black, Hispanic, Filipino, Korean, with a pastor for each ministry: an English person clergy for the senior pastor, English person American, English American person, a senior pastor; a Black woman associate pastor for the English ministry; and then a Korean pastor and a Filipino pastor and a Hispanic pastor. They had organized themselves to go into Koreatown and join with the clean-up movement and so they engaged in clean up in Koreatown and for the first time, my English-American senior pastor said that he and his spouse, who is also clergy in our district, said, we felt like we were in the minority, like my wife and I when we were in Ireland, we were marching in a peace march and we said we would slip into the crowd inconspicuously. An update on the food situation, I talked with, we did create a strategy group and that group is implementing our plan right now that why I can feel safe in leaving and coming to the General Conference and so I talked with the coordinator and he said the food at Holman is exhausted. We don't have any more, we need more food. He said that Faith Church was the recipient of all the contributions of food

from the office of Senator Diane Watson. He said that Vermont Square had received a truck load of food from Ralph's Supermarket and that all of it had been given away, and he said that Hamilton is getting up to speed and the Korean Central Church is seeking to counsel persons about getting loans for small businesses in order to restore the businesses in Koreatown.

. My friends, what we had on the shelves is exhausted and we need more resources, and therefore we call upon this General Conference to make some kind of response. I am sure that everyone of you here wants to write a check for $10, for $15, for $25, but I need more $100 gifts. I need $1,000 gifts to go to Los Angeles to meet human need. And then my friends, as this General Conference is seeking to respond to this whole matter, let me say to you, you as a church, we as a church, very often act like we have finished dealing with the urban ministries agenda. I say to you we have not yet finished with the urban ministries agenda. We must devote connectional resources to address the mass human needs in the urban scene. In our annual conference we are getting ready to mount a major fund drive. We're hoping to raise $25 million. We're devoting 30% of that to the School of Theology at Claremont. The rest is to go for congregational development strategy across the whole conference. Much of that is to go into bricks and mortar and land, but the L.A. district said no, that is not where the concerns are. We must develop a congregational development strategy in the city of Los Angeles that will address 5 major program areas: immigration and refugee concerns to meet the needs of the new neighbors that we have in the city; homelessness and affordable housing; families at risk in south central L.A., in east L.A. and all over the city; churches covenanting together to address the whole question of drugs and substance abuse; and multiple ministries for regional churches through reconfigurations in the south central Los Angeles area. My friends, we have not yet completed the urban agenda. I call you, let us get back to the urban agenda.

RHODES-WICKETT: I invite you now to join with us on verse 4 of our hymn, and I suspect we might like to stand as we sing this 4th verse.

(hymn)

BEVERLY SHAMANA: My name is Beverly Shamana, and I am the Associate Council Director in the California-Pacific Annual Conference. Bishop, members of the General Conference, we have heard many diverse and passionate and moving testimonies to what has happened this past week and it calls to mind a phrase that has been echoing in my head and in my heart from yesterday's most powerful worship, the phrase being "to fill the needs of others as acutely as your own," and from your response to these various witnesses, you have done that. You have felt the needs of others as acutely as your own. This gathering of General Conference offers us a unique opportunity, one which we may not find ourselves in for a long time, and that is an opportunity to talk with other people from other conferences, from other parts of the world, from other parts of the country, from other cultures, from other races, about what is on our heart, what has been motivated, what has been inspired, what these witnesses have engendered in us. By this day of General Conference we know the persons in front of us very well by the shape of their neck. I would like to offer us an opportunity to get to know the shape of their soul. And so I want to ask you to do 3 things. Number 1 is to form a small group of 4, 5, 6, 7 people, whereby you can share what this has meant to you. That is to say, how have you experienced the human condition of violence, of despair, of looting in your own setting, in your own church, in your own community, in your own family, in your jobs, in your cherished relationships. What shape has that taken in your setting? This is the common thread that we all share. The second thing I'd like you to do is to build a bridge for each other and with each other from your discussion to the various resolutions that you are aware of that we can impact by what has happened and what will impact us in the days ahead. And then the third thing after about 10 minutes that we are going to ask you to do is to share, at an open microphone, whatever insights, whatever learnings, whatever leanings come out of your discussion together that you would like the whole conference to hear. We will open the microphones for a brief time. And finally I would say to let the Spirit do the translating. I urge you to speak candidly out of your own heart, guided by the grace and the Spirit that can transform our hearing and our speaking. So I would ask you now to talk to each other across delegations. We don't want Georgia talking to Georgia and California to California, but if you can even move around a little bit so that you can talk across geography, so that there can be the kind of cross fertilization that informs us all. I would invite the side sections, those areas beyond the bar of the conference, to form some groups to talk so that we can bind and link up to each other in this way, as we are bound to Christ and to the church. I think we can do it. Let's try it, let's try it. Let's just move around a little bit and talk to each other and share.

BISHOP LEWIS: Hold, hold your seats a moment. We have someone at microphone 14, and I'm going to recognize you and then we're gonna do this, depending on what happens here, but you're supposed to be recognized from your seat and then come to the microphone. Well I said I'm going to now but I'm telling you that for the benefit of everyone. Okay, go ahead.

CHESTER JONES (Little Rock): Mr. Chairperson and delegates of the conference,

BISHOP LEWIS: Tell us who you are.

JONES: I'm Chester Jones from Little Rock, Arkansas. And I would just like to add another thing to this because all of the information has been very good and very insightful, and if most of you are like I am you have watched television and you have pretty well picked up on most of the information and that's good because all of us are paralyzed with it.

But we are gathered here as a part of the body of Christ, and we are a part of the good news community.

BISHOP LEWIS: Chester, excuse me for interrupting you, but what we are going to do is take a few minutes as Beverly has outlined and then we're going to have some open microphone opportunities.

JONES: I understand that.

BISHOP LEWIS: You're jumping the gun on us.

JONES: Well, not quite, because the Lord has laid something on my heart that I wanted to share.

BISHOP LEWIS: Well, the Lord hasn't laid it on my heart, and you're out

of order and we're going to follow this procedure as we started out to do and you'll have an opportunity in a moment.

SHAMANA: Let us move to our groups for a few brief minutes, please. Just turn around and get acquainted with someone.

BISHOP LEWIS: Take our proper places and return to our attention to the microphone and our leader Beverly. Are you out there listening? Let's return to our places and give our attention to Beverly.

SHAMANA: I'm sure that your time of sharing with each other has been enlightening and a rich time. I do have to apologize, however, that we will not be able to have individuals come to the microphone due to the press of time. We had very much looked forward to this and I'm sure that some of you have things that are on your heart that you want to share with the entire body. Perhaps we can find some way to do that in conjunction with some of our legislative time. I do apologize for that because we had hoped that we would be able to do it. But at this time I do need to provide for the time when Bishop Kelly will come and bring us closing moments and so in order to do that I move to suspend the rules to permit her to come before us.

BISHOP LEWIS: Is that right now or is that at the close?

SHAMANA: That will be at the conclusion of the resolutions.

BISHOP LEWIS: You all understand that this is a motion to suspend the rules so that Bishop Leontine Kelly may make a concluding speech when we're ready for that. It takes a two-thirds vote and it's not debatable. If you would sustain that you may vote now. You got a green light? When the light's green vote yes or no to suspend the rules. Yes 692, no 181, abstention 4, so it's clearly suspended.

JAMES LAWSON: Bishop Lewis we have five brief motions and I would like to begin moving the first one. That the legislative committees be asked to locate and mark specific issues already in their agendas that impact upon this matter, that they highlight them and lift them up and report them back to the General Conference in their reports. That's my first motion.

BISHOP LEWIS: Alright. Do you all understand this motion? Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the light appears. Well the vote is 714 yes, 169 no and 29 abstentions.

LAWSON: The second motion Bishop, is that the Council of Bishops address an urgent pastoral letter for all congregations of the denomination asking that Pentecost be a weekend of prayer and fasting for the entire church.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right. You hear this motion. Are you ready to vote on it? Please vote when the light appears; 770 yes, 147 no with 14 abstentions.

LAWSON: The third motion, that the General Conference issue a message to the nation that we select now a General Conference Task Force to write that message. And we have created a list of names that we would suggest might be on that message committee.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, do you hear this motion? Are you ready to vote on it? Please vote when the light appears: 681 yes, 237 no, with 17 abstentions.

LAWSON: No. four, that we fast, this motion was passed on yesterday but we want to repeat it to remind us, we fast Thursday evening before supper and then for 24 hours we give our savings to UMCOR or as directed by the Council of Bishops.

BISHOP LEWIS: Ready to vote? Please vote when the light appears. The count is 638 yes, 252 no, with 44 abstentions.

LAWSON: No. five, that the Council of Bishops call The United Methodist Church to the Pentecost Weekend of fasting and prayer, a motion already passed, and that they ask for an offering from every congregation; 50% of which would remain in the annual conference; 50% to UMCOR or as directed by the Council of Bishops. And Bishop, I would move that if this is sustained then that we refer this to GCFA for its perusal.

BISHOP LEWIS: Because that is standard procedure for us and it will be a part of your motion. Alright. Are you ready to vote? I have someone at my left. Go to microphone 11; well, or 6, that's all right.

GEORGE CARUSO (North Indiana): Bishop, I'm bothered; this is a sort of point of order, and I'm not sure if I'm in order or not. When this was proposed as an agenda item, the implication was, as I understood it, there would be time to respond. And I appreciate the excellent presentation that's been given to us, but we've been denied the opportunity of responding. Will that be provided? Is that a point of order? Do we have to move it for the agenda committee, or what can be done? I feel disenfranchised as a member of this General Conference; I was not allowed to respond. (Applause)

LAWSON: Bishop, I think our group agrees, but we were trying to do it within the time limit and we overran the time, and so we were trying to compress it so that we could finish by the 12:30 hour. Of course, it's 12:00 now, so as far as I'm concerned there can be responses if we want to do it. We did not want to come back with motions at another session.

BISHOP LEWIS: It's been suggested that if we vote on the motions, we may have a little time for some response. But we opted to go with the motions so they wouldn't be left out, and if they go as well as the other four have, we've got about 10 minutes.

BILL CROUCH (North Texas): Question as to the motion that we take an offering, can you be more specific about that? To what would it be intended? What's the point?

LAWSON: The offering would be direct 50% remaining in the Annual Conference for ministries related to this matter in their own area, 50% to UMCOR as directed by the Council of Bishops. We hesitate about this because, while the immediate needs we must meet--that is, food, clothing, shelter, and so forth and so on--that there's also the whole business of rebuilding, of work for change, so that we don't want to make it inflexible (the offering), so that it goes only to emergency relief, but to make it also possible to be used for other kinds of ministries and mission.

CROUCH: I simply wanted to give you the opportunity to tell us what we are giving our money for. Thank you.

BISHOP LEWIS: Thank you. I recognize at Microphone 3. Yes, go ahead, Joe.

C. JOSEPH SPRAGUE (West Ohio): I move to amend by addition, if that's in order.

BISHOP LEWIS: It is.

SPRAGUE: That in solidarity and consultation with indigenous persons and local churches in a selected neighborhood, The United Methodist Church commit itself to the creation in Los Angeles of a "shalom zone." A shalom zone would be one strategically-located city block or its equivalent rebuilt with the necessary buildings, businesses, and social services needed for life, liberty, and

the pursuit of meaning. To create this shalom zone, The United Methodist Church, working through the national division, would issue a call posthaste for staff and volunteers, money such as that just mentioned, and the material, love, and labor to rebuild both physical structures and human lives broken by the cycle of poverty and deprivation. The response to this call in money and people would be coordinated through the Los Angeles Planning and Strategy Committee. Let the call go forth for workers with children and youth, community organizers, M.D.'s, nurses, dentists, counselors, lawyers, business people, architects, contractors, plumbers, electricians, and all who are willing to help. To this army of shalom would be added an intentional remnant of persons small in number, but large in the love of Jesus, who would commit themselves to live as neighbors and urban missioners in the shalom zone for an extended period of time so as to claim the shalom zone for Christ. Once this model is in the process of being developed, The United Methodist Church would invite the ecumenical and interfaith communities of this nation to duplicate our effort by creating similar zones of hope. This proposal, to be referred to the Legislative Section on Global Ministries for the development of implementing strategies, attendant budgets, and reported to GCNFA and to the plenary as soon as possible.

BISHOP LEWIS: If there is a second?

SPRAGUE: I don't think I need to speak any further.

BISHOP LEWIS: Alright, it has a second. Does the committee wish to respond?

LAWSON: Well, we heard the spirit, Joe, of that. Bishop, we heard the spirit from Joe's amendment and we are prepared to accept it and incorporate it to the best of our ability.

BISHOP LEWIS: The committee says they will accept that amendment. Is that right?

LAWSON: Yes.

BISHOP LEWIS: Are you ready to vote? All who will . . . Well, please vote when the light appears. I've got a big sign right here in front of me if I were smart enough to read it. And the vote is 631 yes, 265 no, 31 abstentions.

LAWSON: We have the main motion before us now, Bishop. That was an amendment.

BISHOP LEWIS: No.

LAWSON: No?

BISHOP LEWIS: That was a main motion.

LAWSON: OK. We accepted it.

BISHOP LEWIS: You accepted it and that's it.

LAWSON: We have been asked to announce that we want to emphasize the fact that already many, many . . . for many, many agencies of the church, we have received resources and offers of solidarity and a willingness to be able to plan and work with our Los Angeles Area. But we want to remember that there are other areas also in great need, San Francisco as an example. UMCOR has already sent the first $50,000 first grant to the Cal-Pac Conference. They have already established an advance number and that number is 901735-2. 901735-2 is the advance number. It should also be said that Church World Service has been in conversations with many of our people, with our congregations, our leadership in the area, and that a variety of other kinds of Protestant, primarily church organizations and concerned groups have been in conversation. We appreciate that very much. And now, I think, to bring the concluding reflection is Bishop Leontine Kelly.

BISHOP LEONTINE KELLY: I think we have heard the word. Tonight, remember the words of Henri Nouwen, "When a little boy asked the prophet, 'Dear prophet, why do you keep prophesying when nobody listens to your words and when nobody changes their life?' And the answer that question was and always will be, 'I prophesy not simply to change the world, but to prevent the world from changing me.' " It seems to me, that as we in this General Conference come together that what we are about all week is not only the awareness of what has happened in a particular place, in Los Angeles, and in San Francisco, and ripples in other areas, but to understand that we as a country sit on a powder keg, the chickens have come home to roost, we look not only historically, but biblically and theologically, in terms of what our task is, what our mandate is, as disciples of Jesus Christ, and that is to love one another and we have not done it. And yet we have the opportunity, and what a witness of diversity we are as we sit together here! What a democratic opportunity this is. What a democratic instrument this is as the General Conference of The United Methodist Church. One of the most democratic institutions in the world. And we need to go home and help people understand what it means to be United Methodist. It is not to affirm their fears, it is to disturb their comfort so that they might live out their faith. Just a few things. If we do not prioritize education in this country, for all children and for all people, we will never come to an understanding. We have left . . . we have . . . You don't have to applaud me, just let me finish a minute. We have left . . . dare to leave the educational funding of our country to the lottery, because they promised it. As Methodists, we have never sustained gambling, but if you are going to have lotteries, I want to put defense on lotteries and put money in our budgets to educate people. We are a democracy. We cannot be a democracy if we do not know that fundamental to any democratic freedom-justice process is an understanding of what we are about, and we should be about the business of that. When a young man said to me, and many of you heard me say it, a young community director said to me, "Bishop Kelly, don't you understand that the gang system in this country is to the crime syndicate as the Junior Achievement Program is to corporate America." It is not that our children cannot learn what it means to be moral, spiritual people, it is that we have tolerated who will teach them. As I stood in Jones United Methodist Church and preached a funeral of a 23-year-old Black man, shot down by drive-by shooting, I counted 45 young Black males between the ages 17 and 24 as they came into the church to the funeral of their brother. There they were in full dress, burgundy bow ties, burgundy boutonnieres, burgundy cummerbunds. I thought to myself, "It looks like a prom scene, but I know it is the *Godfather*." And that is the symbol of our country, and that is the model of violence that we have sustained in our public arena and in our militarism and with our thinking this week contextualized by the Bishops' statement, the Bishops' vision, the Bishops' commitment to the total picture, we have an agenda to work on. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. We cannot afford to be the church

that in the 18th Century was accused of being seditious, because it dared to stand in 18th Century England for marginalized people. We cannot claim that history and continue to be such a comfortable, pure church. We cannot be ministers of the gospel if we are not willing to hit the streets where the people are.

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I am not merely a bishop of the church. I pride myself that this year, my bishop has permitted me to be a part-time interim supply pastor of Ridge View United Methodist Church in San Francisco. And I preach the Word to people of despair, overwhelmed by the problems, and wondering where they are. What does God have to do with what is happening in their lives? And the difference between that is not a dichotomy, it is the enfleshed word that comes in Jesus Christ to say to us who we are and why we are here. And the moment, the challenge is to say individually, each one of us, "Lord, here I am, let your Spirit move through my life and change it and cleanse me as I repent myself of all that I have not done, and then Lord, use me individually and lead me corporately into the church of Jesus Christ around the world so that this can indeed be the world of Jesus Christ." Will you pray with me?

(prayer)

CHESTER JONES (Little Rock): I come to speak at this time in the name of Jesus only. I think that we will be remiss if there are 2 or 3 things that we don't do as delegates. We're to choose this day whom we will serve and some are putting off to later on, it's not going to address some immediate needs that we need to do as delegates. So I would urge us to take up an offering now, to be taken by the district superintendent and a bishop to meet with the person from UMCOR that's already out there in California; to take our concerns and our prayers from the delegates of this conference to them; to let them know that we stand with them in this time of crisis. By June there may not be a California left out there to go to. So I urge us to support them. Also I would call upon us to send a message to the President and the Attorney General voicing our support for the investigation of the possible violation of the civil rights of Rodney King. And that we also send a message to the President, the governor of California and the mayor of Los Angeles, that we as the body of Christ, the Good News Community, are taking a day out of this conference to be in prayer and fasting for the healing, not only of California, but the whole nation. Then finally I would affirm that we, in order to affirm our faith before we close and go to eat our last meal before we fast, to stand together and join in a song in affirmation that we are one in the Spirit, we are one in our Lord, and we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

BISHOP LEWIS: Was that a motion? Did it have a second? Well, if you are going to debate it, you are going to have to extend time because we are already past 12:20. I hear people saying so moved, but you know, you all, well, all right, all who will support this please vote when the light appears. The count is 370 yes, 382 no, and 67 abstain. So the motion failed. We are on the order of the day for reports from the Committee on the Agenda. Point of order.

ELIZABETH SWEET (Southern New England): Bishop, I'm not sure how to present this, but a whole bunch of us didn't know whether we were voting for this motion or whether we were voting to extend the time. Confusion and we couldn't get your attention.

BISHOP LEWIS: Well, there never was a motion to extend the time and the only motion before the House was the motion by the man from Little Rock. Unless the House asks me to do something different, we're going to go on. I see someone at microphone 13.

DON MESSER (Rocky Mountain): Bishop Lewis, unintentionally we did get confused, even though apparently there wasn't motion to extend the time because you mentioned that if we were going to debate the motion that we would have to have the time extended, so many of us were confused. If there is any way for us to vote clearly on the motion that was before us it would be very helpful.

BISHOP LEWIS: You would have to move to reconsider.

MESSER: I would move to reconsider it.

BISHOP LEWIS: Did you vote for it?

MESSER: Well, I voted against extending the time.

BISHOP LEWIS: You lost your vote, Don. I recognize the man to my right to microphone 4.

RICHARD NICODEMUS (New York): I voted for the motion and I would like to ask for reconsideration by the body.

BISHOP LEWIS: Is there a second? All who will reconsider it? Please vote when the light appears. The vote is to reconsider. The count is 529 yes, 390 no, 12 abstentions. You are right. It is a simple majority to reconsider. Now we have to have a motion to extend the time to do this. Otherwise we are going to go to the agenda. Microphone 8.

KENT MILLARD (South Dakota): Bishop, I move that we extend the time so we can take this vote.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, do we have a second? Please vote if you will extend the time when the light appears. Whether you extend the time or not. The time is extended. And the vote for that is 499 yes, 418 no, 9 abstentions. And we are back to the motion of Chester Jones from Little Rock, Arkansas. I think I see a flag back at 14.

MAXIE DUNNAM (Memphis Conference): In his motion there were 2 items about sending messages. In the committee report there was also an item about sending a message. Will the committee that is writing the message to be sent somewhere report back to this body, and could his request for the message to be sent to the President and the mayors be included in that?

LAWSON: Yes.

BISHOP LEWIS: I recognize the man on my right. Go to microphone 5.

ROBERT SWEET (Southern New England): Bishop, I would like to move to amend the motion to ask that GCF&A be directed to investigate and to report back to this session of the General Conference the possibility of establishing a pool of $25,000,000 from investment portfolios of the Board of Global Ministries, the Board of Pensions, and other such agencies as may have such resources to be used to guarantee loans and mortgages to reestablish businesses in Los Angeles. Further, that the Council of Bishops challenge the other denominations of our Christian faith to join in creating a pool of matching funds.

BISHOP LEWIS: Is there a second? All right, we have an amendment before us. I recognize the speaker on my left. Go to microphone 2.

J. LaVON KINCAID (Western Pennsylvania): I want to speak against the amendment and therefore support the main motion and I will leave it at that. Thank you.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, thank you. Is there anyone that wants to speak for it? Anyone else want to speak? All right, please vote when light appears on the amendment that you just heard. Yes 141, no 786, abstained 17. The amendment is lost. We're back on the main motion. Go to microphone 2.

PAUL MEUSCHKE (Western Pennsylvania): There are 3 statements to be framed which we are going to be considering later. I would like the names of the committee members who will be framing those statements. I believe that Brother Lawson mentioned that such a committee is in place, and I just think the body ought to be aware of who those people are in case we might want to add to that committee or subtract from it.

LAWSON: If that's in order, Bishop, I'm prepared to remain to the main motion. All right, Bishop, we've listed a number of people, but the General Conference, of course, can add other names. Robert Fannin, none of these persons has been asked, incidentally. We tried to list some folk that we thought could do it. Robert Fannin from Southeast, Maxie Dunnam from Southeast, Randy Day from the Northeast, Boris Trajkovski from the Yugoslavia conference, Beverly Shamana from the West, Phil Wogaman from the Northeast, Carol Colley from the West, Brandon Cho from the West, Arturo Fernandez from the West, Felton May from the Northeast, Tex Sample from the South Central, Bernard Keels from the Northeast, Jeannie Trevino-Teddlie from the Southeast, Anna Reed from the Northeast, Sam Wynn from the Southeast, Sharon Brown Christopher from the North Central. Those are the names that we suggested.

MEUSCHKE: Thank you very much. That's a great committee.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, I recognize the man at the rear of my left at microphone 12.

BILLY YORK (North Alabama): I would like to move the reference to the main motion to the committee which has made the morning presentation.

BISHOP LEWIS: I have a 2nd to the motion in reference. All right, the motion referred to the committee.

YORK: Bishop, it seems to me there are several matters to be coordinated, then I would appreciate if we could have that coordinated and brought back to this body. Thank you.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, we have a motion for reference. Anyone else want to say anything? I see a woman at microphone 7.

LUCILLE VANZANT (Oklahoma): Bishop, there was one item in that motion that I think we really need to take. Beginning with us at this moment to consider and that is that we have an offering for this body. I came to the General Conference with very little money, but my heart is so big that whatever that I can leave to help alleviate any suffering at all, I'm willing to give that up; so I ask that that part of the motion be considered at this time.

BISHOP LEWIS: Yeah, all right, we hear that and I see a card at this time off to my left. Microphone 11

DEBBIE WILCOCK (Eastern Pennsylvania): I just have a question, of all the names that you listed are any of those youth that'll be on the committee?

LAWSON: We have a motion to refer and we passed that by. I'm sorry.

WILCOCK: Can I just have the question answered, please?

BISHOP LEWIS: Would you do it later? In a minute. Well, let us vote on the motion. The reference motion. They probably need to check whether they got a youth on that list or not. We're on the reference motion. Does this have to do with that? If it is go to microphone 13.

CLIFTON IVES (Maine): Question to the Chair. I understand in the direct statement, first a question to the Chair would be in reference to the committee mentioned. It seems to me that the committee is a wonderful committee, has done a wonderful job for us this morning. Is it an official body of this General Conference to which a matter can be legitimately referred by the body?

BISHOP LEWIS: Well, unless I hear a wisdom from here somewhere to the contrary. It is if you all make it so, and it seems that by what you're doing you've already done that 5 times. All right, let's vote on the reference to committee if you're ready. I don't want to run over anybody. Go to 14, Chester.

JONES: I oppose the motion to refer simply because all the things that I listed in that motion we can do now. Jesus said, now is the time. That's my problem if we refer this, we don't know, it will probably be the next day, so I oppose the motion to refer and let us vote on the main motion.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, we've had a speech opposed to reference. I see someone on my right. Go to microphone 5.

JAMES THOMPSON (North Georgia): Bishop, I'm concerned about the point one of our delegates raised earlier. I deeply appreciate the presentation that this committee has made to the conference today, and I'm in favor so very much of all that we are doing; but I do raise the question as to whether we can refer to this committee. It does not have a legal status so far as this conference is concerned. It has not been appointed; it has not been elected. We don't even know who they are.

BISHOP LEWIS: Well, what do you want to do about it? I just think that you heard them named, and you have referred 5 items to them already and you've done it by a substantial majority. If you don't want them to be a committee of this body, you better stop them now. I'm just the Chair. Off to my right, please.

JAMES HOLSINGER (Virginia): I would like to amend the motion to refer by referring instead of this committee to the Legislative Committee of Global Ministries.

BISHOP LEWIS: We have an amendment to the amendment. We have a point of order.

HOLSINGER: Motion 3 that I made earlier this morning. Read thusly, that there will be a message from the General Conference to the nation. The General Conference will create a task force to write that message. Then I said that we had names to suggest in that committee and that motion did pass.

BISHOP LEWIS: That is what I thought I was saying. Here in front of me. Go to 3.

GLENN KOHLHEPP (Western Pennsylvania): I would like to move the previous question on everything that is before us.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right. That is in order. Second. All right, it takes a 2/3

vote. Please vote on the call for vote on everything before us when the light appears. First we got the amendment to the amendment. The vote is 820 yes, 91 no, 18 abstentions. So, we're going to vote. And we first vote on an amendment to an amendment vote for reference. Okay, I'm hearing voices again. If this is a question take it to microphone 11.

RILEY CASE (North Indiana): My question is, which committee are we referring this to? There was a committee that made a presentation. And then there is another committee that is different from that that was named, that was to draft a letter. Which committee?

BISHOP LEWIS: The main motion on this reference is to Global Ministries. But we have an amendment to that referring it to the legislative committee. The amendment to the amendment is to the legislative committee on Global Ministries. That is what we are voting on right now. Please vote when the light appears.

All right, this motion lost 439 yes, 482 no, and 19 abstentions, and we are back to the amendment. I see a card back here at the right; go to 14 or 15. Microphone 15.

JINNY GORDON (Central Illinois): Bishop, we're having so much confusion. This is so important. It seems the body is asking us to deal with it effectively. Please be very, very clear what we are voting on each time. We are getting so many things thrown at us. Thank you.

BISHOP LEWIS: This is a motion to refer the amendment to the committee that has been reporting to us this morning. That's what we are on now, and go to microphone 4, please.

ELEANOR RICHARDSON (North Georgia): Question, please, Bishop. Would it be in order to ask for division of this question? There seems to be reluctance to vote, but I think that there is a real urge to take that offering as we exit.

BISHOP LEWIS: If you made a motion to divide it for the offering.

RICHARDSON: I asked for your opinion. It would be all right for me to do that?

BISHOP LEWIS: Yes.

RICHARDSON: Bishop?

BISHOP LEWIS: We're sorry; we are all three confused back here. We are under the previous question, so it's not in order. It's not in order. Are you ready to . . . you want to vote, don't you? I do, too. I'm not supposed to express what I want, I guess. Take microphone 11.

PAT STROMAN (Central Texas): Parliamentary inquiry. Under our plan of organization, 11 #1E: Proposals, questions, communications, resolutions, and other matters not included in the regular business of the General Conference shall be referred to the Committee On Agenda without motion or debate. Where are we in that process?

BISHOP LEWIS: It isn't applicable to what we are doing now.

STROMAN: It is not?

BISHOP LEWIS: We're going to put the motion to refer this. All right. If you're in favor of the motion to reference, please vote when the light appears. You're supposed to vote yes or no when the light appears. All right, yes. It is referred. The vote is 601 yes, 290 no and 31 abstentions. All right, we will call on Don Ott to bring the agenda report to us.

DONALD OTT (Wisconsin): We have a plan that is in place that's printed in the *DCA* distributed to you today. You will convene as legislative committees beginning at 2:30 this afternoon. Our encouragement to all of you in legislative committees from your agenda committee is to help your officers get at the calendar items and create them just as soon as possible. A reminder of 1988: we were 1/3 of the way through the entire General Conference with only 6% of the petitions dealt with. We're considering giving a Kermit the frog poster as a gift to the legislative committee that gets the first 25 calendar items produced. Let's go to it. 2:30 this afternoon. Our recommendation to you for tomorrow: 8:30 a.m., plenary; for worship, 9 a.m.; for 20 minutes, Africa University Report, including a video; 9:20 a.m., for 5 minutes, the Courtesies Committee; and then the usual agenda, presiding officer, and announcements with adjournment tomorrow morning to legislative committees at 9:30 a.m. Bishop, our recommendations.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, thank you. All right, we have a report from Allen Norris, the Presiding Officers Committee, and I'm relieved to hear that.

ALLEN NORRIS (North Carolina): Bishop Lewis and members of the General Conference, your Committee on Presiding Officers has asked Bishop Dan E. Solomon of Oklahoma to be the presiding bishop at the Thursday morning session, May 7th.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, it looks like something urgent is over by microphone 11. So one of you, just one of you, go to the microphone, please.

DEBBIE WILCOCK: You said that I would have my question answered. Just simple point: I would be more than willing to talk with Rev. Lawson afterwards if that would make it any better.

BISHOP LEWIS: Yes, that is an oversight, and we would be delighted to have those names.

DEBBIE WILCOCK: Thank you.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, I recognize the man on my right. Microphone 9 or 4. I'll tell you which one he is going to in a minute. He is going to 4.

ROBERT CASEY (Virginia): Bishop, there is a good bit of disturbance about the fact that this committee has not been officially named. I move that the General Conference name the people or appoint the people, name the people who have been named as the official committee of the General Conference for this purpose and that they add to it a youth to be selected.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, do we have a second? All right, you want to vote on this? You want to speak to this? All right. Go to microphone 8.

FRANK DORSEY (Kansas East): I noticed in that list that there is only 1 person from the South Central Jurisdiction. No, in the South Central Jurisdiction there is only 1 person, and I want to be sure that there is at least another person. Is it appropriate to suggest a name at this point, before we elect them?

BISHOP LEWIS: I think we thought there were 2. Janie Trevino Tedley and Tex Sample. All right, I see someone back by microphone 13. No, the other phone.

CHARLIE DENNIS (Minnesota): I would like to speak against the motion to elect these persons at this time. As I understood the original recommendations that we voted on, this was a reference to the Council of Bishops. There is a process. It's still an open process, and there ought to be some negotiations and some work done around that. I would urge us not to elect these persons at this time and to trust that suggested process.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right you've heard that. I see a flag at 8 or on its way to 8.

WILLIAM K. QUICK (Detroit): As we heard the names, Bishop, there was only one name from the North Central Jurisdiction, and that was Bishop Christopher. And if it's in order, we would like to suggest the name of Phylemon Titus, the district superintendent of the Detroit East District.

BISHOP LEWIS: Do you accept that, too?

LAWSON (California-Pacific): Yes.

BISHOP LEWIS: It is accepted.

LAWSON: Bishop, may I have a point of order? On this last reference motion, there were 2 motions that we made. One motion asked for a pastoral letter from the Council of Bishops; the second motion was a task force to write a message from the General Conference to the nation. That task force would bring that message back to the General Conference for General Conference purposes and approval or disapproval.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, we are on a motion to make it official that we elect this committee, and it's being perfected. I see someone back to my right waving a flag. 14, please.

MAXINE ALLEN (Little Rock): Bishop, I would like to amend the motion by including the name of Rev. Chester Jones, and if I get a second, I'd like to speak to that.

BISHOP LEWIS: It's accepted. They're in a good humor. I see hands back to my left. Go to microphone 12, green.

ELSIE CRICKARD (Kansas West): I'd like to make an amendment. It was made a motion that we add one youth to the committee. To think of one youth speaking for all of the church for the future, I'd like to make it, amend that it be a youth from each jurisdiction.

BISHOP LEWIS: Oh, boy. Do we have a second to that amendment? Do we have a second? Stick a hand up, at least, if there is one. All right, it is seconded. So we have an amendment to add a youth from each jurisdiction. Microphone 2.

KINCAID: Sir, Mr. Bishop, if I'm in order, I'd like to move the previous question and all that is before us.

BISHOP LEWIS: That's in order.

KINCAID: Thank you.

BISHOP LEWIS: All who will call the previous question, please vote when the light appears. All right. We called the question by a vote of 829 yes, 69 no, and 10 abstentions. And we will first vote on an amendment to add a youth from each jurisdiction. I hear a point of order. Yes?

JAMES HOLSINGER (Virginia): Bishop, I rarely take any disagreement with my friend Bob Casey, being also from Virginia, but I think we're in bit of a problem right now, because I understood the referral motion that you led us through to be referral to the committee that brought this material to us this morning. As it stands right now, the thing we're going to vote on is to refer it to the new committee that's going to do the writing. And I think that leaves us potentially in a bit of a dilemma.

BISHOP LEWIS: Well, I'm not sure what your confusion is. I, you know, there are 900 of you all out there, and I can't share your confusion.

HOLSINGER: Bishop, I understood that when we voted on the referral that we were dealing with a . . . you indicated that it was to the committee. The individuals have brought the issue to us this morning. We never heard what that list of names is. We have another list of names which are a writing committee, which we are now indicating that we are going to refer this other motion to, material to. I think that if I understood what you said correctly, that we do have a problem, because unless we know the names of the group that brought us the thing originally, we're in 2 different groups.

LAWSON: I think that the Chester Jones motion which is referred to the Planning Committee which is a very large group which brought the presentation in this morning, that's the motion I heard. And they will take that motion and probably refer it properly. I would say to you, for example, the indication of a need for an offering, we have suggested the day of fasting, and prayer, and the savings be given. So we will come back with a motion as to when that offering can be taken. Maybe Thursday evening or Friday evening after the fast day. That's a possibility we'll talk about. We met until 1:30 this morning. I guess we'll meet until 1:30 tomorrow morning to make those kinds of decisions if you referred that to us. The message committee is a different group.

BISHOP LEWIS: All right, we're going to vote now on a motion to add one youth from each jurisdiction to this committee, the writing and message committee. Please vote when the light appears. All right. It is voted down. The vote is 279 yes, 630 no, and 9 abstentions. Now we're on motions to make the election of this committee official. And please vote when the light appears. And it is done. The vote is 699 yes, 200 no, and 16 abstentions. And we're ready for announcements, and Carolyn Marshall our secretary will take us through those. I see another flag at the back to 13. Yeah, I'm with you all; go ahead.

DAVE STANLEY (Iowa): With great regret, Bishop Lewis, can we have the motion read back that we adopted this morning on the time of the fast? I point out on p. 106 yesterday, a fast was recommended from Thursday evening to Friday noon. Someone thought they heard it through Friday evening and the motion this morning. The Iowa delegation thought it had a lunch scheduled Friday noon. We'd kind of like to know.

BISHOP LEWIS: Yeah, I'm aware of some of that confusion. Jim's going to straighten us out.

LAWSON: All right. The motion said, as amended by Maxie Dunnam, from Thursday dinner to Friday after lunch. We suggest 24 hours and I suggest if you have a lunch on Friday already scheduled, then maybe you start Thursday noon and so forth.

BISHOP LEWIS: Thank you. We're back on my left. Microphone 11.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Bishop, this is an item concerning the agenda for tomorrow. I don't know when I can make it if I don't do it now. Is this a proper time?

BISHOP LEWIS: I don't think so. I'm going to say no. I want to get this over with like about 95% of the rest of these people.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you tell me when I can make it?

BISHOP LEWIS: You can ask the next presiding officer. See, the Agenda Committee is the obvious thing to do first of all, not . . . But . . . I'm trying to tell the fellow back there to go to microphone 12. I hope this is something worthwhile.

LEON HAMRICK (North Alabama): Bishop, I move that we hear the announcements and dismiss . . . adjourn.

BISHOP LEWIS: Well, that's a good idea. I've been trying to get you to do that. Go ahead, Carolyn.

CAROLYN MARSHALL: All right. There are 2 announcements here which are fairly parallel, to the effect that several persons have not picked up their

tickets for the Sunday host event; and encouraging all of you who have not done so to do so as soon as possible, because there are other persons who would like to have those tickets if you do not plan to use them. The disparity comes on whether you would get them from the local committee office or the information desk. Both of them are not too far apart, so I would suggest that you take care of that this afternoon. The African delegates are invited to meet for a few minutes at the translation pool side of the plenary hall when the plenary adjourns this afternoon.

CAROLYN MARSHALL: The Council of Bishops will meet Thursday morning May 7th at 9:15 a.m. in the conference theater at the Hyatt Hotel. Reference Committee is to meet immediately upon adjournment in room 101. And this one of an entirely different nature, one that would be of concern to all of us here at General Conference. Dr. Paul Blankenship, a clergy member of this body from the Memphis Conference, was called home because a grandchild was desperately ill. The request is that we remember him and that family in prayer.

BISHOP LEWIS: Thank you, Carolyn, and Bishop Roy Nichols will come and lead us in a closing prayer.

BISHOP ROY NICHOLS:

(Prayer and Adjournment)

Thursday Morning May 7, 1992

Bishop Dan E. Solomon, presiding

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BISHOP DAN E. SOLOMON: Let us be in order. We're deeply grateful to Bishop Felton May and Phyllis May for leading us in worship in significant ways. Bishop May, thank you for both a convicting and a compelling message to us. We're deeply grateful also to the persons who have led us in our music this morning, and we do express gratitude to them as well. Sisters and brothers, we prepare ourselves now to hear a report reflecting one of the most visionary and courageous initiatives that we United Methodists have undertaken since the birth of The United Methodist Church in 1968. Africa University is one of United Methodism's bold efforts to address the systemic causes of hunger, inadequate health care, prejudice, and disenfranchisement by helping to educate men and women in a private, value-centered university, who are ready to lift up the mission of Christ as they are ready to undertake the education of global leaders. I turn now to Dr. Roger Ireson for this presentation on Africa University. Excuse me, I'll turn now to Bishop Ben Oliphint.

BISHOP BEN OLIPHINT: Thank you, Bishop Solomon. My name is Ben Oliphint. I have the privilege of serving as president of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. About 100 years ago a bishop, of all people, saw a vision. He was a missionary in Zimbabwe, and he climbed a mountain in one of the most beautiful valleys of Zimbabwe, and he had a dream. He dreamed that one day children would come from many nations to learn at the school there at that mission station. That dream is coming true. Four years ago you took a giant step to make it possible. Last April Nancy and I were there for the ground breaking of Africa University. On that day, which was a beautiful day, as we came to that beautiful valley at the site where the university will be built, there were hundreds and hundreds of people in buses and cars and on foot--many of them walking many miles to come for that marvelous occasion. There was singing and dancing, and the people of the church in Zimbabwe had fixed lunch for over 4,000 people. It was a great occasion. There were ambassadors and ministers of state and members of parliament, and we had a marvelous service that lasted about 2 1/2 hours, and none of us got tired of it at all. And as I sat there and as I participated in that, that dream took hold of me and I said to myself, "This thing is really going to happen. This dream is going to become a reality." And today we want to share with you that dream and the fact that it is coming alive. We're happy to present to you the good news of Africa University.

ROGER W. IRESON: Bishop Solomon, members of the General Conference, four years ago in St. Louis we had 1,500 acres and a dream. In 1992 in Louisville we can report to you that we have a staff of faculty teaching, buildings, and 38 students who study as we speak.

As general secretary of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, it has been a thrill for me to go through this process of working with the government through the issues of the whether Africa wanted private universities because this was one of the first, establishing a charter that would guide our life and ensure that we were a quality institution and that the church would remain true to its commitments. That process has now become a model, and the government is telling the Seventh-Day Adventists and the Roman Catholic Church if they want to build a university to consult with the United Methodists because they have paved the way for Africa. International committees were gathered in various fields of expertise. They have worked very carefully to plan a quality curriculum, and this curriculum is now under way in 2 of the faculties: theology and agriculture. And it is a curriculum in an African context. Architectural plans are completed. The ground is being cleared, and the first buildings are going to begin to be erected. A careful financial plan, the unified plan, has now been organized. Agencies of this church have cooperated together. The Board of Global Ministries helped lay persons around this country in volunteer and mission teams transform 4 dilapidated farm buildings into beautiful classrooms and offices and the library, and that's where the students are right now. Faculty positions have been sponsored by various groups, including that board. The United Methodist Publishing House helped us establish a library, and over 20,000 books have now arrived in Zimbabwe as the first installation of that great place for study. United Methodist Communications has helped us to tell the story. And, of course, the Board of Higher Education and Ministry has worked tirelessly to try to help this project come into being. A vast network of conference support is now in place across this country so that Africa University will be sustained. It is one of the most, if not the most, significant projects of The United Methodist Church in the 20th century that will impact the next. We intend in 1996, in Denver, to report to you that 4 faculties are in place; that the first phase of buildings of 2 residence halls, a teaching building, a library, and possibly a chapel

have been erected and dedicated by the bishops; and then, at the General Conference of the year 2000, that 7 faculties have been completed and that the entire project--between $80 million and $100 million--has been supported to the level of $60 million by dedicated church people United Methodist around the world. John Kurewa, who has just left because he had to return to Africa to guide the university, said on Monday to the General Council on Finance, that when he first met the students, they broke into spontaneous song; in English, Portuguese, and French, "God Bless Africa University, Praise God for Africa University." So say we all. I hoped that you have picked up this bound copy of the Africa University report that has every bit of information in it and all of our projections including the architectural plans. It was available when you registered; it is also now outside of Cokesbury, I am told. We hope that you will take one home, so that you will be able to use it, and we now have for you a film, that is, a new film. And in it have been placed some of the latest pictures of the new buildings of Africa University.

(film)

ANGELLA CURRENT: Bishop Solomon, conference delegates, and members, my name is Angella Current. I'm on the staff at the Board of Higher Education and Ministry office of loans and scholarships. The 1988 General Conference established the Africa University scholarship endowment fund, World Service Special Gift no. 030188, to assist students in need of financial aid enrolled at the Africa University in fulfilling their dreams. With the professional support of the General Board of Global Ministries Office of Finance and Field Service, the National Executive Campaign Committee, chaired by Bishop Roy C. Nichols, and that nationally renowned Houston Oilers quarterback Warren Moon, we launched the $10 million scholarship endowment fund campaign in May of 1991. Thousands of United Methodists across the world have caught the vision, many donating $10-$50 each week, some contributing $10,000 and more in memory of family members, and others making significant pledges. As of April 30, in addition to the $7 million in apportioned funds and grants, over $3.1 million in cash and pledges has been received for scholarships. School has started, and scholarship funds are now needed. With the help of our 165 volunteer networkers and approval of this General Conference, we can continue the campaign and build a permanent endowment fund for today's and future students of the Africa University.

BISHOP EMILIO De CARVALHO: My name is Emilio De Carvalho, and I am the chancellor of Africa University. What would Africa University mean for the present and for the future of Africa? Thus far, your 1988 mandate has been effectively fulfilled, by the establishment of Africa University. Africa rejoices at this great event because for now on it holds in its bosom the first United Methodist-related institution of higher learning. The 163-year-old dream for Africa United Methodism has become a reality on Jan. 24, 1992. What will Africa University mean for the present and for the future of Africa? It will mean 3 things. First of all, it will mean that the climax of the educational engagement of United Methodism across the world. Secondly, it will mean that Old Mutare is now the center to which its African young men and women will converge from now on to kill this hunger, this thirst for higher education. Thirdly, it will mean that the focus of our church will now turn to Africa University at this proper time--to nurture Africa University, to support Africa University, and to make it a first-class university. African United Methodist delegates present at this conference are here to thank The United Methodist Church on behalf of our continent of Africa. This is a great challenge before us. Thank you.

YEMBA KEKUMBA (West Zaire): Bishops, General Conference delegates, my name is Yemba. I am the dean of the faculty of theology of the Africa University. And I'm here in the capacity of the clergy delegate from the Western Zaire Annual Conference. The Africa University is now a dream come concrete reality. The board of directors has been elected; the charter granted to give a legal and official existence to the institution; the existing buildings on the campus completely renovated to be used as classrooms, offices, and library. The academic and the non-academic staff were hired, while [audio tape is not clear] the students admitted, and classes began on 23rd of March this year. That means that we'll say that the community of learning, committed to the excellence in teaching, and the research is already there. Two faculties or colleges are open to their students this year: namely, the faculty of theology, with 14 students; and the faculty of agriculture and natural resources, with 26 students. The 14 students came from Angola, Burundi, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe. They, this group of students that we call Alpha class, includes 9 women and 31 young men. Nine academic staff are appointed, 5 in theology, 2 in agriculture and natural resources, and 2 in content subjects serving both faculties. Among the 9 academic staff, 3 are women. Bishop and the General Conference delegates, let me take this opportunity, this special, opportunity to express on behalf of the Africa University community our deep gratitude to the United Methodists throughout the world, and all men and women of good will, for their all kinds of committed and dedicated human and material resources to the Africa University. The Africa University is an instrument that The United Methodist Church as a denomination is using in the years, decades, and why not centuries to come, to help African nations to achieve their educational goals and objectives. It is also an instrument, an opportunity, to give to the young Africans to fulfill their dream for education. We ask that the delegates of this 1992 General Conference to extend this expression of our thanks to the local churches, church agencies, and annual conferences for their commitment to the Africa University. Thank you.

BISHOP ROY NICHOLS: Bishop Solomon and members of the annual conference and all of the friends that are gathered, something is happening here that I don't think we have taken account of. This General Conference is being transformed into a mission conference. Aren't you glad? I think it started when the bishops released Bishop May to begin that mission in Washington, D.C. We are launching at this General Conference, through the initiative of the bishops in cooperation with the Board of Global Ministries and other agencies of our church, a special thrust in mission evangelism and local congregation development in Eastern Europe and in the Commonwealth of Independent

States which we once called the Soviet Union. Aren't you glad?

We have been stimulated by the episode in Los Angeles regarding Rodney King, the injustice or the misappropriation of justice in Simi Valley, and the ugly aftermath of violence and anger has churned this General Conference into the notion that we have a primary mission to our people right here for their salvation and redemption in the United States of America. If you believe that, then say "amen."

AUDIENCE: Amen.

BISHOP NICHOLS: Then we are now taking this significant giant step in the launching of Africa University, which has already become a reality. Building a university takes time, it takes money, and it takes wise and dedicated leadership, and God has given us all of these things to make this dream come true. I think it started with the initiative of the African bishops and with the gift of 1,500 acres of land by the Zimbabwe Annual Conference, under the leadership of Bishop Abel Muzorewa. And then the General Conference gave us 2 channels through which we could fund this effort, and it will take 10-12 years before it begins to come into its full flowering. Some of us may be sleeping when this university really begins to bloom and come into its own, but somewhere we'll be looking joyfully at that university and its teeming students because God has given us the privilege of helping to plant the seed. You are a founding General Conference. Aren't you glad? What can we do? Insist that every local church in Methodism pay their apportionments in full, for we cannot go forward without the amount--that $10 million per quadrennium--that must come through the channel of apportionments. Secondly, encourage local churches and annual conferences to go the second mile and to raise special funds for this scholarship endowment fund. Without it the expectancy of students coming from all over Africa cannot come true, for they will need assistance, and this $10 million scholarship fund that we are raising will help to do that job. Thirdly, help us to locate big, medium-size, and small givers to the Africa University scholarship endowment fund. And fourthly, you can join with the bishops who are almost 100% in their individual pledging to the scholarship endowment fund. You members of this General Conference and all of the friends that are stretched out here yonder, you can make your individual and personal pledge to the scholarship endowment fund. Write this phone number down if you will, write this phone number down if you will, (615) 320-7755. If you want to pledge to Africa University, call that number. That's our office in Nashville. Reverse the charges, and we'll service you so that you can be one of us in helping in a significant way this scholarship fund. And fifth, wear your *I Support Africa University* button. If you don't have one, I think we can provide you with one before you leave this General Conference. I'm wearing one, and what a beautiful sight it would be if everyone in this General Conference would be wearing one. Don't you think that's a good idea? And now I would like every person who is associated in any way on committees, the network, and the jurisdictions, special efforts associated with this effort of building Africa University, to stand. You know who you are. All over the house, up here; bishops, all of you should stand? Yes. Now will you remain standing. This is just a part of the crop which expresses the enthusiasm of our people. If the lay people of our church are informed about what we are doing here, I can pledge to you on the basis of my work as a pastor, that when they discover that this church is involved in major mission, their giving response to everything in your budget will increase. And now I raise my left hand and call forth the coming of the Africa University future in the presence of my colleagues who are gathered at the back of the room. Will you come singing now?

(song) Continental anthem of Africa is sung by persons from Africa

BISHOP SOLOMON: My sisters and brothers, this will be recorded as one of the high moments of this General Conference. We praise God. We rejoice in the accomplishments thus achieved, and we anticipate the work that God shall continue to do, as we United Methodists, from many lands and many conferences, in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Africa, continue this good work which God has begun among us. Thanks be to God.

And all the people said, "Hallelujah." Oh, I think we can do better than that. "Hallelujah!" Well, now, let's try it on cue.

AUDIENCE: Hallelujah!

BISHOP SOLOMON: Amen. And thanks be to God. All right. Yes. Will you please go to microphone 7? Will you state your name and your conference?

LAURIE MOTZ (California-Nevada): Laurie Motz, California-Nevada. Point of personal privilege.

BISHOP SOLOMON: Yes.

LAURIE MOTZ: Four years ago Atwater United Methodist Church was the first church, we believe, in the United States to pay its fair share of money to support Africa University. And I have with me today, a check from our church, Atwater United Methodist Church in California, for the amount of $359 to pay our fair share and to be the first to do that. So I would like to challenge other churches in this General Conference to do the same.

BISHOP SOLOMON: Amen. We hear your challenge, and we shall seek to be faithful in response to it. We shall move to items that are on our agenda, and we will be turning now to the Agenda Committee. The Courtesies Committee will not be reporting this morning, so will you move on your published agenda to the Committee on Agenda, and I recognize Don Ott.

DON OTT (Wisconsin): Members of the conference, we are now well into our consideration of petitions in your legislative committees; and as you know and see on the printed agenda, you have a full day today--beginning in just a few minutes--to do that. It's time about now in the conference to do a reality check in our minds and remember that with the adoption of a new pattern of our lives for this week and next, we lose track of days and times. So I would remind you that this is Thursday. It is Thursday in week one. It is May 7th. Now with that reality, let me encourage you to work diligently in your legislative committees and subcommittees. Charles Jordan is the chair of the Calendar Committee. The Calendar Committee is represented in his person on the Agenda Committee. We'll be working on your behalf to coordinate matters and bring calendar items as soon as possible. We're informed by Calendar Committee chair that we probably will not have calendar items to deal with in plenary here until Saturday morning. So I would remind you of the printed agenda for the balance of today

and to announce the agenda for tomorrow: at 8:30 a.m., again a 30-minute time for worship; at 9, a 15-minute time for nominations. Those that are printed already in your *DCA*, pp. 84-86, will be considered. Among them: University Senate, General Council on Finance and Administration, Judicial Council, and others. A time tomorrow then, nominations only, not elections. Then at 9:15 tomorrow, courtesies if requested; 9:20, agenda, presiding officer announcements, and adjournment to legislative committees at 9:30 tomorrow morning for the balance of the day.

BISHOP SOLOMON: All right, our agenda has been outlined for us. We move in accordance. Yes, will you go to microphone 8, please? And state your name and your conference.

BOB WATERS (Texas): My name is Bob Waters. I am from the Texas Conference. Bishop, I, in behalf of the delegation, have a motion intended to influence our agenda. Will that motion be in order at this time?

BISHOP SOLOMON: Well, the motion is in order. I would remind us that, according to our rules, requests for agenda items are to be referred to the Agenda Committee. However, if the body so chose by 2/3 vote, those rules could be suspended. I'll leave it to you to make your motion.

WATERS: Then I should move the suspension of the rule in order to consider the establishing of the order of the day.

BISHOP SOLOMON: All right, the motion is before us. Is it seconded? And it is seconded. I would think that we are ready to proceed to vote. Will you vote when the light appears? Yes, the rules are suspended, and you may proceed.

WATERS: I thank my colleagues for the privilege. In behalf of the Texas Conference delegation, I move that on next Monday, May 11, at 10 a.m., this assembly shall consider all petitions and proposals related to the issue of homosexuality to be followed immediately by the consideration of all petitions and proposals surrounding the issue of abortion. Given a second, I should like to speak to it.

BISHOP SOLOMON: Is there a second? Yes, it is seconded. You may speak.

WATERS: On Tuesday morning of this week, before the first session of this General Conference had convened, a local paper headlined its view of our assembly by announcing: *Methodists to Discuss Homosexuality and Abortion.* To the degree that the media in this country offers coverage of our proceedings, the first focus is likely to center on these 2 issues. Our delegation is convinced that this conference will be well served by the earliest consideration of both issues since they are serious, difficult, and urgent--not only to us, but also to the millions of United Methodists for whom and/or to whom we shall speak on many issues. We have numerous other substantive and difficult matters to handle. And to make early decisions on the issues of homosexuality and abortion is to say to all who will listen, that we have a broad and diverse agenda centering on much more than the 2 big issues which stress us deeply in mind and emotion. We urge this body to establish this order of the day for next Monday, 10 a.m.

BISHOP SOLOMON: All right. I think, yes, will you go to microphone 10, please, and state your name and your conference.

LAWSON (California-Pacific): Bishop, I want to oppose this motion. I think we should not allow the media to determine what are the crucial issues before this General Conference. To bring a proposal . . .

BISHOP SOLOMON: All right now, sisters and brothers, let me interrupt Brother Lawson just a moment. This is the family of God at work. We're not trying to win or to lose, we're trying to discern together the will of God. And I trust that we will refrain from applause in order that we may build one another up in love and hold one another up in prayer. You may proceed, Brother Lawson.

LAWSON: I would simply repeat I think it's a shame for us to consider agendas put forward by the media. I do not believe in any sense of the word that homosexuality or abortion are the critical issues for the mission of the church today. Fourteen million children die around the world as we gather here. We have White, Black, blue, green, yellow people all across our nation, all across the globe, who are hungry, who suffer from the principalities and powers that would destroy life. We, the church, are supposed to be about the business of proclaiming life in God, in Christ Jesus, in the Kingdom. And for this General Conference to be stampeded into the notion that the critical issues are abortion or homosexuality says more about us than it says either about Jesus or the gospel, or it says about the Kingdom. And I oppose the motion because I think we should permit those resolutions that come on as legislative committees are able to do the work and release them. And if it means, therefore, that we have to work until 1 a.m. Friday night or Saturday morning the 16th, so be it. But let's determine the agenda on some other basis.

BISHOP SOLOMON: All right, you've had a speech for and a speech against. Yes, I recognize the delegate that's seated to my left at the rear. Will you go to microphone 12, please? And state your name and conference.

DAVID QUEE (Sierra Leone): I arise to oppose the motion on the grounds that the speaker has not given us substantial reasons for wanting to change the order of the day. We have more important issues to be discussed. Surely the criteria used for determining the issue of homosexuality and abortion may not be as important as all of the day's tasks.

BISHOP SOLOMON: All right, thank you, that is a speech for. Is anyone wishing to speak otherwise? I'm sorry, speech against. All right, I think we are ready to vote. Yes? I'm sorry. Yes, will you please go to microphone 5 and state your name and conference?

JOE KILPATRICK (North Georgia): Bishop, my name is Joe Kilpatrick from the North Georgia Conference. I'm a layperson. I wish to speak in favor of the motion. I think this is a workable proposal. I don't think that it is set because of the media. I think it is set because of the interest of this body in surveys made by *The United Methodist Reporter*. This homosexuality issue rated no. 1 across the jurisdictions of our conference, of our church. I think that the abortion issue is linked in the minds of many with sexuality attitudes and actions, and I do not think that we need to delay the debate on these until the wee hours, when time is limited for vital expression by the members of this body. I urge the support of the motion. Thank you.

BISHOP SOLOMON: All right. Yes. You may go to microphone 4.

THOMAS MURPHY (Virginia): Tom Murphy of Virginia Conference. I call the question.

BISHOP SOLOMON: Well, I think we will hold to our order of 3 speeches for and against. But since we are ready to vote . . . yes? The Waters motion before us is to establish an order of the day for 10 a.m. on Monday. It will take a 2/3 vote of the body to establish such an order. Will you please vote when the light appears. (427 yes, 521 no, 7 abstentions). It is not approved. We shall proceed now with our agenda items. I want to call on Allen Norris for the Committee on Presiding Officers.

ALLEN NORRIS (North Carolina): Bishop Solomon and members of the General Conference, the Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that the presiding bishop for Friday morning's session will be Bishop Elias Galvan of the Phoenix area.

BISHOP SOLOMON: Thank you very much. Yes, will you go please to microphone 2? State your name and conference.

CHARLES PEARCE (Florida): bishop. I have a motion requesting information so that we General Conference delegates can be better informed. May I give the motion, please, sir?

BISHOP SOLOMON: You may.

PEARCE: I move that this General Conference, excuse me, I move that the general secretaries of all of our general boards and agencies submit to this 1992 General Conference their cost-reduction programs with the estimated dollars saved for the past quadrennium. I also request a list of their planned cost-reduction programs for this coming quadrennium. Further, it is requested that this data be distributed to the General Conference delegates no later than the morning session of May 9, 1992, sir. If I could have a second, I could speak to it.

BISHOP SOLOMON: Is there a second? Yes, it is seconded. You may speak.

PEARCE: Our Florida Annual Conference is the only one that I know anything about, particularly. But we have had to have staff reductions at our conference level. We ran out of money so that we had to have our only special called session in 20 years in February. In the Miami area, for instance, we have many, many people out of work, and we would like to know what our general, the people of--the local grass roots people of our annual conference--would like to know what is being done on the general boards and agencies to reduce costs. In the *Advance DCA*, the general secretary of Church and Society, if you would take on the first page, has instituted reforms and streamlined his agency so that it can be more efficient. And I applaud him and his agency for what he and his group have done.

BISHOP SOLOMON: All right.

PEARCE: Thank you.

BISHOP SOLOMON: Thank you. The matter is properly before us. And I sense you as a body are ready to vote. This is a motion of direction for general secretaries in terms of cost reduction achieved and cost reduction plans in motion. Will you vote when the light appears? (570 yes, 343 no, 18 abstentions). The motion is sustained. We'll proceed now to hear announcements from the Secretary of the General Conference, Carolyn Marshall. I'm sorry, to my right, yes? All right, will you go to microphone 10, and state your name and conference, please?

TERRY GREGORY (North Arkansas): Point of information, please. I think it would be helpful for me, and may be helpful for the body of General Conference, to know how many staff people we have here from the general agencies: what, how much, from where does their support come, and what is their per diem.

BISHOP SOLOMON: Well, your inquiry is appropriate, but unless there is a motion, we as a body will need to proceed on with our agenda.

GREGORY: Then I so move.

BISHOP SOLOMON: All right. Is there a second? It is seconded. Do you wish to speak further to it?

GREGORY: I've heard a lot of questions since I've been here about the money being spent from the general agencies, and I just think it would be helpful to us to know how much is spent on staff coming to General Conference.

BISHOP SOLOMON: All right. I do not see other persons wishing to speak on this motion. It is properly before us. Will you please vote when the light appears. (541 yes, 378 no, 11 abstentions). The motion is approved. I am inviting your suggestions since you made the motion, if you have enabling motions by which you want to get this before the body. Or will you leave this to the General Secretaries simply to provide the data through the *DCA*? Would that be acceptable?

GREGORY: That is acceptable.

BISHOP SOLOMON: Thank you very much. We continue on our agenda as we turn to the secretary of the General Conference, Carolyn Marshall, who shall lead us in appropriate announcements.

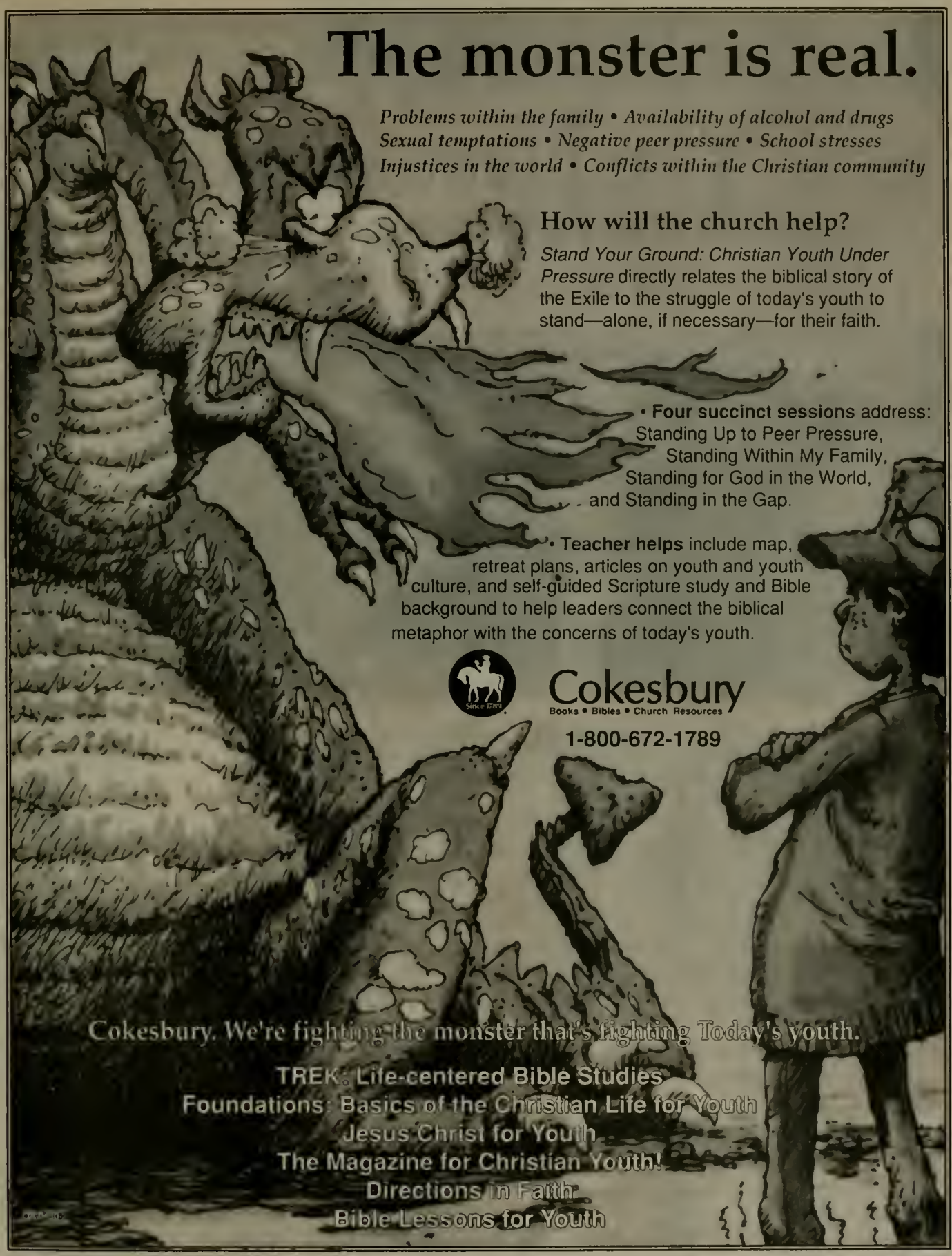
CAROLYN MARSHALL: Some several announcements appear on pp. 122-123 of the daily *DCA*. Two to lift for our particular information. One in recognition of the General Conference fast in effect through Friday morning. The Iliff School of Theology breakfast has been changed from Friday to Saturday. Breakfast will start at 7 a.m. in the Keeneland Suite, mezzanine level, Hyatt Regency. And secondly, this will be particularly applicable to those persons who are not delegates, but who are in attendance here at General Conference. Worship services are planned each afternoon at 2:30, Trinity United Methodist Church, located three blocks south of the Convention Center. You're urged to make those services a part of your daily experience here. For your information, Rev. J. Jeannette Cooper is the preacher this afternoon.

BISHOP SOLOMON: Thank you very much. By action of this body, we have proclaimed a time of prayer and fasting. Today, by action of the Congress of the United States, is also designated as a national day of prayer. When John Wesley listed the chief means of grace, he always began the list with prayer, the Scriptures, and Holy Communion. While it is important for us to be reminded in a disciplined fashion of our commitment to be a praying people, let us surely affirm for ourselves that's who we are and who we want to be everyday of our life. Prior to our adjournment to legislative committees, I am going to ask Bishop Ernest T. Dixon to come and lead us in our prayer of sending forth. Bishop Dixon.

BISHOP ERNEST T. DIXON: Let us pray.

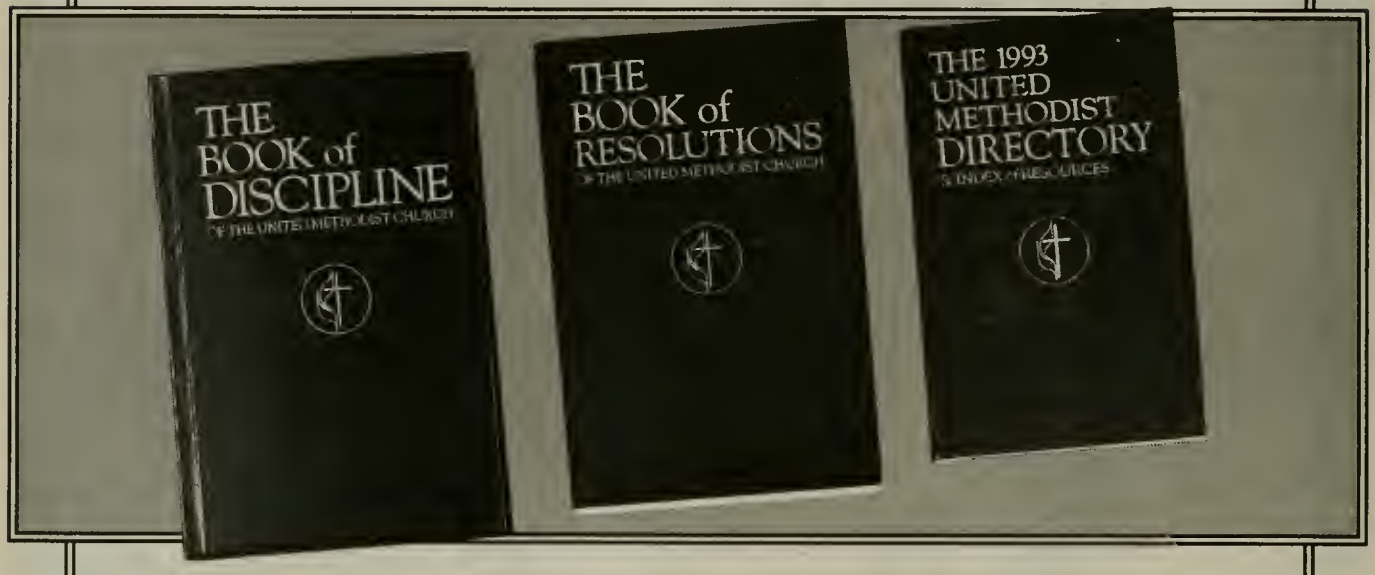
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BISHOP SOLOMON: Amen. You are adjourned to legislative committees.


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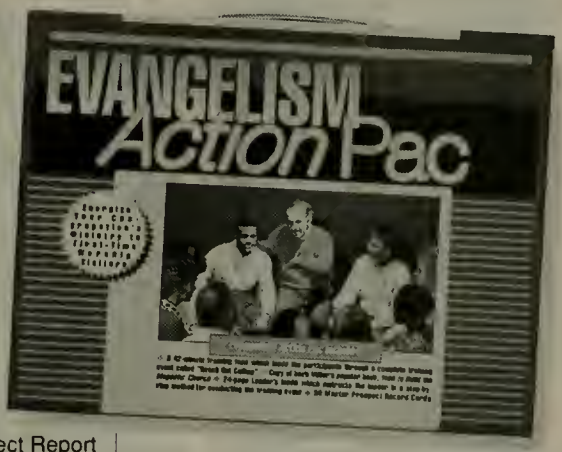
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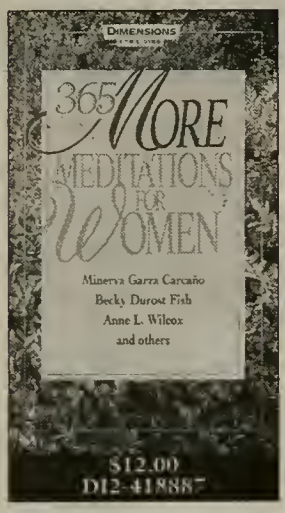
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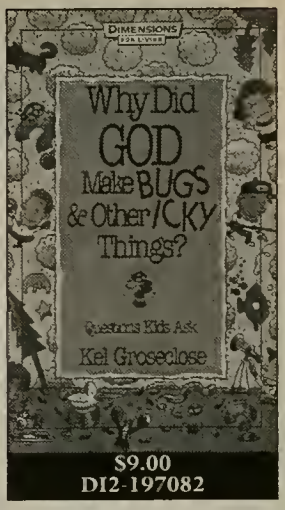
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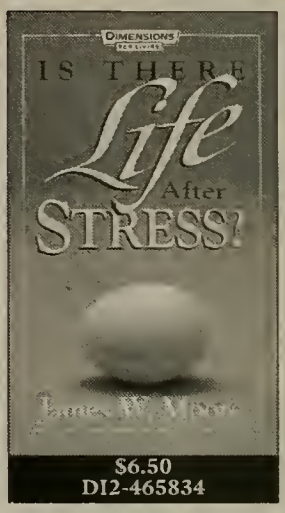
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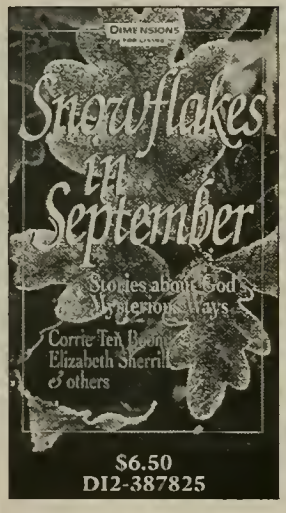
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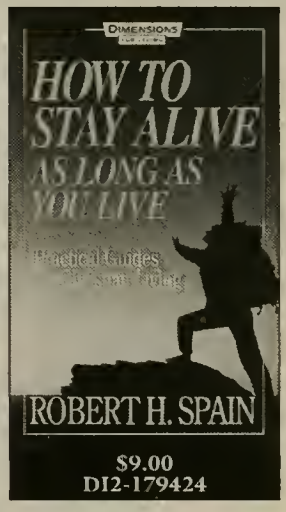
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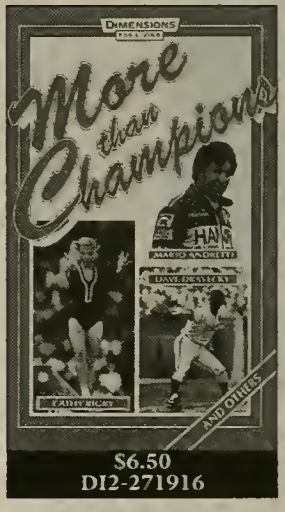
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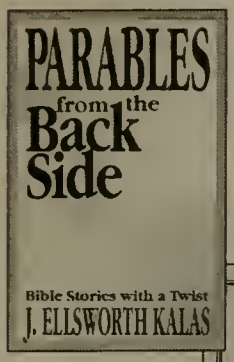
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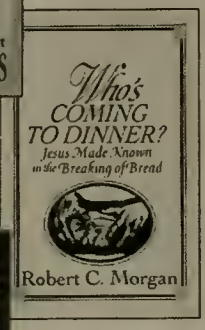
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Delegates Tackle Petitions, Prepare for Debate

Legislative committees of the 200th anniversary United Methodist General Conference plowed steadily through piles of petitions Friday, and delegates prepared to begin plenary debate Saturday morning on calendar items.

By late Friday committee work had been completed on a number of major issues, including a new worship book, the homosexuality study, general church apportionments, location of the General Board of Global Ministries, and proposals for ministry with Hispanics and Native Americans. Minority reports were being readied on some topics.

Friday morning the Financial Administration Legislative Committee on a vote of 51-40 approved the recommendation of the General Board of Global Ministries relocation study committee that the church's missions agency be moved from New York City to a city yet to be chosen. This action is contrary to the vote of the General and Judicial Administration Legislative Committee, which sided with the General Council on Ministries and the General Council on Finance and Administration, who asked that all general agency headquarters be retained in their current locations through the next quadrennium.

Friday afternoon the Discipleship Committee completed its work on the proposed new book of worship and rituals for the denomination that counts almost 10 million members worldwide. The volume, designed primarily for pastors and others who plan and lead worship, will supplement the *United Methodist Hymnal.*

Scheduled for action Saturday morning are proposals on Hispanics; older adult, prison, and deaf ministries; and the quadrennial theme. Other issues will be considered as time permits before the scheduled 12:30 p.m. adjournment.

On Friday evening many delegates completed a 24-hour fast in response to the events in Los Angeles and nationwide. Money saved was to be contributed to the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Sunday, the 998 delegates will take a break from their labors to attend worship services in the Louisville region. Some of the delegates and other conference participants will occupy pulpits.

Sunday afternoon and evening, the Louisville Conference will present two performances of a musical celebration, "Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise." A 300-voice choir and orchestra will be featured, along with the widely acclaimed Junaluska Singers. The celebration will take place at 4 and 7 p.m. in the Macauley Theatre at Fourth and Broadway in Louisville.

—*Robert Lear*

Agenda

Saturday, May 9

8:30 a.m.	Worship
9:00 a.m.	Committee on Agenda
	Calendar Committee
	General Council on Ministries
	GCOM Calendar Items
10:45 a.m.	Other Calendar Items
	Committee on Agenda
	Committee on Presiding Officers
	Announcements
12:30 p.m.	Plenary Adjournment
2:30 p.m.	Legislative Committees
7:30 p.m.	Legislative Committees



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"Please vote when the light appears." Charlene P. Kammerer (Florida) and James A. Harnish (Florida) will hear that refrain many times during this General Conference.

Arizona Choir to Sing in Today's Worship Services



Sixty-eight years old is the average age of members of the sanctuary choir from Shepherd of the Hille UMC, Sun City West, Arizona. The choir will help lead worship at both worship services today.

Singing in the 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. General Conference worship services today is the sanctuary choir of the Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church, Sun City West, AZ. They will present pre-service concerts for both services at 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The afternoon service will be at Trinity United Methodist Church. John Dorch is director.

The choir began when the church was founded in a new retirement community in 1980. Five singers and an accompanist on a small electronic organ provided musical leadership in the early days. The congregation met in the community's social hall. As the church grew, the choir rehearsed in a nearby funeral home chapel.

Early in 1984, 350 church members raised enough money to begin construction of a building which was opened in 1985. Although the sanctuary was built to accommodate 600 persons, two Sunday services are now needed to seat worshipers during the peak winter months. The choir sings for both morning services.

Some interesting statistics about the choir are:

* average age is 68 years;

* average years of choir experience is 44 years;

* members have come from 23 different states and have lived in Sun City West an average of 5 years;

* musicians have retired from 28 different professions. The choir includes 8 professional musicians;

* five of the original choir members still sing in the choir.

We welcome this unusual and outstanding group of singers!

Preaching in the 8:30 a.m. service today is Bishop Ruediger Minor of the Dresden Germany Area. Liturgist is Edward Puslecki of Warsaw, Poland. Puslecki is the general superintendent of United Methodist work in Poland.

The Rev. Kirbyjon Caldwell, senior pastor of Windsor Village United Methodist Church, Houston, TX, preaches at 2:30 p.m. W.E. "Buddy" Arnold, North Little Rock, AR, Arkansas Conference lay leader, is liturgist.

Serving as organist for both services is Michael Wright of Louisville. Wright is organist/choir master of Louisville's Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church.

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Speaker Assignments to Local Churches

Many guest speakers will be filling pulpits in area churches during General Conference. Following are the assignments as reported to or arranged by the Local Committee:

Sunday May 10

Bishops	Location
Heinrich Bolleter	Crescent Hill
Edward Carroll	St. John (Louisville)
Wayne Clymer	Highland
Emerson Colaw	Parkview
Paul Duffey	Brandenburg
R. Kern Eutsler	Carrollton First
Paul L.A. Granadosin	Pleasant Grove (New Abany)
C.W. Hancock	Graefenburg
J.Woodrow Hearn	Bethany
Leroy C. Hodapp	Evansville District
L. Bevel Jones III	Beechmont
Walter F. Klaiber	Advent
J. Lloyd Knox	Epworth
Clay Lee Jr.	First (Corydon)
William B. Lewis	Elizabethtown Memorial
Richard Looney	Grant Line (New Albany)
James K. Mathews	Aldersgate
Robert Morgan	Fourth Avenue
Abel T. Muzorewa	Shively
Emerito P. Nacpil	Mount Washington
John Alfred Ndoricimpa	Oakdale
Roy C. Nichols	Virginia Avenue
Roy Short	Marcus Lindsey
Forrest Stith	R.E. Jones
Mack B. Stokes	Cooper Memorial
Richard Wilke	St. Matthews
Joseph Yeakel	Centenary (New Albany)
Hans Vaexby	Watkins Memorial

Clergy	Location
Roger Barr	Crawford Consolidated
Charles E. Barton	Bethel (Meade County)
David Brazelton	Middletown
Martin A. Case	Old Capitol
Thom White Wolf Fassett	DePauw
Ben H. Feemster	Audubon Park
James Ferree	City Road Chapel
S. Stephen Foster	Hobbs Chapel
Larry Goodpaster	Christ (Georgetown)
Aaron M. Gray	Allens Chapel
Sharon Halderman	Salem (Indiana)
James Han	First Korean (Radcliff)
Ezra Earl Jones	Jeffersontown
Edward A. Kail	Bethel (Bullit County)
Fritz Mutti	Campbellsburg
Perry Newbury	Preston Highway
Judith A. Olin	Wesley Manor
Marceliand A. Pascasio Jr.	Kuttawa
Edward Puslecki	Immanuel
Yvonne B. Trueblood	Dennie Memorial
J. Philip Wogaman	Zion/Clifton Heights
Edwin Zeiders	Marengo (Indiana)

Laity	Location
Sally Askew	Clarkson Circuit
Jerry Brewster	Taylorsville
Jerry Brewster	Christ United Methodist Men (May 9)
J.W. Holsinger	Grace/Hazelwood
Charles Holston	Edwardsville (Ind.)
Gus Gustafson	Wesley Chapel (New Albany)
Chuck Jones	Parkway
Betty Whitehurst	Mount Holly

In Churches That Have Made Arrangments Themselves

Rinaldo Hernandez (translator)	Centenary (Shelbyville)
William Hinson	Christ
Evelyn Laycock	St. Mark
Ruth Ann Miller (alternate)	Leitchfield
William Quick	Epiphany
Bishop Robert H. Spain	St. Paul

The Church in the Midst of Turmoil

Germany East

Das kann doch nicht alles gewesen sein.

"That cannot be all there is." So goes a ballad popular in East Germany during the past generation.

"This is the feeling of many people today," explained the Rev. Roland Roeseler, 59, superintendent of the Zwickau District and chairperson of the Germany East delegation. Thirty-four congregations of about 8,000 United Methodists call the Zwickau District home. The district is in Saxony near the Bavarian and Czech borders.

"Something is missing in the lives of many persons, especially the young," Roeseler continued, "which the 'things' of consumerism cannot fill." This vacuum in daily life evolves from unrealized hopes for economic improvement, a lingering lack of trust, and the residue of state-supported atheism. Aggravated by high unemployment, this frustration—shared by many young people in eastern Germany—is reflected in growing violence and aimlessness, Roeseler added.

But this situation in the former German Democratic Republic (GDR) offers the church an "important possibility to build a caring community and a sense of Christian direction" in the lives of millions, Roeseler noted. Under Communism, United Methodists could speak freely only within their congregations, he explained, and could not engage in public evangelistic and outreach activities. Concerts, publications, public book tables, and a variety of mission activities now provide new opportunities for congregational outreach.

Roeseler said that about one-third of United Methodism's 120 ministers in the former GDR were involved in round-table conferences which brought Communist Party, community, and church leaders together during East Germany's "bloodless revolution" in 1989-90. What began as a peace movement grew into a freedom movement, Roeseler noted.

The people, who gathered in churches where they were free to express themselves, moved out to demonstrate with chants of "*We* are the people," a response to the government's insistence it was "of, for, and by the people." Encouraged by their progress, demonstrators changed the original chant as their movement unified, shouting, "We are *one* people!"

The current four conferences in Germany submitted to this General Conference a joint petition calling for unification.

Attracted to a Methodist youth movement in 1948, Roeseler realized four years later that he wanted to enter the ordained ministry. His experience of a call came during an annual conference session in the famous Thomaskirche, Leipzig, where Johann Sebastian Bach served as musical director.

Today, Roeseler's son is also a minister.

—Tom Potter

Cuba

His first word was "impactful" as Bishop Joel Ajo Fernandez of the Methodist Church in Cuba began describing the daily life of the Methodist Church in Cuba. For 110 years the Methodists have been in Cuba. During the past few years, more than 30,000 new members have helped to create 92 new congregations.

"Our church enables a person to act in daily life, Bishop Ajo said." We revolve around the rudimentary aspects of church life. There are worship times, pastoral duties, and the daily life of committed laity.

"We have renewed hope in Jesus Christ and renewed commitment to the pattern of spirituality of John Wesley."

The Methodist Church of Cuba has day-to-day contact with the Castro government, not as revolutionary Christians or as members of the Communist Party, but as an alternative way of thinking.

"There is mistrust," Bishop Ajo commented, "but our spirituality is seen as integral balancing the internal and the social. The government understands that."

Bishop Ajo said the Cuban Methodist Church is "trained to reach large numbers of people."

Soon the Methodists of Cuba hope to have a printing press and television programs, along with the ability to disseminate information to the populace. "We can transform society," Bishop Ajo said.

"We are not a political group as are the human rights groups in Cuba, but Cubans committed to impacting change within our country.

"We are an informed membership in dialogue with our government while doing nothing behind their backs."

"We are the church of Jesus Christ," he concluded.

—Billie R. Dalton

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"Why We Care About AIDS" visits a small-town grandmother who finds strength and new understanding about discrimination through her personal encounter with AIDS. An urban pastor ministers to children traumatized by AIDS. And in the Midwest, a mother whose child has AIDS deals with her situation by reaching out to parents who have lost children to the disease.

This program was produced jointly by the General Board of Global Ministries and United Methodist Communications.

"Catch the Spirit" takes viewers to DeKalb, Texas, to witness the Jubilee Quartet and to Ortez, Colo., where an unusual man cares for a church that many people have forgotten. The show also features an apprentice program at Bethune-Cookman College in Florida and congregations in New York City who worship separately but simultaneously in English, Spanish, Korean, and Chinese languages.

Included in this special hour-long program is a one-minute update of yesterday's General Conference action.

Tune in to Channel 8 at the Brown Hotel; Channel 6, Galt House/Galt House East and Holiday Inn Downtown; Channel 4, Hyatt; Channel 14, Seelbach; and check your Visitel channel at other hotels.



Using American Sign Language, Paula and Tom Williams sign the proceedings in a plenary session. They are from Cameron UMC for the Deaf in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Three-month-old Lawson Williams will go for the record for attendance at consecutive General Conferences — in 2072! Lawson is held by his dad, Larry Williams, who learned Portugese as a child in a missionary family in Brazil and who is serving as a translator here. The Williamses are from Ballwin, Mo. Bishop Joao Somane Machado (Mozambique) looks on.

JOHN GOODWIN PHOTO

Bishop Short Is Long on Service

Bishop Roy Hunter Short of Hermitage, Tenn., says he is attending his 19th General Conference. Elected to the episcopacy in 1948, he may be the oldest bishop in attendance here—but Bishop Lloyd Christ Wicke was elected in the Evangelical United Brethren (EUB) Church the week before Short became a bishop in The Methodist Church. Bishop Wicke has also been here for part of the time.

This General Conference is a homecoming of sorts for Bishop Short, 90. A native son of Louisville, he grew up 11 blocks from the convention center. He is accompanied by his son, the Rev. Riley P. Short, a reserve clergy delegate from the Florida Conference.

The 1939 uniting conference was Bishop Short's all-time favorite conference; he says, adding that he is the only bishop still alive who was present at that conference and allowing that he was quite young then.

Bishop Short may be retired, but he's still preaching. This Sunday will find him in the pulpit of Marcus Lindsey United Methodist Church, which is in the neighborhood where he grew up. He offered the opening prayer Tuesday night for the Episcopal Address.

This reporter had a serendipitous meeting with Robert Thornbury, one of Bishop Short's classmates at the University of Louisville. Thornbury was pleased to learn that his friend Roy is still alive and at work. Thornbury, a Roman Catholic layman, remembers his classmate as a dashing fellow with the "gift of gab." He was not at all surprised to learn that his former classmate became a United Methodist bishop.

That "gift of gab" must have grown into the gift of preaching. Bishop Short is remembered for delivering the good news with power and passion. Upon learning that Bishop Short will preach this Sunday, one of his former parishioners urged me to hear for myself this dynamic preacher and leader.

—Patricia Ann Meyers



RALPH BAKER PHOTO

Bishop Roy Short offers the opening prayer for The Episcopal Address on Tuesday night.

Bits 'n Pieces

- These items are in the "Did you know" department. If you have interesting tidbits to share about delegates or doings, please jot them down and bring them to Barbara Dunlap-Berg at the *DCA* office on the lower level of the convention center.

- Three members of the Euper family of Saginaw, Mich., are General Conference delegates from the Detroit Conference. Jacqueline K. Euper and the Rev. Terry A. Euper (reserve) are the parents of Stephen T. Euper.

- Two legislative committee vice chairs are candidates for the episcopacy. They are the Rev. Ann B. Sherer, Texas Conference, and the Rev. Alfred L. Norris, Louisiana Conference. The Rev. Vance Summers Jr. was listed in yesterday's edition as a vice chair; he is a chair. We apologize.

- Five committee chairs are women, representing four jurisdictions. The 36 committee chairs, vice chairs, and secretaries (three officers in each of 12 committees) are comprised of 17 women and 19 men; 20 aree clergy and 16 are laity. Two of the 36 committee officers are from the Northeastern Jurisdiction, seven from the North Central Jurisdiction; 10 from the Southeastern Jurisdiction; 10 from the South Central Jurisdiction; five from the Western Jurisdiction; and two officers are from the Central Conferences.

- Congratulations to Faith and Missions Committee. Members smartly combined what may be a record 64 petitions into a single calendar item. The 96-member group debated two petitions related to homosexuality and refined them. Then they wisely combined most of the remaining petitions into a single item.

- Since becoming the first Hispanic bishop in North American Methodism in 1988, Bishop Elias Galvan has been honored often. But his previous honors hadn't prepared him for what happened as he presided over the Friday morning session. David Quee, an attorney from Sierra Leone, was being nominated to the Judicial Council. Bishop Galvan asked if the nomination was in regard to the Judicial Council. "Yes, my lord," replied the Rev. Joseph Renner, also of Sierra Leone. After the laughter, Bishop Galvan responded, with evident humility, "*Muchas gracias.*"

- In 1981, a Catholic priest began working with weavers in Guatemala, helping them to earn extra income by creating beautiful stoles. Each stole typically takes 27 hours to make. Often at United Methodist gatherings the stoles are sold. Look for Jack Collins of Murphysboro, Ill., "the man in the burgundy Guatemalan vest." He is carrying a black bag filled with stoles. Proceeds from the stole sales help provide tuition, uniforms, and tutoring to children at Hogar del Ninos, an orphanage supported by the Advance in Santa Cruz del Quiche, Guatemala.

Announcements

Delegates are invited to learn more about health and human services provided by the members of the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries. Visit UMA's information room, #358 in the Galt House East from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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Officers were elected by the Writing Committee for the "Message to the United States." Chairperson, R. Randy Day; Secretary, Anna Rhee. The committee has begun its writing. It plans to send the message to the President, all senators, all members of the House of Representatives, and mayors of large cities, among others.

Saturday, May 9

People in 12-step recovery programs are invited to attend a discussion meeting from 8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Corn Island Room, Galt House, May 9 thru 15.

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Bering Memorial UMC, a reconciling congregation in Houston, will present "AIDS and other Healing Ministries," a luncheon forum about their pioneering work in AIDS ministries, Saturday, May 9, Days Inn, Suite 615. A $5 lunch will be available.

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The Committee of 100 and other supporters will meet briefly at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday in the south bleacher area of the convention auditorium (next to area of translation booths).

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All Conference Council Directors are invited to the home of Rhoda Peters, Director of the Louisville Conference COM, for dinner on Saturday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. Vans will leave the Galt House at 6 p.m.

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The Genetic Science Task Force will sponsor a session discussing its report on Saturday, May 9, 1 p.m., room 106, convention center.

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Anyone under 25. . . Whether you are a delegate, visitor, or reserve, please meet at the back northwest corner of the plenary room at 12:45 p.m. on May 9. We need you! Deborah M. Wilcock, Eastern, Pa.

Sunday, May 10

Members of the Northeastern Jurisdiction of Black Methodists for Church Renewal and other interested persons are invited to meet episcopal candidates, Sunday, May 10 from 8 p.m. - 11 p.m., Galt House East, Kingshead Room. Contact Anne Williams, Brown Hotel to schedule an appointment.

National Black Methodists for Church Renewal, Inc., dinner will be held Sunday, May 10, 4:00 p.m. at R.E. Jones UMC. Donation - $10. Contact Joseph Roberson or Betty Henderson for reservations. Transportation available at the Jefferson Street entrance from 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Monday, May 11

The General Board of Global Ministries will sponsor an issues briefing on Monday, May 11, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., Hyatt Regency South Ballroom. Box lunches will be available for $6 on a first-come first-served basis.

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The New York Annual Conference dinner will be held Monday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m. Contact Jane Allen Middleton or Ernest Swiggett, (A-6-1).

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Northern Covenant will meet Monday, May 11 after the last plenary session in room 203. Delegations from Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri areas will meet for fellowship and get-acquainted time.

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The Philadelphia Area will sponsor a dinner on Monday, May 11 at 5:45 p.m, Delta Restaurant, 434 West Market Street.

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A Boston Area UMC dinner with Bishop and Mrs. F. Herbert Skeete is set for Monday, May 11 at 6 p.m. in the Cherokee-Shawnee Room at the Hyatt. $14 per person. Reservations needed A.S.A.P. to Richard L. Evans.

Tuesday, May 12

Mississippi delegates and friends will meet for dinner on Tuesday, May 12, 6 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency.

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Louisville Area dinner with Bishop Spain will be held Tuesday, May 12, 6 p.m., Masterson's Restaurant, Cardinal Room. For reservations contact Ray Webster (A-18-5) by Monday, May 11 at 9 a.m.

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A forum of representatives from the United Methodist

Church will discuss issues and take phone-in questions from listeners on the regionally known "Metz Here" radio talk show with host Mr. Milton Metz. The show will air live on WHAS-AM Radio, 840 at 10 p.m.

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The German delegation luncheon will be held Tuesday, May 12 at 12:45 p.m. in the Bristol Bar and Grille at the Kentucky Center for the Arts.

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Wisconsin Area delegates and friends are invited to a fellowship dinner, Tuesday, May 12, 5:45 p.m. at Charley's Restaurant (corner of Main and 6th Streets). Reservations must be made with Phyllis Rodriguez (589-5200), room 1710 by noon on Monday, May 11.

Thursday, May 14

The Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries luncheon will be held Thursday, May 14, 1 p.m. at The Old House Restaurant. Meet at the South Lobby exit of the convention center on the corner of Fourth and Jefferson at 12:45 p.m., $4 - $6.

L.A. local churches respond to human needs following riots

The latest figures emerging from assessments of the Los Angeles riots and fires indicate 40,000 jobs were lost—probably 10,000 permanently.

Local churches are supplying food, clothing, emergency housing and transportation, counseling, and other human-need resources for those displaced by last week's destruction.

While initial reports indicated mostly Black and Korean businesses and homes were affected, more recent accounts note 40 percent of the businesses burned and looted were Latino-owned.

President Bush and his cabinet members visited the City of Angels, expressed "horror and dismay" at the destruction, and heard firsthand the stories of anger, fear, frustration, and need from the residents.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has named the Advance Special for this crisis "L.A. Relief/Rehabilitation Fund," #901735-2. Advance gifts will be forwarded to the California-Pacific Conference and allocated to relief centers at a variety of churches including Faith, Holman, Korean-Central, Wilshire (Pico Union Hispanic Center), Vermont Square, and Wesley United Methodist churches in Los Angeles, and Enterprise United Methodist Church, Compton, in the Long Beach District.

Donations may be made through any annual conference treasurer or directly to UMCOR.

For additional information, contact the Rev. Robert Smith, Los Angeles District superintendent, (213) 749-6310. Smith is a member of the California-Pacific Conference delegation.

—Peg Parker

PENTECOST WEEKEND OBSERVANCE

The Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church calls upon United Methodist people everywhere to observe a special time of prayer, fasting, and sacrificial giving during Pentecost weekend, June 6-7, 1992.

This weekend observance is to remind us of the tragic pain, violence, loss, and death that both preceded and followed the Rodney King verdict and to make us sensitive to the human needs and tensions that make violence and brutality all too common in our communities all over the world. This we do because all Christians are called to be agents of justice and peace, reconciliation and rebuilding.

Our offerings, identified by Advance Special #901735-2, will be channeled by annual conference treasurers through UMCOR for relief and rehabilitation in the Los Angeles community. In annual conferences where situations of violence have created similar needs, up to one-half of the offering may be retained for use there.

M/S/C Council of Bishops
5/8/92

New System Speeds Legislative Process

A complex network of computers and wires now replaces a series of typewriters, piles of paper, and overworked runners.

The net result is a speedier process, but slightly higher anxiety levels as committee officers and *Daily Christian Advocate* volunteer recorders settle into a new operating system.

The design is the result of months of cooperative planning by the staffs of the secretary's office and the *DCA*. John Brawn, a senior auditor for Hewlett-Packard from California, and Mike Cunningham, the Director of Information Systems for The United Methodist Publishing House, put their heads together to hatch the scheme. Brawn says he tested the design with wires running from his bedroom through the living room to the kitchen.

As might be expected, the plan was not without its setbacks. When Brawn arrived, he found that a telephone company that had earlier promised use of phone wires was no longer at the convention center. The end result was that Brawn, his father Mel Brawn, and *DCA* staffers Vern Denney and Glenn Hinton, along with volunteers Cannon Kinnard and Gere Reist crawled in, under, and between convention center floors to pull wires to each committee room.

Cunningham shipped a total of 45 computers and 23 printers from Nashville. Somewhat worried about computers on a trailer truck, he arranged for alternate transportation of 10 of the computers and eight printers. The staffs subsequently spent two days setting up equipment and training recorders and committee officers in the intricacies of the plan.

The system, designed by Brawn, is capable of tracking automatically the membership of a committee, calculating the number of votes, finding the pages in the *Advance Editions*, appending petitions as submitted, and generally impressing users with whiz-bang possibilities at a speed-of-light pace.

"One of the advantages of the system," said Brawn, "is that it guarantees that all petitions will be addressed, and no petition can be considered more than once." Moreover, walkie-talkies allow recorders to receive help from staffers of the *DCA* or the secretary's office when they encounter expected computer glitches.

Brawn said the program instructions for the system required seven notebooks of more than 1,000 typewritten pages.

It is hoped that the months and years of preparation will reduce the time it takes to process calendar items and increase the accuracy of the reports. One can hope that the results will compensate for increased anxiety levels.

—J. Richard Peck

Petitions Response

Here's the way legislative committee officials responded to the initial use of the new petitions electronic tracking system:

* *Once we got the rhythm of the system through trial runs, we found it works excellently. We had a few bugs last night, but this morning it has done very well.*
Bailey F. Watkins, secretary
Local Church Committee

* *I think the new system is going to be very helpful. I suspect we are saving a great deal of time.*
Susan D. Messenger, secretary
Conferences Committee

* *I like it very much! I know the old system. This system has none of the old agonies...and few of the old woes.*
Mary Johnson, subcommittee secretary
Conferences Committee

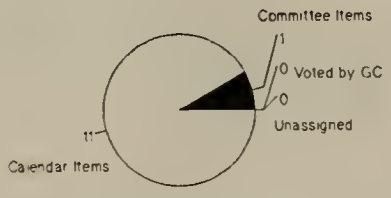
* *So far it's been great! The only problem we've had is the one we have right now.* [session had just recessed when computer went down] *I have a feeling we'll have this corrected shortly and have everything right on line soon!*
Glenn Hinton, Systems Analyst and Trainer
United Methodist Publishing House,
Recorder,
Church and Society Committee

* *This system appears to be working very well. I have never chaired a committee, but I have participated in their work. That's my basis for comparison.*
Sandra L. Kelley Lackore
Chair,
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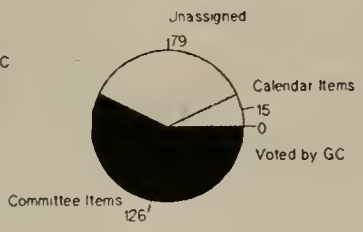
* *We lost just one petition, but I think it is working very well. We haven't had any big problems.*
David L. Severe
Secretary,
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Legislative Status Report

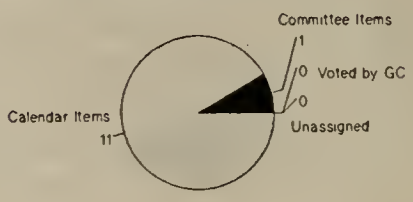
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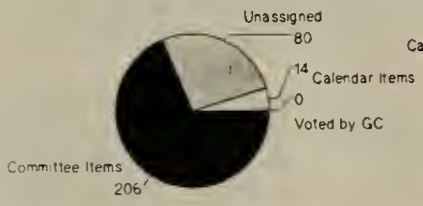
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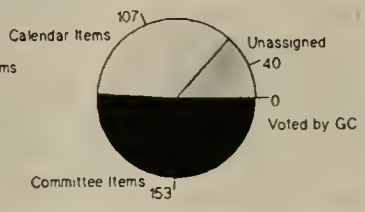
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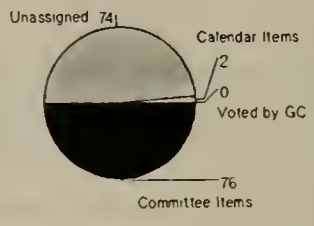
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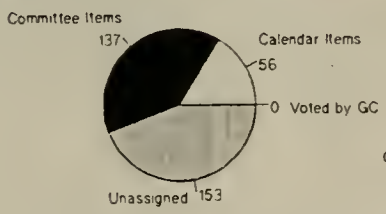
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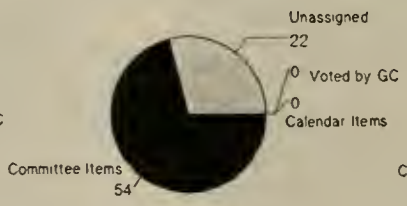
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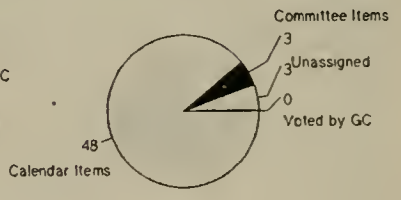
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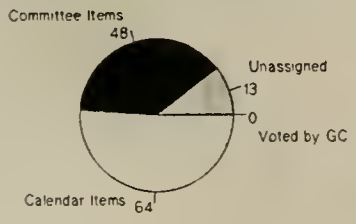
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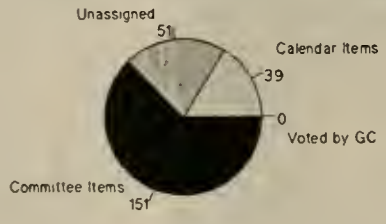
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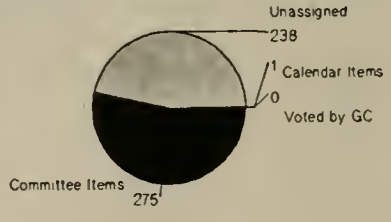
Independent Commissions



Local Church



Ordained and Diaconal Ministry



Data for 5/08/92 (10:00 PM)

These charts picture the work done by each legislative committee. "Unassigned" shows the number of petitions that the committee has not yet addressed. "Committee Items" records the number of petitions being worked on somewhere in the committee. "Calendar Items" indicates the number of petitions voted on and released by the committee. "Voted by GC" shows the number of calendar items that have been voted on by the General Conference plenary.

Legislative Committee Reports

Church and Society

The committee concurred with petitions that:

* call for "serious systemic change" in the U.S. health care system, including comprehensive benefits to everyone, an "equitable and efficient" financing system, and cost-containment measures;

* declare The United Methodist Church's commitment to work in response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic and urge education and action efforts by local church, annual conferences, general agencies, and bishops;

* highlight the church's concern for mental health, noting the influence of dynamics such as violence, racism, and substance abuse in causing mental stress; and encourage mental health education, individual actions, and research and resources;

* encourage doctors and medical institutions to inform parents of newborn sons of the dangers and benefits of circumcision;

* support education encouraging abstinence from illegal drugs as well as alcohol (addition to SP 72.I);

* call for a ban on television and radio advertising or alcoholic beverages;

* lift up the Oxford House model for substance abuse recovery;

* update the church's resolutions on drug and alcohol concerns by adding current information on crack, cocaine, and other substances;

* call for stronger government action to reduce drug trafficking and to end covert government operations;

* call on all levels of the church to engage in prevention, intervention, treatment, community organization, public advocacy, abstinence, and mission evangelism in confronting the drug crisis;

* condemn any sexual or erotic contact between adults and children as abusive (SP 72.C); oppose genetic therapy that can be passed on to offspring; limit genetic therapy to the alleviation of suffering caused by disease; and deem genetic data as confidential (SP 72.).

—Suzanne Calvin, Lee Ranck (May 8, 1992, 5:10 p.m.)

Conferences

The committee concurred with the following constitutional petitions:

* updating language from "ministerial" to "clergy" in pars. 23, 25, 35, 36;

* retain the word "may" in par. 43.

The committee voted to amend the *Discipline,* par. 505 on bishops in jurisdictions and central conferences:

1. Fulfilling the mission of the church shall be the basis in determining the number of bishops;

2. The number remains the same unless changed by General Conference. Recommendation for change may be made by the Commission on Central Conference Affairs or each jurisdictional conference affected and interjurisdictional committee. Recommendations are not limited to these organizations.

3. Effective immediately.

It concurred on the following petitions:

* Par. 627: journals of the jurisdictional conferences are no longer required to be printed by the UMPH;

* Par. 628: representation from small churches on general and jurisdictional boards, include persons from churches of small membership;

* Par. 702: amended to make conference lay leader chair of Board of Laity or its equivalent, and delete 702.8b;

* Par. 745: there may be a committee on ministry to enlist persons with handicapping conditions in each annual conference to enlist responsibility in program and advocacy.

The committee concurred to amend par. 701.1 to read: The clergy membership of an annual conference shall consist of members in full connection, probationary members, associate members, affiliate members, and all local pastors under full-time appointment to a pastoral charge.

a. Remain as is.

b. Change word "lay" to "clergy" before the word "delegates."

c. Associate members shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except in the election of lay delegates to the General and jurisdictional or Central Conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.

d. All local pastors under full-time appointment to a pastoral charge shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of lay delegates to General and jurisdictional or Central conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.

e. Delete from *Discipline.*

f. Affiliate clergy members shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of delegates to the General and jurisdictional or Central conferences, and matters or ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.

A minority report is expected. It will ask to restore part-time clergy membership to this paragraph with some voting limitations.

*Correction to May 8 *DCA:* page 156, Conferences report: delete the words "probationary members" from second item.

—Dan Gangler, Jane Dennis (May 8, 5:p.m.)

Discipleship

In regard to the proposed *Book of Worship,* the committee:

* found replacements for the words "submitting" and "oversee" in the services of consecration and ordination (pp. 477, 487, 503, 506);

* changed "Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost" to "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" in the services for commissioning missionaries and deaconnesses (pp. 552 and 554);

* voted 57-35 for non-concurrence with a petition asking that a "service of infant dedication" be included in the new *Book of Worship* (see petition no. DI-12171-3000-R, pp. 1127-28, *Advance DCA*, Vol. II);

* approved with 1 dissenting vote in favor of the new *Book of Worship* as amended (a minority report will ask that the prayer beginning "O Mother God" be restored to p. 363);

* agreed that portions of the document "A Commemoration of Native American Thanksgiving," developed by Native Americans on site at General Conference, be incorporated in the section of the worship book pertaining to Native American Awareness Sunday.

—Garlinda Burton, Bettie Story May 8, 3: p.m.)

Faith and Mission

The committee concurred with a recommendation of the General Board of Discipleship to receive "By Water and the Spirit, A Study of the Proposed United Methodist Understanding of Baptism" for church wide study in the next quadrennium. The committee will recommend that questions and concerns discussed in the legislative committee be incorporated in the study document itself.

—Lynne DeMichele, Ann Whiting (May 8, 4:45 p.m.)

Finance and Administration

The committee concurred with a task force recommendation to move the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) out of New York City. The vote was 51-40 with one abstention. Committee members opposing the action said they would submit a minority report recommending that the board stay in New York.

The group heard presentations from Randolph Smith of Houston, chair of the Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Relocating the GBGM, and the Rev. Donald Messer of Denver, chair of the GBGM's own location committee, which opposes leaving New York.

A minority report was also being drafted by members who oppose the committee recommendation to put a cap on the 1993-96 quadrennial general budget based on the 1992 budget level. The minority is asking that the budget be set at $472 million, or about 2% increase per year.

In other action, the committee concurred with:

* an emphasis on using equitable salary funds in annual conferences to fund entry-level pastors serving in teaching parishes or cooperative parishes;

* a statement that limitations on salary supplements from the equitable salary fund would not result in denying the minimum salary to pastors who are serving appointments and are conference members in good standing;

* a statement that participation in the church through service and gifts is "an expression of our love to God;"

* a provision that the church's ban on expending funds on gay causes shall not limit the church's ministry in response to the HIV epidemic.

The committee concurred on several other petitions and voted nonconcurrence on 50.

—Jean Lyles, Willie Teague (May 8, 5: p.m.)

General and Judicial Administration

The committee voted concurrence with the following petitions:

* report of the Advisory/Coordinating Committee on Older Adults that its proposed budget for the 1993-96 quadrennium be $100,000 (GJ-10861-3000-A$);

* recommendation of the Interagency Task Force on AIDS be continued for the 1993-96 quadrennium to keep the issue of AIDS before the general church including recommended funding of $20,000 to ensure the participation of persons whose lives have been touched by HIV/AIDS (GJ-10732-S$);

* study of the report on strengthening small-membership churches following an amendment recommending local ecumenical involvements (GJ-10791-3000-S);

* recommendation of the Task Force on Chapter VIII that an administrative and judicial procedures manual be created by the General Council on Finance and Administration in consultation with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and additional church legal resources (GJ-10691-3000-R$);

* creation of an Anna Howard Shaw Day and of an amendment that churches around the world "may" (instead of "shall") observe it as a day to remember the struggle of "women and men to be equal in every aspect of their common life" (GJ-10619-3000-R$);

* setting May as Christian Family Month (GJ-10971-3000-R);

* report on the use of biblical theological language and the recommendation that the study document *Words That Hurt, Words That Heal: Language About God and People* continue to be used (GJ-10886-3000-A).

—Ralph Baker, Linda Green (May 8, 12:33 p.m.)

Global Ministries

The committee concurred with petitions as amended:

* implementing a National Plan for Hispanic Ministry, with funding of $3.1 million taken from the general fund;

* approving a Native American Comprehensive Plan at a cost of $1.2 million, with funding coming from new monies, as determined by the General Council on Finance and Administration; and six other petitions on Native American concerns.

Referred:

* seven petitions regarding Native Americans to Higher Education, Discipleship, and Church and Society committees.

The committee also concurred with petitions affirming basic rural worth, tent building ministries, church and community workers (which urged increased support but did not specify numbers), and resourcing Black churches in urban communities.

—Linda Bloom and Betty Thompson (May 8, 4:40 p.m.)

Higher Education and Chaplaincy

The committee concurred with petitions that are:

* calling for the Division of Higher Education to maintain its role in approving institutional sponsorship and relationships and to provide a structure to relate college and university students of UMC to a national United Methodist student organization and appropriate ecumenical student organizations;

* calling for the GBHEM to promote awareness of and concurrence with Policies Relative to Socially Responsible Investments (par. 816), the Social Principles (pars. 70-76), and *The Book of Resolutions*;

* calling for Central Conference members of the GBHEM to be elected by the Commission on Central Conference Affairs rather than by the Council of Bishops;

Voted non-concurrence with:

* an amended petition encouraging UM seminaries to maintain or establish a chair of Town and Country Ministry (Vote on non-concurrence: 48-Yes, 19-No, 4-Abstaining);

Further clarification on previously reported item: A petition with which the committee concurred on Thursday would change the current title of the Executive Director of the Black College Fund to the Associate General Secretary for the Black College Fund. The petition would *not* add a staff position to the GBHEM or require additional funding.

(This completes the committee's work, unless additional items are referred for its consideration.)

—Karen Tisinger, Al Horton (May 8, 11:50 a.m.)

Independent Commissions

The committee voted concurrence on the following matters:

* designating three additional shrines and one landmark;

* GCRR study on Racism in Rural Areas (amended membership and rationale for committee);

* continuation of the General Commission on Religion and Race;

* expanded the purpose of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns;

* adding responsibilities to the duties of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns;

* request a relationship between GCUIC and GBCS;

* a request from the Council of Bishops to establish covenant relationships with eight other churches;

* changing the representation of bishops to the GCUIC to include one from the Central Conferences;

* adding permissive language to the make-up of the GCOSROW to maintain balanced representation;

* added to the responsibility of GCOSROW the assistance in the eradication of sexual harassment;

* celebration and affirmation of the work of GCRR with amendment;

* recognized "Pacific Islanders" as a recognized ethnic group;

* added language to assist in balancing representation on the Conference Commission on Religion and Race.

Voted non-concurrence on the following matters:

* deletion of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women from all levels of the church;

* requesting UMCOM to send all proposals to General Conference to all local churches at least 90 days prior to the opening of General Conference;

* requesting elimination of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns;

* transferring the duties of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns to the General Board of Global Ministries.

Sub-committee chairs are: *W. Jing Chow*—Communications and Other Matters; *Beverly Shamana*—Status and Role of Women; *Hector Navas*—Religion and Race; Maxine Allen—Archives and History; *Patricia Toschak*—Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns.

Kristin K. Knudson (May 8, 4:10 p.m.)

Local Church

Corrections

A petition specifying that the local church trustees annually review property, liability, malpractice, and crime insurance coverage was reported as "concurrence." It should have been marked as "tabled."

A petition marked as "concurrence" dealing with mergers should have said that the Church Local Conference of *the* church rather than "each" must approve.

The committee voted concurrence to petitions:

* adding study of "science and technology" to areas of concern for the church school;

* specifying structure for "class meetings";

* enlisting persons for ordained and diaconal ministry and missionary service to duties of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee;

* removing age or disability requirement from authorization for honorary members of Administrative Council/Board.

The committee concurred with amendment petitions that:

* relate duties of Health and Welfare Ministries Representative, expressed the need for the church to be "programmatically" accessible;

* include scouting ministry as a setting for youth ministry;

* establish prison ministry;

* specify only one immediate family member residing in the same household can serve on the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations;

* state that pastor shall be present at all meetings of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee except when pastor voluntarily excuses himself/herself;

* authorize a plan of organization other than Administrative Council or Administrative Board, when in harmony with the *Discipline*;

* allow local church offices and chairpersonships to be held by more than one person, except for trustees, officers of trustees, treasurer, lay member of Annual Conference, and members and chairperson of Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations.

The committee voted non-concurrence with a petition that would have deleted the pastor as chair of Nominations and Personnel; the non-concurrence would leave pastor as chair. A minority report has been announced, which would allow the Committee on Nominations and Personnel to elect a chair from among continuing members but would make the pastor eligible for such election.

The committee moved to reconsider a petition dealing with shared facilities, and added a provision that the district director of Religion and Race be involved in decisions.

—Kathy Kruger Noble, Rayford Woodrick (May 8, 4:10 p.m.)

Ordained and Diaconal Ministry

The committee voted concurrence with petitions that would:

* update constitutional language by substituting the word "clergy" for "ministerial";

* add a new par. 52 on episcopal supervision, saying bishops would be appointed to their areas by an Interjurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy, giving the Council of Bishops authority to assign bishops for presidential or other temporary service in any annual conference, and providing in an emergency situation for the appointment of a bishop from one jurisdiction or central conference to the work of another;

* make easier the transfer of bishops across jurisdictional lines;

* outline the duties of the jurisdictional committees on ordained ministries (petition was amended by the committee to change the word "may" to "shall" in the final sentence of the proposed addition);

* give vote to, as amended to read, "at least two, but not more than six" laypersons who participate in the work of each annual conference board of ordained ministry, except on matters prohibited by the constitution, and provide orientation for new members.

The committee voted non-concurrence with petitions that would:

* limit bishops' terms to eight years out of any 12 consecutive years;

* provide for a committee of ordained annual conference members appointed by a nominations committee to consult with bishops on ministerial appointments.

The committee voted to table action on a petition to amend par. 302 on the nature of diaconal ministry. A statement was drafted, outlining a working definition of diaconal ministers/deacons for use in dealing with other related petitions. A straw vote of 53-30, with 2 abstentions, indicated acceptance of the statement. The definition acknowledges the understanding of the term "deacon" as reflecting duties presently lodged with diaconal ministers and says ordained deacons are non-itinerating members of clergy who do not celebrate the sacraments, conduct weddings or funerals, and who shall not automatically be considered probationary members of the annual conference.

—Nancye Willis (May 8, 3:30 p.m.)

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Additional Petitions

¶71. Petition Number: FM-11268-0071-D; Rev. and Mrs. Arthur L. Mansure, Desert Southwest Conference.

Marriage a Shared Fidelity Between a Man and a Woman.

Retain ¶71C.

¶71. Petition Number: CS-12404-0071-D; Administrative Council, Central UMC, Laurinburg, NC.

Include The Durham Declaration in Paragraph 71.

Include the Durham Declaration in ¶71.

¶75 Petition Number: CS-0000-75-D; Alan Geyer and Philip Wogaman, NJ and BLT.

War and Peace

Amend ¶74 G) and 75 C) by substitution:

¶75C) War and Peace-**The Christian church has always deplored the reality of war, with its violence, coercion, destructiveness, and inhumanities. We believe that all nations are morally obligated to seek peaceful resolution of all conflicts that may arise between or among them. Some Christians have concluded that all violence is inherently incompatible with the Gospel and spirit of Christ. Their pacifist witness has ever reminded the Church that it can never allow war to be taken lightly or pursued self-righteously. Other Christians, also recognizing the evil of war, nevertheless believe that occasions can arise in a sinful and unjust world where an unjust peace can be less compatible with the Gospel and spirit of Christ than a measured use of force to restrain injustice. We recognize the authenticity of both forms of Christian witness. Those who accept the limited justification for war must avoid romanticizing its means or its ends. They must insist that the conduct of war, when believed necessary, must be governed by the most stringent humanitarian principles of justice and international law.**

All Christians must resist the militarization of society and of all its institutions. The manufacture, sale, and deployment of armaments must be reduced and controlled. We oppose the production, possession or use of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction.

We pray for grace and wisdom to organize human society at every level in such a way that recourse to violence yields to civilized community life. We seek the strengthening of international law and institutions that will increasing delegitimize war and provide cooperative capacities for crisis intervention, peace-keeping, and peacemaking.

¶247. Petition Number: LC-12439-0247-D; Gainesville District Council on Ministries, NGA, Gainesville, GA.

The Church Historian.

Amend ¶247.5 (a):

The Charge Conference shall elect a church historian...The church historian shall be a member of the Administrative Council or Administrative Board. **The church historian may be a consultant to the coordinator of communications in video productions of the heritage of the congregation.** The church historian may also hold another elected position on the council or board.

¶252. Petition Number: LC-12440-0252-D; Gainesville District Council on Ministries, Gainesville, GA.

Chairperson of Outreach.

Amend ¶252.1 (c):

The work area on evangelism. . . The work area will also develop programs, **including videotapes of evangelistic efforts in cooperation with the coordinator of communications** to aid the spiritual growth of those new persons.

¶257. Petition Number: LC-12441-0257-D; Gainesville District Council on Ministries, NGA, Gainesville, GA.

Council on Ministries

Amend ¶257:

. . . Where the committees, councils, task groups, commissions, etc., are not organized, the duties assigned to each, **including production of video and other resources,** become the responsibility of the Council on Ministries, **or its successor.**

¶260. Petition Number: LC-12442-0260-D; Gainesville District Council on Ministries, NGA, Gainesville, GA.

Work Area Chairperson.

Amend ¶260:

Each work area chairperson, with the guidance of the pastor . . . shall serve as liaison within and beyond the local church. **The work area chairperson may develop video resources in cooperation with the coordinator of communications.** When an activity in the area

of work is planned by the Council on Ministries or Administrative Council...

¶264 Petition Number: LC-12453-264-D; Haller Lake UMC James L. Chapman, Chair of Administrative Board; Paul M. McCutcheon, Pastor Haller Lake UMC Seattle, WA(addition)

The Organizational Structure of the Local Church

Amend ¶264:

Each church or charge ~~shall~~ **should** have an organized unit of United Methodist Men . . .".

¶749. Petition Number: CO-12261-0749-D; Gilbert Rhoades, Jr. and 24 Other Individuals, Bells UMC, Clinton, MD.

The District Scouting Coordinator

Add new sub ¶ after ¶749.4Q:

The District Scouting Coordinator will work with the District Council on Ministries and the Conference Scouting Coordinator to promote and encourage the use of outreach ministry programs of community youth-serving agencies at the local church level.

¶810. Petition Number: GJ-11965-0810-D; Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

Maximum Period of Membership on a General Agency to Three Consecutive Terms.

Amend ¶810.3:

Amend ¶810.3 so that the maximum period of membership on a general agency will be three rather than two consecutive terms.

¶1005. Petition Number: GJ-11966-1005-D; Leonard D. Slutz, Hyde Park Community UMC, Cincinnati, OH.

Study Composition and Number of Members of Governing Boards of Program and Other Agencies.

Amend ¶1005.3 and ¶1005.4:

Authorize and direct the General Council on Ministries pursuant to 1005.3 and ¶1005.4 to study the composition and number of members of the governing boards of the program agencies and other general agencies of the Church and report to the 1996 General Conference.

¶1906. Petition Number: IC-12438-1906-D; Gainesville District Council on Ministries, NGA, Gainesville, GA.

Duties of UM Communications.

Amend ¶1906.9:

It shall provide guidance, resources, and training for the local church coordinator of communications **and local church video production,** provided that training at the local level shall be through and in cooperation with Annual Conferences.

Resolutions

Petition Number: FA-12451-3000-R; James and Dorothy O'Quinn, Presidents, United Methodist Clergy Couples (new)

Special Arrangement Polices of Comprehensive Protection Plan

Mandate the General Board of Pensions annually study the special arrangements policies for participation in the Comprehensive Protection Plan, chosen by each Annual Conference, and that such a study be published by the General Council on Finance and Administration and in the General Minutes.

Petition Number: LC-12437-3000-M; MNN.

Special Attention of the Different Groups of People.

1) All places in the *Book of Discipline* where wording such as the following is used. ~~Special attention shall be given to the inclusion of... different age and ethnic groupings~~ shall be rewritten to say, **Membership shall include, wherever possible**...(the different groups of people).

2) Whereas sign language is the primary means of communication for many people who are deaf; amend paragraph 262.3.b. ... including devices **and interpreters**

Petition Number: CS-10049-3000-R; SNE.

National Health Care Plan.

Whereas, The General Conference of The United Methodist Church affirmed the findings of the President's Committee of Medical Ethics of 1983 in which measures which exacerbate existing inadequacies in health care costs are called "morally unacceptable" (B.O.R. 1988, p.241);

Whereas, approximately 37 million Americans, including 12 million children, have no health insurance coverage, another 60 million underinsured Americans are vulnerable to catastrophic health care costs, 25 percent of those who are uninsured are ineligible for health insurance due to pre-existing health conditions and the numbers of uninsured and underinsured have risen dramatically during the past decade (Consumer Research, Sept. 1989);

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. General Conference request that The United Methodist Church promote a program of national health care delivery which reflects the Social Principles of the Church and assures equality and concern for every person regardless of their ability to pay or otherwise qualify:

2. Direct the Conference Council of Ministries to assign the development of a strategy of education among local churches within the connection which would examine the underlying inflationary causes of escalating health care costs, including perverse incentives for hospitals and other care-givers to increase costs and the absence of disincentives for consumers to reduce demand for unnecessary care:

3. Urge all levels of The United Methodist Church to involve every level of government in the development of National Health Care.

Petition Number: CO-10963-3000-R; NIN, NIL

Editorial Changes in the Discipline.

In all places where wording such as the following is used, ~~Special attention shall be given to the inclusion of...(different age and ethnic groupings),~~ **Membership shall include, whenever possible. . . (the different groupings).**

Petition Number: FA-11608-3000-R; Lorraine B. Burt, First UMC, Olympia, WA.

Ministerial Pension Plan.

Regarding the Retirement Equity Act of 1984, Plan Document-Ministerial Pension Plan.

Section 10--Miscellaneous (Page 19) 10.6 Marital Litigation

"In the event a Participant or Retired Participant is a party to marital litigation. . .

Insert after Number 3:

Number (4) the payments shall be mandatory and pro-rated to former spouse (and surviving spouse) in accordance to the period of time each spouse served (was married) with Participant when Participant accrued the Pension Benefits.

Section 3--Participation (Page 5) 3.3 Beneficiary Designation

Middle of paragraph: "In the event that a Participant shall not designate a Beneficiary in the manner heretofore stated,...

Insert/change Number 1 **"The surviving spouse and/or former surviving spouse of a deceased Participant in accordance to the period of time served when Participant accrued Participant's interest in the Plan."**

Petition Number: FM-12454-3000-R; LRK Richard B. Wilke, Bishop Wm. Christopher Cooper, Little Rock Conference Secretary(new)

No Task Force or Study Group on Homosexuality for the Next Quadrennium

Retain ¶71F, and also recommend that create and fund no new task force or study group on this issue.

Petition Number: FM-12455-3000-R; Pastors of the Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference (new)

Retain the Present Wording of the Social Principles, Retain Present Stance Against Ordination

Retain ¶71F.5 and ¶402.2

Petition Number: FM-12456-3000-R; Charles E. Weigel Jr., EPA Conference Secretary (new)

Retain the Statement that the Church Views Homosexuality as "Incompatible with Christian Teaching".

Reject any changes in ¶71F that would seek to remove the statement that views the practice of homosexuality as "incompatible with Christian teaching".

Petition Number: FM-12457-3000-R; KEN Ronald V. Young, Conference Secretary (new)

Christian Living and the Church

Retain ¶71F

Petition Number: FM-12458-3000-R; Robert L. Hemmerle, Secretary Missouri East Annual Conference

Retain Paragraph 71F on Homosexuality

Retain position on homosexuality.

Petition Number: FM-12459-3000-R; Gary T. Ward, Conference Secretary; NAL

Retain 71F on Homosexuality

Retain our church's present position on homosexuality as set out in par. 71F and other paragraphs of the *Discipline*.

Petition Number: FM-11084-3000-R; Members of Central PA Conference, Harrisburg, PA.

Support Present Statement Regarding Baptism and Membership.

Whereas, the General Conference Baptism Study Committee has recommended specific disciplinary changes in baptism and membership polity including:

1) adding all baptized persons to full membership status regardless of ages or level of participation;

2) eliminating the historic option of infant dedication;

3) replacing Confirmation with "Profession of Baptismal Faith" and;

4) eliminating the need for personal conversion and profession of faith as prerequisites for church membership;

Therefore be it resolved, that we affirm, retain, and maintain the present disciplinary statements and historic church rites and rituals pertaining to baptism and membership, and;

Therefore be it resolved, that we go on record as opposing the recommendations of the General Conference Baptism Study Committee.

Petitions Referred

FROM	PET.#	PARA.#	TO	PET.#	PAR.#
CO	10511	0701D	MN	10511	0701D
CO	11241	0506D	CO	11241	0506D
CO	11285	3000R	CO	11285	3000R
CO	11595	0507D	CO	11595	0507D
CO	11641	0704D	CO	11641	0704D
CO	12020	0610D	CO	12020	0610D
CO	12058	0506D	CO	12058	0506D
CO	12196	0608D	CO	12196	0608D
CS	10285	3000R	FM	10285	3000R
CS	11041	3000R	IC	11041	3000R
CS	11063	3000M$	GM	11063	3000M$
CS	11512	3000R	GM	11512	3000R
CS	12460	0075D	CS	12460	0075D
FA	10968	3000R	CS	10968	3000R
FA	10969	3000R	GM	10969	3000R
FA	11039	3000R$	FA	11039	3000R$
FA	12236	0726D		INVALID	
FM	12333	3000R	MN	12333	3000R
GJ	10168	0448D	MN	10168	0448D
GJ	10660	0422D	GJ	10660	0422D
GJ	10834	0822D	GJ	10834	0822D
GJ	10911	0814D	FA	10911	0814D
GJ	10951	0814D	GJ	10951	0814D
GJ	11447	0451D	MN	11447	0451D
GJ	11997	0451D	MN	11997	0451D
GM	11407	3000R$	HE	11407	3000R$
GM	11487	3000R	HE	11487	3000R
GM	11718	3000R	HE	11718	3000R
GM	12144	3000R	CS	12144	3000R
GM	12145	3000R	HE	12145	3000R
GM	12146	3000R$	DI	12146	3000R$
GM	12147	3000R	CS	12147	3000R
GM	12148	3000R$	MN	12148	3000R$
GM	12151	3000R	IC	12151	3000R
GM	12154	3000R	GM	12154	3000R
GM	12226	3000R	CS	12226	3000R
IC	11754	0653D	CO	11754	0653D
LC	10070	0247D	FA	10070	0247D
LC	12453	0264D	LC	12453	0264D
MN	10626	3000R	CS	10626	3000R
MN	11697	3000R	CS	11697	3000R
MN	11751	3000R	GM	11751	3000R
MN	11790	3000R		INVALID	
MN	11888	0401D		INVALID	
MN	11238	0527D	GJ	12238	0527D
MN	12251	3000M	GJ	12251	3000M

Judicial Council Nominees

Council of Bishops Nominees

	Jurisdiction
1. *Joyce Alford*	NC
2. Wesley Bailey	SE
3. Evelynn S. Caterson	NE
4. James M. Dolliver	W(retire after 4 years)
5. Willard H. Douglas Jr.	SE
6. Clenzo Fox	NC
7. *Susan Henry-Crowe*	SE
8. *Zan W. Holmes Jr.*	SC
9. *James Kambor* (Liberia)	CC
10. *Don Lefeler*	NC
11. Crisolito Pascual	CC
12. *Theophil Schaad* (Switzerland)	CC
13. *Robert Sweet*	NE
14. *Glenda C. Thomas*	W
15. *Richard Wright*	NE

Plenary Session Nominees

	Jurisdiction
1. Edward H. Hill	SC
2. David C. Crago	NC
3. *Jacob C. Martinson*	SE
4. David Ballantyne Quee (Sierra Leone)	CC
5. *Theodore H. Walter*	SE

Council of Bishops Nominees

Joyce L. Alford (clergy)

Rev. Joyce L. Alford currently serves as district superintendent in the Wisconsin Annual Conference. Previous service included pastorates in 2 Wisconsin congregations. Current and past service in the annual conference has included: Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, Rules Committee, Episcopacy Committee, Joint Committee on Disability, the Ethnic Minority Local Church Development Committee, and Board of Global Ministry. A second-career person, she was Corporate Vice-President of Methodist Health Services of Madison, and Director of Nursing. Educational background: M.Div., Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary; M.S. in Nursing. Awards and recognition: Georgia Harkness Scholarships, Myrtle Speer Award, Quentin Nolte Award for Promise in Parish Ministry.

Wesley Bailey (laity)

Wesley Bailey is a senior partner of a law firm and a member of the Western North Carolina Conference. He has been a General Conference delegate from 1972 through 1988. He has been the chair of the delegation, the Legislative Committee on Discipleship, and the 1988 Jurisdictional Committee on Nominations; he also has been a member of the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy (3 quadrennia), Conference Program and Nomination Committee, Conference Lay Leader, and lay representative to Conference Board on Ordained Ministry. He served as a UM representative to North Carolina Council of Churches; and he was elected as the first lay alternate to Judicial Council in 1988. Wesley is married to Joanna Bailey, and father of 2 children.

Evelynn "Lynn" S. Caterson (laity)

Lynn Caterson is an practicing attorney and member of the Absecon City Council in New Jersey. She has been a municipal court judge, a labor relations/legislative review specialist, and an Atlantic County assistant prosecutor. She is a member of the Absecon UMC in the Southern New Jersey Conference where she serves as a lay member to the Board of Ordained Ministry, chair of the District Superintendency Committee, and chair of the Conference COSROW. She is a delegate to the Northeast Jurisdictional Conference and a member of its executive and program review committees. She is a former chair and vice chair of the Conference Board of Church and Society. Her educational background includes a J.D. from Rutgers University's School of Law, magna cum laude.

James M. Dolliver (laity)

James Dolliver is a Washington state supreme court justice. He and wife Barbara live in Olympia, Wash., and are parents of 6 children. He was elected to Judicial Council in 1984. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Olympia of the Pacific Northwest Conference. He has been a delegate to 4 General Conferences, and in 1980 he chaired the legislative committee on Church and Society. He was a member of the General Council on Ministries, 1972-1976; General Board of Church and Society, 1976-1984; and a 1983 delegate to the British Methodist Conference. He is active in numerous civic and charitable organizations, and is an associate trustee of Claremont Theological Seminary and a trustee of the University of Puget Sound.

Willard Henry Douglas, Jr. (laity)

Willard Douglas, who was elected to the Judicial Council in 1984, is a retired judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Richmond, Va. He has been a delegate to 4 General and jurisdictional conferences from 1972-1984. He also has been a delegate to the World Methodist Conference, a member of the General Commission on Religion and Race, Interagency Coordinating Committee of the General Council on Ministries. As a member of the Virginia Conference he serves on the rules committee and the Housing Development Corporation; and earlier he served as the associate conference lay leader and district lay leader. He has been a trustee at Ferrum College and presently serves on the board of Virginia Wesleyan College. He is a law graduate of Howard University.

Clenzo B. Fox (laity)

Clenzo Fox is the associate legal counsel for the City of Columbus, Ohio. He is the chair of the administrative board of the Hilltop United Methodist Church in the West Ohio Conference. He also has been a member of the General Commission on Religion and Race. He is a former president of the Robert B. Elliot Law Club, an assistant Ohio attorney general, examiner/referee for the Industrial Commission of Ohio, special counsel to the City of Columbus for Model City Affairs, and field examiner in the Division of Taxation for the State of Ohio. He is a graduate of the Franklin Law School and Capital University. He was engaged in a general law practice from 1959 to 1973. He and his wife, Bernadine Fleming Fox, have 6 children.

Susan Henry-Crowe (clergy)

Susan Henry-Crowe is the chaplain at Emory University and a member of the South Carolina Conference. She was a delegate to the General Conference in 1980 and 1984, and a reserve delegate in 1988. She is a member of the General Church Coordinating Committee on Ethnic Minority Local Church and served on the General Commission on Communications for 8 years. From 1985 to 1991 she was the director and associate of the South Carolina Conference Council on Ministries. She has served on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministries (vice chair), the Joint Review Committee, the Council on Finance and Administration, as well as the Board of Trustees of Claflin College. She was ordained in 1977 and served as a local church pastor for 9 years.

Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr. (clergy)

Zan Holmes has been the pastor of St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church in the North Texas Conference since 1974. He is also an associate professor of preaching at Perkins School of Theology. He was the pastor of Hamilton Park UMC in Dallas from 1958 to 1968 and a district superintendent from 1968 to 1974. Among his civic responsibilities have been: a member of the Texas State Legislature, the Texas Constitutional Revision Commission, and the Board of Regents for the University of Texas system. He has been a delegate to General Conference in every quadrennium since 1972. He is a graduate of Huston-Tillotson College and Perkins School of Theology (M. Div. and STM). He also was awarded an honorary degree from Huston-Tillotson.

James Kambor (clergy)

James Kambor is pastor of S. Trowen Nagbe UMC, one of the largest and fastest-growing churches in the Liberia Annual Conference. Before this appointment, he served both as pastor of Doe Juah UMC and administrative assistant to the bishop. Kambor attended the College of West Africa, then received a scholarship to Our Lady of Fatima College. He served as principal of J.S. Pout School, and following study at Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn., on a Crusade Scholarship, returned to his homeland to become supervisor of UM schools. In 1983 he was approved by the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Liberia Annual Conference to study for the ministry and received a scholarship to Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.

Donald E. Lefelar (clergy)

Donald Lefelar is superintendent of the Norwalk District in the East Ohio Conference. Previously he was pastor of First UMC in Niles, Ohio. He is founder of the Community for Spiritual Formation, a three-year retreat program in East Ohio, which will launch its fifth Community in October. Lefelar served as vice president of the East Cleveland City Council and has volunteered his time as a labor-management arbitrator. He has served on the boards of Religion and Race and Finance and Administration. Lefelar received his B.A. degree from The College of William and Mary and his M. Div. from Union Theological Seminary, New York. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Cleveland State University, and in 1974, was admitted to the Ohio Bar Association.

Crisolito Pascual (laity)

Justice Crisolito Pascual is professor of law at the University of the Philippines and dean of the school's Center for Law Studies. He also serves as Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals of the Republic of the Philippines. Pascual is an active member of Knox

United Methodist Church in Manila, and he is considered a legal expert on the UMC's *Book of Discipline*.

Theophil Schaad (clergy)

Theophil Schaad, the son of a United Methodist minister, is himself a United Methodist pastor in the Switzerland/France Annual Conference. He is currently a district superintendent, serving in that post since 1985. Schaad served as secretary of his annual conference from 1973-1981. He attended the Methodist Theological Seminary in Frankfurt, Germany, and graduated in 1970. Schaad is greatly concerned with questions of interpretation and adaptation regarding *The Book of Discipline*. He is a delegate to this General Conference.

Robert K. Sweet Jr. (clergy)

Robert Sweet has pastored four churches, served as district superintendent, and as both dean and secretary of the cabinet in the Southern New England Conference. He was the first of his delegation elected to this General Conference, having served as both delegate and reserve delegate in the past. He has also been delegate to three Northeastern Jurisdictional conferences. Sweet has been a member of the jurisdiction's Court of Appeals (four years as chair), and was a member of the Area Committee on Episcopacy, as well as chair of the Episcopal Residence Committee. In addition, he has served on the conference Board of Global Ministries and the conference COM (chairing both for four years).

Glenda C. Thomas (clergy)

Glenda Thomas, ordained an elder in 1972 in the California-Nevada Conference, is pastor of Almaden Hills UMC in San Jose, Calif. She served as district superintendent from 1984-1990. Thomas also served on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and was registrar and chair of the probationary committee. In addition, she has been a delegate and reserve delegate to previous General and jurisdictional conferences. Thomas has been active in jurisdictional program and financial matters and served as vice chair of the Court of Appeals. She served as a trustee of Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, from 1972-1982. Thomas received her A.B. degree from George Washington University, Washington, D.C., and her M.Div. degree from Pacific School of Religion.

Richard L. Wright (clergy)

Richard Wright is the senior pastor of Wesley UMC in Morgantown, WV, in the West Virginia Conference. He formerly served as the director of the Conference Council of Ministries, chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, DS and dean of the cabinet. He was the first elected in the clergy delegation to General Conference both in 1988 and 1992 as well as being a delegate in 1984 and a reserve in 1980. He serves on the Northeastern Jurisdiction Committees on the Episcopacy and Ordained Ministry. He is member of the GBHEM. He is a graduate of Asbury College, Perkins School of Theology, as well as being a trustee of West Virginia Wesleyan College, which awarded him an honorary doctorate. He and his wife, Leanna Staley Wright, are parents of 4 children.

Plenary Session Nominees

David C. Crago (laity)

David C. Crago is assistant law professor at Ohio Northern University, having spent 15 years in private practice. He just completed a term as lay leader of First United Methodist Church in Marysville, Ohio, and is currently president of the Board of Trustees of the West Ohio Conference. He has served in a variety of other capacities in the conference, including advising in matters related to church trials.

Edward H. Hill (laity)

Edward Hill is senior partner in the largest law firm in Amarillo, Texas. He has served as lay leader of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference since 1988. He also serves as chair of the conference Restructure Committee (since 1989), the conference lay leadership development series (since 1988), the conference Board of the Laity (since 1988), and the Transformation 2000 Design Team. Hill teaches a men's Bible class at Polk Street United Methodist Church in Amarillo, where he has also chaired the administrative board and served as lay leader.

Jacob Christian Martinson (clergy)

Jacob Martinson is the president of High Point University in High Point, N.C., and a member of Western North Carolina Conference. Formerly he served as the pastor of First UMC in Winter Park, Fla., president of Brevard College, N.C., and president of Andrew College in Ga. He is a graduate of Huntingdon College, Duke Divinity School, and has a from Vanderbilt Divinity School. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Schools and Colleges, serving as its treasurer and a member of the executive committee. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have two daughters, Elizabeth Anne and Kristin Kate.

David Ballantyne Quee (laity)

David Ballantyne Quee is an attorney in private practice in Sierra Leone, West Africa. He serves as chair of the Joint Colleges Council's Committee, having been appointed by his government in 1984. He is president of Portloko Teachers College and is chancellor of the Sierra Leone Conference of the UMC. Quee is a member of the Honorable Society of Inner Temple and a lecturer at Sierra Leone Law School. Quee attended Government Secondary School and Koyeiana University in Sierra Leone. He earned his law degree from the University of London.

Theodore "Ted" H. Walter (clergy)

Ted Walter, a former DS, is the pastor of Grace UMC in North Augusta, S.C., and a member of the South Carolina Conference. His activity in the church includes: a delegate to General and jurisdictional conferences, General Conference legislative committee chair, GBHEM chair of Global Higher Education, member of the Africa University Site Committee and the World Methodist Council. In his annual conference he has served the boards of Church and Society, Wesley Foundation, Higher Education and Campus Ministries, Council on Ministries, and Epworth Children's Home. He has served as chair of the Columbia College trustees and the Board of Ordained Ministry. He has degrees from Wofford College and Emory University, as well as an honorary degree from Columbia College.

Judicial Council Identifications

	Class of 1992	Class of 1996	Total
Lay	3	3	6
Clergy	2	1	3
Male	4	3	7
Female	1	1	2
White	4	3	7
African American	1	1	2
North Central	1		1
Northeast	1		1
South Central		2	2
Southeast	2	2	4
Western	1		1

Report on General Agency Staff at the 1992 General Conference

On Thursday, May 7, the General Conference approved a motion requesting information as to the number of general agency staff present at the General Conference and the cost of their attendance.

To prepare this response, information from each agency was submitted to the general secretary of the General Council on Finance and Administration, with the request that GCFA prepare a summary report for the General Conference on behalf of all of the agencies.

The following is a summary showing the number of staff in attendance for any part of the Conference in connection with the work of the general agency:

General Board of Church and Society	12 persons
General Board of Discipleship	2 persons
General Board of Global Ministries	39 persons
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry	21 persons
General Council on Ministries	9 persons
General Council on Finance and Administration	10 persons
General Commission on the Status and Role of Women	3 persons
General Commission on Archives and History	2 persons
General Commission on Christian Unity andInterreligious Concerns	5 persons
United Methodist Communications	5 persons
General Commission on Religion and Race	6 persons
General Board of Pensions	22 persons
United Methodist Publishing House	1 person
Total	147 persons

This information may be compared to that gathered by GCFA following the 1988 General Conference and reported on page 325 of this year's Advance *DCA*. It will be noted that the report for 1992 shows a net reduction of 49 persons in attendance as general agency staff from 1988. It also shows that all of the general agencies are in compliance with the action of the 1988 General Conference which stated that no more than 40 staff should be present representing the work of any one agency.

It should also be noted that the staff persons reported above are present for varying periods of time. Some are present for only a day or two as a resource to a legislative committee while it is considering a matter in their particular area of expertise, while others are present for the entire Conference. Their expenses are paid by their respective agencies.

Staff attendance at General Conference is reimbursed on the basis of actual cost, as is the case in other instances when they are required to travel on behalf of the agency. Staff are required to travel by the most economical airfare available, or, if they travel by auto, they are reimbursed at the IRS rate, subject to the same distance and cost limitations as are in place for General Conference delegates. The general agencies have established specific policies governing the types of expenses which may and may not be reimbursed, the kinds of documentation required to qualify for reimbursement, and other guidelines designed to assure economy in the use of church funds. Compliance with these policies is subject to monitoring by GCFA's Committee on Audit and Review (¶905.4b).

The report found on page 325 of the Advance *DCA* indicates that the total expenses paid by the agencies for persons attending the 1988 General Conference was $216,730. Until this General Conference ends and the figures are tabulated, it is not possible to give a comparable figure for 1992. GCFA plans to tabulate that information and will report it to the 1996 General Conference. If, however, the members of this General Conference wish to have it at an earlier time, a report can be mailed to them as soon as the information is received and tabulated.

As was the case in 1988 and previous General Conferences, additional persons from some agency staffs are present performing tasks related to the functioning of the General Conference itself. Examples are persons who serve as translators, persons who serve on the *DCA* staff, persons who operate the Cokesbury store, persons who serve General Conference media needs (video, press, radio, television, large screen projection in plenary sessions, Infoserv, Circuitwriter), and persons who work in the Treasurer's Office of the General Conference. These persons are not included in the staff tabulation, either in the 1988 or 1992 reports, because they are not present for the purpose of representing the work of their agency. The expenses of these persons are paid from the General Administration Fund as part of the General Conference expenses.

This report was compiled by the general secretary of the General Council on Finance and Administration, on behalf of and from information supplied by the general secretaries and/or presidents of the general agencies as follows:

GBCS	Bishop Robert C. Morgan, President Thom White Wolf Fassett, General Secretary
GBOD	Bishop Woodie W. White, President Ezra Earl Jones, General Secretary
GBGM	Bishop J. Woodrow Hearn, President Randolph W. Nugent, General Secretary
GBHM	Bishop Benjamin R. Oliphint, President

Roger W. Ireson, General Secretary

GBPN Bishop Jack M. Tuell, President
James F. Parker, General Secretary

GBPB Anita Burrous, President
Robert K. Feaster, Publisher

GCAH Bishop Neil L. Irons, President
Charles Yrigoyen, Jr., General Secretary

GCCU Bishop William B. Grove, President
Bruce W. Robbins, General Secretary

UMCOM Bishop Rueben P. Job, President

Roger L. Burgess, General Secretary

GCRR Bishop Calvin D. McConnell, President
Barbara R. Thompson, General Secretary

GCSW Joetta Rinehart, President
Stephanie Anna Hixon, Cecelia M. Long,
General Secretariat

GCOM Bishop Felton E. May, President
C. David Lundquist, General Secretary

GCFA Bishop John Russell, President
Clifford Droke, General Secretary

Report on General Agency Cost Reduction Programs

On Thursday, May 7, the General Conference adopted the following motion:

"...that the general secretaries of all of our general boards and agencies submit to this 1992 General Conference their cost reduction programs with the estimated dollars saved for the past quadrennium. I also request a list of their planned cost reduction programs for this coming quadrennium. Further it is requested that this data be distributed to the General Conference delegates no later than the morning session of May 9, 1992."

To prepare this response, written reports from each agency were submitted to the general secretary of the General Council on Finance and Administration, with the request that GCFA compile a unified report on behalf of all of the agencies.

It should be noted that ¶907.5 of *The Book of Discipline* requires the general agencies each quadrennium to "...study their respective responsibilities, programs, and internal operations and institute such improvements and economies in their work as they find to be feasible and practicable...; and "...to report their accomplishments in improvements and economies to the council before the close of the third fiscal year of each quadrennium..."

GCFA did receive these reports from each agency, and they were the basis for the report entitled, "Improvements and Economies of the General Agencies," which is found on pages 944-945 of the Advance Edition of the *DCA*.

As additional response to the specific request adopted on May 9, reports have been received from each agency, and they are reproduced in full below.

GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY

In the second year of this quadrennium, the General Board of Church and Society reduced its expenses 4.9%. We achieved this through a major board reorganization which included a drastic reduction in staff size. Unfortunately, this also meant a decrease in the amount of programming we could accomplish on our disciplinary and General Conference mandates and in our ability to service annual conferences. In the third year of the quadrennium, our expenses decreased again. In this fourth year of the quadrennium, our expenses are budgeted to increase by a minimal amount, approximately 4%, due only to the rise of fixed expenses.

Our cost reduction efforts in the 1988-92 quadrennium have set us up for continued savings during the coming quadrennium. This does not mean, however, that our expense budget can remain flat. We are currently functioning with a minimal level of staffing based on the expectations of the denomination. Our staff produces at a high level of performance. Cost efficiencies related to people and how they are deployed have already ben maximized by our board. During this quadrennium, our cost reduction measures have included such actions as canceling a board meeting, scheduling board meetings to include weekends, sharing of sleeping rooms during board meetings, and staff are required and board are requested to travel at the lowest possible airfares. In addition, several times during this quadrennium, staff did not receive salary increases.

The board of directors has established and has been operating with a budget policy that mandates a balanced budget, with increases in only the unavoidable

areas of fixed expenses. This has been necessary to keep our budget within the World Service apportionment. One of the consequences is that program staff have had to become fund raisers to locate additional dollars to enable the agency to respond to the requests of the denomination.

GENERAL BOARD OF DISCIPLESHIP

Cost reduction measures taken during the 1989-1992 quadrennium:

1.At the beginning of the quadrennium, a budget plan was made for the four years of the quadrennium to assure that the board would operate with a balanced budget. Each year of the quadrennium this was accomplished.

2.At the direction of the voting members, a thorough review was made of all major program elements of the board. Programs were reviewed to assure that those being carried forward into the new quadrennium were focused on enhancing the ministries and programs of the local church.

3.As a result of this program review, several programs which had served their purpose were discontinued and new programs were begun or enhanced. Two examples of expanded areas are the Walk to Emmaus and the Covenant Discipleship emphasis on spiritual development.

4.The budget and program review indicated staffing changes which were needed.

A.A portion of the staff was realigned to enable greater efficiencies and to reduce the number of middle-level managers.

B.The board discontinued its Research Office with a consequent reduction of two staff positions.

C.The board discontinued its Center for Congregational Life with a consequent reduction of one and one-half staff positions.

D.The board eliminated one position in the Office of Communication and Interpretation.

E.The board eliminated one position in the Finance Office and one in the Office of Human Resources with the consequent reduction of two staff positions.

F.The Age-Level Ministries and the Christian Education responsibilities were combined with the consequent reduction of five staff positions.

G.Through reorganization and increased efficiency of operations the board was able to reduce the staff of the Customer Administration unit by 15% (a net decrease of 10 positions).

H.With reduced funding voted by the General Conference for the Ethnic Local Church concerns, the staff of that department in the board was reduced by a half-time position.

Savings: approximately $1,090,000 annually.

5.To enhance the effectiveness of service to local congregations and improve efficiencies in the office, an office automation system was installed. This provided efficiencies and improved quality of operations. The installation of the office automation system enabled the board to close a document processing center, a net reduction of 10 staff positions.

Savings: approximately $300,000 annually.

6.Several measures were taken to reduce the cost of the meetings of the board.

A.The board met only five times in the quadrennium.

Savings: approximately $150,000 for the quadrennium.

B.The board housed its members at Scarritt-Bennett Center rather than in hotels.

Savings: approximately $175,000 for the quadrennium.

C.The eating and meeting facilities of Scarritt-Bennett Center were also utilized at considerable cost savings.

D.Several of the board meetings were held over the weekend to take advantage of reduced airfares.

7.The board successfully reduced facilities costs through installation of heating/cooling efficiency systems and through redesigned work space.

Savings: approximately $100,000 for the quadrennium.

8.The board entered into an exclusive contract with a Nashville travel agency to provide the least expensive airline tickets for staff and board members. The contract also enables the board to take advantage of bulk and discount prices for hotel and other meeting services.

9.With the drop in the World Service Fund payment to 85%, the 1992 budget for the board was reworked and reduced to assure that the budget would be in balance for the year. In order to accomplish this, units of the board reduced program, travel, and other current expenditures.

Reduction in budget: approximately $200,000.

10.In an attempt to provide increased services to local churches and conferences, the board implemented a program to train thirty adjunct staff. These persons are available to supplement the work of the staff in Christian Education, Stewardship, Covenant Discipleship, and United Methodist Men.

11.The board made a conscious effort to review its policy on participation of staff at General Conference to assist in legislative committees. In 1988 there were 18 staff in attendance at General Conference. Attending in 1992 are 12. (Two other persons were present for a two-day period for specialized functions.)

Cost reduction measures planned during the 1993-1996 quadrennium:

1.At the beginning of the new quadrennium the members and staff will develop a budget plan for the four years of the quadrennium to assure that the board will operate with a balanced budget.

2.As a part of the budget development process all program elements will be reviewed to note which can be continued and at what level of activity.

3.There will be a continuing emphasis on reducing the operating costs of the board. This includes continuing review of the operations of the physical plant as well as office operations.

4.A major new automated business system will be installed in Customer Administration which will improve service and reduce costs.

Savings: approximately $200,000 - $300,000 annually.

5.The Print Shop, jointly used currently with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, will be reduced in services. Costing studies have shown that some printing operations can be more economically and efficiently handled by outside vendors. This will result in the decrease of four staff positions.

Savings: approximately $70,000 annually.

6.The Bulk Mailing unit will be replaced with the use of outside vendors supplying this service. Costing studies have shown that this is the more economical approach for the future and will not require the board to invest in costly specialized equipment.

Savings: approximately $50,000 annually.

7.The board will make increased use of teleconferences to reduce the costs of meetings.

8.The board will make increased use of video and satellite technologies to communicate its information, training content, and program emphases to its constituencies.

9.The board will place a major emphasis on enhancing the quality of all of its programs, events, meetings, and office and administrative procedures. This emphasis should lead to enhanced service to the local church and responsiveness to the total church as well as economies of operations.

GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES

In the General Board of Global Ministries the development and review of financial policies and procedures is carried on by two major director bodies, the Finance Committee and the Research and Development Committee. The Finance Committee is responsible for the financial integrity of the agency. It makes sure that there are sufficient resources for the board's programs, and that funds are administered according to director-established policies. The Research and Development Committee proposes the distribution of World Service allocations to the different board units, monitors program evaluation, reviews general expenses and periodically recommends appropriate reductions and savings. In addition to these board-wide processes, individual program units carry on cost savings programs as directed by appropriate director committees.

During this past quadrennium the Research and Development Committee has instituted cost savings policies in the following areas:

1.*BOARD MEETINGS.*- The following measures have been taken regarding board meetings: strict meal per diems, shared rooms, elimination of hotel-catered meals and refreshments at breaks. The number of staff attending board meetings has been reduced and, in most cases, temporary support staff eliminated. Additionally, full board meetings have been shortened by one day and scheduled over a weekend. A careful selection of alternative meeting sites for all meetings including full board meetings has already begun to realize measurable savings. The services of a travel agency have been secured to provide savings both in terms of the lowest possible individual and group travel fares as well as rebates in the form of free tickets for travel to some meetings. Committees have been encouraged to meet over weekends, piggybacking related meetings and to use teleconferencing services for meetings outside of regular board meetings whenever possible. Most have taken advantage of this savings mechanism.

2.*STAFFING.*- Early in the quadrennium, in response to fiscal realities, and at the encouragement of the Research and Development Committee a de facto hiring freeze was instituted across the board. As implemented, open positions whether new or already established were filled only when necessary, and often after careful review and considerable wait. As a result, a net reduction of 29 executive staff positions has been realized.

3.*OFFICE SPACE.*- In response to reduced staff numbers and pressures to seek savings outside of program areas, the total office space has been reduced this quadrennium by 5000 square feet.

4.*COMPUTERIZATION.*- Important savings have been realized by utilizing to the very best advantage modern data processing equipment, systems and software. This quadrennium we have instituted electronic data transmission directly from annual conference offices to our gift processing department providing savings in personnel reductions while improving accuracy in accounting of funds going into the Advance program. Savings have been realized also in the areas of mainframe software and hardware, individual computer maintenance, and computer training and software maintenance. By going to centralized filing and microfilming we have been able to eliminate unnecessary files and storage space. Savings in the production of mission education resources have been realized by the use of competitively priced on-line videotape production houses.

5.*PROGRAMS.*- Significant savings have taken place by constant evaluation of current programs, the use of term funding so that commitments to specific projects don't become permanent, and by shifting emphasis from the former reliance exclusively on U.S. personnel for missionary service in countries outside of the United States to increased recruitment and assignment of international persons in mission and nationals serving in their own countries. Reductions have also taken place in such program areas as community economic development, international health programs, AIDS/HIV ministries, architectural and construction services, finance and field services and the number of issues of *New World Outlook* a year.

6.*MISCELLANEOUS.*- Management control procedures have produced additional savings in such areas as supplies, combined mailings, use of recycled materials, contracting payroll services to outside vendor, stressing back-to-back duplication of materials. In addition, the board has requested staff to take longer trips when they travel overseas so as to combine visits to many countries on a single trip.

TOTAL SAVINGS FOR 1989-92: $4,591,000

N.B. It should be noted that these savings were realized while adding important new program support mechanisms such as the Mission Evangelism Office and the Mission Resource Center, and providing important programmatic responses to emerging mission needs and opportunities in the areas of substance abuse and violence, and the new mission initiative in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet republics.

SAVINGS PROGRAM FOR THE 1993-96 QUADRENNIUM

The Research and Development Committee has recommended and the board already approved a plan to not only continue current savings measures as instituted this quadrennium but also specifically reduced board meeting expenses for 1993 and mandated that only one board meeting be held in 1994. In addition to that, board action requires that savings of at least two percent be realized in 1994 in non-program areas in all Divisions and Departments. These savings are to continue the trends already established through the previously described management policies and procedures during the 1989-92 quadrennium.

It is anticipated that there will be further reductions in office space. This, in addition to projected economies from the computer system, will result in very substantive savings.

GENERAL BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND MINISTRY

COST SAVING MEASURES

The board continually seeks dollar-savings measures which can be instituted on discretionary budget items. All savings are applied to programs supporting the board's disciplinary mandate. Highlighted below are board policies implemented to maximize dollars available for board programs:

Staffing

In the current quadrennium, two support positions have been combined, and a 20-hour per week part-time position has been eliminated.

Quadrennial Savings:1988	$40,500
1993	$126,000

Purchase of a desktop publishing system increased the board's "print-ready" capability, and decreased the requirements of using outside typesetters, designers, artist and part-time personnel.

Quadrennial Savings:1988	$14,000
1993	$60,000

The Africa University project coordination has been accomplished by adding responsibilities to existing positions, and no new staff positions were created.

Quadrennial Savings:1988	$440,000
1993	$200,000

Travel and Meetings

The board has elected to hold its board meetings in 1992-96 at Scarritt Bennett Center in Nashville.

Quadrennial Savings:1988	$10,000
1993	$57,500

An exclusive travel contract with a revenue sharing clause was negotiated with a local travel agent in 1989. Monthly travel summaries detailing savings are provided by the agency to the office of administration.

Quadrennial Savings:1988	$60,000
1993	$75,000

Airline and group travel discounts are negotiated for all board and committee meetings. Travel is scheduled to include a Saturday evening where possible to take advantage of reduced airline rates.

Quadrennial Savings:1988	$60,000
1993	$68,000

Tax exemptions are exercised in all contracts for board and committee meetings.

Office Facilities

Renovation of the 40-year-old Kern Building was completed in 1991. Overloaded and outdated building systems were replaced and asbestos was removed. The building efficiency was improved in terms of energy usage, space allocation, and working environment. Energy savings of 15% per year are expected to be realized.

The board shares certain costs with other agencies in the Methodist Center such as the telephone system, mail service, maintenance, security and cleaning.

Miscellaneous

Favorable payment terms have been negotiated with vendors, and cash discounts are taken when provided. Storage and distributed of board materials have become tasks handled in-house to generate further savings.

Total Savings:1988 Quadrennium	$624,000
1993 Quadrennium	$586,500

1992 Budget

Executive Staff began a 1992 budget review and revision process in February to plan across the board cuts based on anticipated 1992 receipts.

GENERAL BOARD OF PENSIONS

Personnel Costs and Related Benefits: $545,000

Reorganization which reduced the number of Division heads from six to four and eliminated one department head

· Persons hired on contract (salary only) with no benefit costs

· Seminary students hired for part-time work rather than more expensive temporaries from agencies

· Christmas bonus program eliminated

· Pay-raise guidelines reduced each year for the past three

· Health insurance deductibles increased fourfold

· Health insurance to change to a PPO (managed care) approach July 1, 1992

Investment/Custodial Fees: $910,000

· Investment Firm Management fees negotiated downward with several firms

· Custodial bank fees frozen for four years

Legal Fees/Taxes: $340,000

· Reduced fees by restructuring outside counsel team from four to two persons

· Savings on real estate taxes on the United Methodist building

Operational/Technical: $1,450,000

· Health Insurance claims processing negotiated downward with incentive clauses

· Postponed delivery of certain computer equipment

· Reduced cost of printing annual report by eliminating outside layout designer

· Reduced meeting and travel costs from 1990 to 1991, including holding more meetings in Evanston and changing travel agent

· Batching mail (weekly) to conference pension officers to save postage

· Changing over half of our pensioners to Electronic Funds Transfer of pensions, eliminating printing and mailing of checks

· Installing and expanding electronic transfer of data to and from annual conference pension offices

Future possible cost reductions (Operational)

· More in-house printing (annual reports, plan documents, communication materials)

· Expanding electronic transfer of data to and from annual conference pension offices

· Additional meetings of the board in Evanston, eliminating staff travel for those meetings

· Making facilities more energy efficient (window glass, heating and cooling systems)

· Evaluating new or existing services on a strict cost/benefit basis in accordance with our strategic plan

· Examining other technological savings in processing data in-house including imaging and document assembly for improved service (long-term savings)

· Continued negotiation of investment management fees, custodial bank fees and health insurance carrier fees

Future cost plan reductions (Program)

From a program standpoint, UMCare as proposed is estimated to save over $40 million 1994-96 in health insurance costs for the church

UNITED METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE

The United Methodist Publishing House operates on an annual sales and expense budgeting procedure. Since all funds come from sales, expenses must adhere annually to a strict expense to sales ratio.

With United Methodist Church membership declines and resulting unit sales declines over several consecutive quadrennia, the Publishing House has had to take many expense reduction measures to keep the expense to sales ratio in balance in the annual budgeting process.

Expense reductions during the past two quadrennia have resulted in an overall reduction in staff from 1,600 in 1984 to 1,050 in 1992. The largest staff reduction in 1989-90 came with the closing of the printing operation, a move that has resulted in a 15% reduction in printing costs.

Other expense reductions have occurred as most operations have been computerized. The largest expense reduction occurred in 1991 with the opening of a computerized distribution center.

Since the Publishing House is primarily dependent on sales of resources and services to United Methodists, future membership and unit sales declines may result in staff and other expense reductions to assure an expense to sales ratio in annual budgeting that keeps the Publishing House operations solvent.

GENERAL COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

During the present quadrennium (1989-1992), the General Commission on Archives and History, which has a small staff (six full-time, two part-time), has instituted measures to increase efficiency and cut expenses. Among other factors, this has been necessitated by a declining percentage income from the General Administration Fund.

The full-time staff was decreased by one person. Staff responsibilities were restructured to maintain as many services as possible. Travel funds for staff have been carefully monitored and decreased in some areas. The General Commission has held steady on its annual meeting expenses and has eliminated all committee meetings except for an annual conference call of the Executive Committee.

If the income of the General Commission is unable to meet expenses during the next quadrennium (1993-1996), it will have to consider cutting part-time and full-time staff positions, since these are the principal areas where major savings can be realized. Two of these positions will be considered for termination at the September, 1992 annual meeting. All other areas of the budget will be considered for reduction, but some fixed expenses will increase due to factors beyond the Commission's control.

GENERAL COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN UNITY AND INTERRELIGIOUS CONCERNS

COST SAVING MEASURES DURING THE 1989-1992 QUADRENNIUM:

1.Delay in filling one executive staff position for fifteen months. ($30,000)

2.Chose not to hire an additional support staff person authorized by the Commission from April 1992 through the end of the quadrennium despite other complications caused by that act. ($28,000)

3.Cancellation of several executive staff trips to professional meetings. ($8,000)

4.Decline of conducting various annual conference workshops where the annual conference could not support a significant portion of the cost. ($3,000)

5.More than half the commission meetings throughout the quadrennium were held in retreat centers. Spring 1992 meeting not held. ($30,000)

6.Use of conference calls in lieu of committee meetings. ($6,000)

7.Computer hook-up to GCFA for greater efficiency and monitoring. ($1,200)

8.Chose not to accept additional office space offered to the commission in order to save on rent. ($5,000)

9.Linking most standard committee meetings to commission meetings to save on airfare. ($17,000)

10.Return of $21,000 of contingency funds to GCOM due to tight budget controls and cost savings. ($21,000)

11.Planning of meetings with Saturday overnights as well as extended layovers when resulting in cost savings. ($15,000)

12.Cutting of cognate funds for ecumenical organizations, e.g. not fulfilling pledge to the Ecumenical Decade for Churches in Solidarity with Women. ($5,000)

13.Cutbacks in training programs for Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns training programs. ($3,500)

14.Staff paying out of personal funds for some international consultation. ($4,000)

COST SAVING MEASURES ANTICIPATED FOR THE 1993-1996 QUADRENNIUM:

This is very difficult to calculate since we do not know the funding which will be approved by General Conference. Without a significant increase, dramatic cuts will be necessary due to the present budget's dependence on reserve expenditures. The reserves are nearly depleted. It is impossible to calculate the dollar amounts for this section.

Some possible items:

1.Cuts in staff.
2.Continued use of current, restricted space.
3.No purchases of new equipment except where absolutely necessary.
4.Limited travel to annual conferences for workshops.
5.Delays on new resource development.
6.Commitment to hold meetings in retreat centers.
7.Cancellation of staff participation in some ecumenical training programs.
8.Cancellation of scholarships and support for seminary students to participate ecumenical programs.

UNITED METHODIST COMMUNICATIONS

ECONOMIES INSTITUTED IN 1989-1992 QUADRENNIUM:

1.Employees have accomplished savings by performing tasks normally contracted by outside vendors:

A.Painting offices, $1,400 saved.
B.Computer software installation and testing, $3,600 saved.
C.Cable installation for computer system, $2,000 saved.
D.Portion of building remodelling, $7,000 saved.

2.Desktop publishing was instituted for graphic design of *Interpreter*, *el Interprete* and general fund brochures. Printing contract provided for furnishing of necessary hardware at substantial savings.

3.UMCom was instrumental in the formation of the Vision Interfaith Satellite Network (VISN). This cable distribution system is an extremely economical outlet for our weekly television program *Catch the Spirit* and other UMC programming. For example, 30 minutes on VISN costs $250 for nationwide distribution. By comparison, 30 minutes on one independent station in (for example) Dallas costs $4,000-$6,000 when time is available for purchase.

4.Savings of $1,000 per *Catch the Spirit* show through new efficiencies in production techniques that allow production of two studio programs at the same time. At least $26,000 per year.

5.Computer connection between GCFA and Finance Office has streamlined operations by tightening control of funds, saving employees time, and drastically reducing paper flow.

6.Major building renovation in 1990-91 resulted in more efficient use of space within existing walls. Divisions were grouped together. Work areas were expanded. Off-site storage was utilized.

7.Mailing packets prepared in-house for savings of $1,000 per mailing (4-6 annually). Collating is handled by a neighboring United Way agency at additional annual savings of $12,000. Total annual savings, $18,000.

8.Annual savings of $1,200 were achieved by training staff to maintain the telephone system, thus eliminating the need for an outside maintenance contract.

9.A Finance and Operations quadrennial goal of $75,000 in first-time economies will easily be reached in 1992. Over 20 savings proposals were submitted by employees. These economies have ranged from $50 to $10,000.

10.Computer network increased economy in maintenance, storage and peripherals.

11.Electronic mail installation allowed instantaneous connection among all offices, saving time, paper and postage.

12.Addition of new computer graphics system means up to 90% of video graphics can be produced in-house. At current levels of computer graphic usage, this represents a savings of $10,000 for 1991-1992.

13.Upgrade from 3/4" to Betacam field production equipment has resulted in less expense for excess baggage charges. (Betacam requires one shipping case; 3/4" requires two.) The CCD camera (BVW-400 purchased in 1990) requires less light; this means fewer lights taken and fewer lamp replacements. Estimated savings, $10,000 and 1991-1992.

14.Used BVW-70 Beta player purchased for edit suite for $6,500 less than price of new unit. Machine permits faster edit sessions and allows more work to be done in less time.

15.Planning and production procedures have been instituted which free producers from rote production tasks. Estimated cost savings for 1991-1992, $12,000.

16.The 1" edit sessions have been automated through purchase of remote control devices. Estimated cost savings in 1990-1992, $14,400.

17.New printing contract made color available on all pages of *The Interpreter*, simplified the printing process, and saved $2,000 on each issue beginning in 1991. $16,000 per year.

18.Changed materials used in carrier envelopes and cover material in pastors' mailings saved $4,000 per mailing (four to six per year) beginning in 1991. Year saving, $16,000 to $20,000.

19.Changed binding on Program Calendars for 1992 saved $5,000 in production costs. Competitive bids on the various calendar editions held printing costs level for three years.

20.Deleted holes punched in *The Interpreter* saved $53,000 annually beginning in 1990.

21.Consolidated P&BI operations into one area of Nashville building. Moved *Interpreter* circulation department, saved $17,000 annually for this division.

22.Competitive bidding required for major purchases. Further savings accomplished by purchase of serviceable used equipment whenever possible.

23.Video teleconferencing rather than on-site meetings has provided an economical and efficient means of offering communications training to annual conferences, saving as much as $10,000 per meeting. In 1992 a training teleconference was held for 1,400 participants at 85 downlink sites at a cost of only $13,000.

24.Promotion of office and computer paper recycling by employees raised awareness of economical office operation in general. Paper sold netted $100 per year.

25.Saved 17% on telephone costs for EcuFilm and InfoServ through renegotiation of the master line WATS service. $15,000 per year.

26.Refinanced Nashville building mortgage, formerly held by a commercial lending source. New loan was placed with GCFA. Savings of $80,000 in interest will be achieved over the 10-year life of the new mortgage. As the lending agency, GCFA will earn $500,000 in income that otherwise would have gone to a commercial lender.

27.Staff expenses for 1992 General Conference held to a minimum through enforcement of policies:

A.No air travel permitted from Nashville.

B.Carpooling required.

C.Central billing established with hotels and other vendors. A Kentucky state sales tax exemption was obtained.

D.Staff required to share hotel rooms.

E.A limitation of $25 per day placed on expense for meals.

Most above economies will continue through next quadrennium.

ECONOMIES PLANNED FOR 1993-1996 QUADRENNIUM:

1.Beginning in 1993, projected savings of $22,000-$24,000 per year by mailing *The Interpreter* second-class.

2.Also beginning in 1993, bar-coding *Interpreter* labels will result in annual savings of $48,000 in postal charges, plus another $5,000 saved because of reductions in postage returns.

ECONOMIES UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR 1993-1996 QUADRENNIUM:

1.Staff reduction. $45,000 average per person, includes benefits.

2.Reduction in office space. $325,000.

3.Reduction in number of *Catch the Spirit* programs. $26,000 per program.

4.Discontinue music initiative. $36,000.

5.Freeze salaries. $120,000 per year.

6.Reduce one or more *Interpreter* issues per year. $100,000 per issue.

7.Discontinue InfoServ local church address line. $15,000 per year.

8.Cancel media training for new bishops. $10,000 per year.

GENERAL COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND RACE

Cost Saving Measures, 1992 and Earlier:

1.Reduction in meeting costs for members

(1)Schedule meetings to abut or overlap weekends to get reduced plane fare rates and lower hotel rates.

(2)Utilize conference telephone calls in lieu of face-to-face meetings for some committees.

(3)Urge members to share rooms for meetings.

(4)Guideline of $30.00 per day for meals.

2.Reductions in Staff Travel Expenses

(1)Intentional scheduling of field trips over weekends to save plane fares.

(2)Intentional scheduling of multi-purpose trips to the annual conferences.

(3)Guideline of $30.00 per day for meals when in travel status.

3.Other

(1)Executive staff salaries are at the bottom of the GCFA prescribed salary schedule.

(2)Ongoing review of office expenses for possible cost saving modifications. (example - change of telephone carrier; change of travel agency, etc.).

(3)Identify and resource persons to provide leadership in annual conferences to help reduce staff travel.

Future Plans for Cost Reduction Activities:

1.Examine the cost benefit of acquiring equipment in lieu of purchasing services (FAX; enhanced reproduction equipment; computers, etc.).

2.Seek less expensive meeting sites.

3.Expand training and utilization of persons in the annual conferences.

4.Cash management through planned network link to GCFA accounting systems.

A primary deterrent to many cost-saving efforts is the front-end investment required, such as purchasing equipment.

GENERAL COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women has made every effort to reduce costs during the current quadrennium.

· The Commission has reduced the number of executive staff (three to two persons).

· The Commission eliminated one meeting of the full commission for the quadrennium.

· The Commission makes every attempt to keep costs of meeting and administrative expenses low by:

-Meeting at retreat centers whenever possible;

-Encouraging members and staff of the commission to arrange travel through one agent for fare reduction;

-Encouraging air travel for staff field service and members over Saturday stay for savings in airfare;

-Ensuring work units and committees meet on site with full commission whenever possible;

-Encouraging meeting via conference calls whenever possible;

-Requesting that Commission members and staff share rooms during meetings.

Additional cost saving measures by the General Commission:

· The Commission utilizes members of GCSRW for resourcing constituents and fulfilling its mandate. Linkages are made by members within region of need.

· Field service visits to conferences are scheduled only when minimum number of participants is guaranteed, and annual conferences provide support for workshops or events.

· *The Flyer* printing costs were reduced including actual reduction in number of pages and number of issues of this resource to constituents.

· Training events were scheduled regionally whenever possible in order to reach largest number of constituents.

· The Commission office coordinates resources with agencies at same location in order to reduce operating expenses.

Estimated dollars saved = $167,772

The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women operates within an already inadequate budget for funding its mandate. Cost reduction programs have severely limited The Commission's ability to fulfill its mandate. Nevertheless, The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women recognizes the concerns across the denomination regarding efficient use of general agency resources. With a reduction in numbers of staff in 1993-1996, The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women is committed to continue its practices of cost savings and ongoing evaluation of expenses and receipts.

The number of staff and funds currently allocated to The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women are not adequate to implement program and to function as a "national" agency. The commission has received requests to fulfill its function throughout the UMC, which would include Central Conferences. That is financially prohibitive at this time. The Commission continues to recognize that actual giving in the church requires all agencies to "tighten the belt" and to do as much as possible with fewer dollars. The work of the Commission would be far more effective if the staff were at least 5 professionals--one for each jurisdiction with major responsibilities for all the training and linking constituents in that jurisdiction. However, this is not possible, and the two professional persons will have to keep work and resources flowing to as many of the annual conferences and constituents as possible.

GENERAL COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

Cost Saving Measures Instituted During the 1989-1992 Quadrennium:

The General Council on Ministries instituted several measures to contain or reduce costs during the 1989-1992 quadrennium.

GCOM canceled one scheduled meeting of the full Council membership in April 1990. The Council membership consists of 133 members from across the connection and also requires the attendance of additional persons for the Ethnic Local Church Concerns and Inclusiveness Committees. Cancellation of this meeting resulted in savings of approximately $120,000.

GCOM also put in place cost reduction measures by planning meetings over weekends to take advantage of special air fares and to be able to negotiate better hotel rates. Estimated cost savings is $150,000.

At least three times during the quadrennium, a series of meetings were scheduled in the same location because of crossover membership resulting in a reduction in air fare costs. Estimated cost reduction is $50,000.

Staff travel was carefully monitored during the quadrennium for cost effectiveness and necessity of travel. Estimated cost reductions - $100,000.

Cost Saving Measures Planned During the 1993-1996 quadrennium:

The General Council on Ministries has instituted several cost reduction measures for the 1993-1996 quadrennium.

Some of the cost savings will be realized in operation of the building in which the General Council on Ministries' offices are housed. GCOM holds title to the building and is responsible for the upkeep and day-to-day operation of this facility. This is a valuable asset of The United Methodist Church and is treated as such. Estimated reduction in costs - 25%.

Utility cost savings will result from an energy savings analysis of the building and resulting implementation of specific recommendations. Repair and maintenance cost factors have also been analyzed and changes in these areas will result in lower maintenance costs without sacrificing the quality and functionality of the building. Estimated reduction in costs - 17%.

Office operations have also been carefully analyzed and reductions in operating costs will be possible without impairing the ability of the Council to do its work. Some of the areas in which office cost savings will be re-

alized are printing, mailing costs and other related areas. A reduction will also occur because of actively seeking lower costs on maintenance contracts for major equipment such as computers and the Council's building-wide telephone system. Estimated reductions of 34% for printing, 29% for office expenses and 79% for equipment maintenance and repair.

Expenses for Council meetings and staff travel have been reduced by a total of 17% for the 1993-1996 quadrennium. This will occur by careful monitoring of staff travel and analyzing the cost and necessity of holding various meetings of the subgroups of the Council. Estimated reductions - 11% for Council meetings and 7% for staff travel.

Negotiations on insurance coverages on building insurance, officers liability and other policies will result in a net savings of 25%.

Use of consultants, when needed, will also be utilized less in the 1993-1996 quadrennium rather than full-time staff for some Council work. This will result in a savings of 25% during this time frame.

GENERAL COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Cost Saving Measures Implemented During the 1988-1992 Quadrennium:

GCFA reduced support staff by 1 1/2 positions in the Department of Statistics due to increased automation of statistics processing and automatic local church report (Tables I & II) file transfers from annual conferences.

Reorganized the one division to better focus on risk management and the Local Church Insurance Program. Reduced staff cost by one full time equivalent position.

Episcopal services contracted with a national moving company for a 40% discount in moving costs for bishops. This discount was also made available to annual conferences.

Episcopal services arranged for a volume purchase of FAX machines for area offices, saving approximately $5,000 over what individual purchases would have cost.

During the last two quadrennia all committees of the council have made increasing use of conference phone calls instead of on site meetings.

The Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries has eliminated one executive committee meeting per year.

Quadrennial training events have been reduced in number from 5 to 3.

Automated accounting systems allowing accounts to be encumbered at the time a purchase order is approved, resulting in better cash management of the agencies using this system.

Reduced printing costs through automatic transfer of computer text, as well as utilizing camera ready copy capabilities. This includes material submitted to the DCA, GCFA's annual report, and other documents.

Increased consultations with general agencies for computer system installations and upgrades, resulting in both new installations and upgrades of agency computer systems and networks. This has facilitated several of the cost savings of other general agencies.

The Council of Bishops made an intentional decision to hold one meeting per year at a retreat center, saving approximately $35,000 per meeting.

Episcopal office equipment budgets were reduced by $50,000 in 1990.

GCFA's Nashville office consolidated the Nashville GCFA bank accounts, resulting in approximately $12,000 savings in bank fees per year.

GCFA's Evanston office consolidated Chicago area GCFA bank accounts, resulting in savings of approximately $6,000 per year.

Banking procedures were rearranged to change most wire transfers to automated clearing house deposits, reducing costs on these transactions by over 65%.

Printing of the general agency health insurance plan was brought in house, saving $40,000 to $50,000 per year.

A single travel agency was utilized by all GCFA members for council business, resulting in significant savings of air fare.

A property tax exemption was achieved on the United Methodist Building in Evanston, GCFA $40,000 annually.

A second attorney was added to the staff, reducing outside counsel legal fees by $16,000 for GCFA, while enhancing services available to the general agencies and annual conferences. These services include the following areas.

· All contracts and other legal agreements are reviewed by GCFA's legal staff, resulting in dollar savings as well as other more favorable terms for church agencies.

· Consulting with general agencies, annual conferences and other connectional units with a focus on practices that will reduce the possibility of litigation and other costly disputes.

· Responding to an increasing volume of requests for legal consultation from all connectional units of the church. Such consultations would otherwise require outside legal counsel, which is a far more costly option.

The Chapter 8 Task Force held all plenaries in the Chicago area, which was determined to be the least costly site based on membership and travel costs. The work of the committee was divided into subcommittees by region, allowing most members to drive to meetings, thereby eliminating costly air fares.

Subscriptions to professional journals are carefully monitored to avoid duplication and unnecessary redundancy of information.

Continuing education funds are allocated only after consultation with senior management.

Coordination of church and clergy data bases between GCFA and the General Board of Pensions has reduced duplication of requests from annual conferences, reduced file maintenance efforts internally for both agencies, and enhanced the accuracy of both agencies' information.

Cost Saving Measures Planned to be Implemented During the 1993-1996 Quadrennium:

Plans to eliminate one executive staff position in Financial Services division through consolidation of payroll processing, due to ever-increasing automation of processing.

One mid-quadrennium workshop is planned to be eliminated.

A computer system upgrade and network is planned to be installed. This system will replace aging minicomputers that are costly to maintain, while enhancing functionality in the areas of electronic mail, information access between GCFA's three primary sites, and interconnecting with seven other general agencies for accounting systems. These systems will further enhance cash management of the agencies, help to maximize investments, and enhance communications among agency staff while reducing overall telephone charges.

Voice and data telephone transmission charges are going to be renegotiated as a result of new systems to be installed.

Plans for enhanced cash management of local church insurance premiums entrusted to GCFA, and unbundling brokerage and underwriting services on the insurance programs are currently being made.

Continuing efforts in all of the areas that have been covered during the current quadrennium will be ongoing, as GCFA responds to needs and requests of the various units of the church.

A travel policy is being explored to provide uniform insurance coverage for staff who travel on behalf of the agencies, at a lesser rate from the individual coverages that are currently provided on a person by person, and in some cases trip by trip basis.

This report was compiled by the general secretary of the General Council on Finance and Administration, on behalf of and from information supplied by the general secretaries and/or presidents of the general agencies as follows:

GBCS	Bishop Robert C. Morgan, President Thom White Wolf Fassett, General Secretary
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GBGM	Bishop J. Woodrow Hearn, President Randolph W. Nugent, General Secretary
GBHM	Bishop Benjamin R. Oliphint, President Roger W. Ireson, General Secretary
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Calendar Items

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Removal from Consent Calendar

Delegates have requested these calendar items to be removed from Consent Calendar No. 1:
17, 56.

The following calendar items were added to Consent Calendar 1 in error and have been removed by the Coordinator of the Calendar:
6, 7, 8, 11, 14.

Calendar items printed with an * after the calendar number will automatically be placed on the Consent Calendar. If any five delegates wish to remove an item from the Consent Calendar for plenary consideration, the delegates shall complete the approved form in Room 102 by 3 p.m. on the day the calendar item first appears in the DCA. Calendar items which contain a minority report will be indicated by the initials "MR" in parentheses.

98* CC005
Subject: Creation of a Zaire Central Conference.
Petition: CC-11056-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 926
Membership: 39; Present: 24;
For: 24; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/4

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend Par.6, line 3: ...Conference **may** organize...

Amend Par.7, line 2: ...~~shall~~ **may** be separated

Amend Par.7, line 3: ...Africa Central Conference, **if approved by Africa Central Conference in 1992,** and

Amend Par.8, line 2: ...Zaire ~~shall~~ **may** be incorporated...

Amend Par.8, line 3: ...Zaire Central Conference **,if approved by the Africa Central Conference in 1992.**

Add to end of petition **Given the critical situation now existing in Zaire, the General Conference authorizes the Africa Central Conference (should it so determine) to meet in two separate sections in 1992 as follows: 1) the Zaire Annual Conferences at a place they determine, and 2) all other members of the Africa Central Conferences at a place they determine. All actions so taken shall be regarded as actions of the Africa Central Conference.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

99* CC009
Subject: Recognition and representation of the Deaconess Association.
Petition: CC-11059-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1019
Membership: 39; Present: 29;
For: 29; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/4

Committee recommends nonconcurrence and reference to the Philippine Annual Conference.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

100* CC010
Subject: Include South Africa in the Listing of Africa Central Conference.
Petition: CC-12444-0636-D
Page in Advance DCA: 4-127
Membership: 39; Present: 25;
For: 25; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/4

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

101 CC011
Subject: Increase Number of Bishops in Northern Europe Central Conference from One to Two.
Petition: CC-12445-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 4-127
Membership: 39; Present: 29;
For: 28; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/4

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

102* CS004
Subject: Gun Control.
Petition: CS-12000-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1068
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 94; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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103* CS005
Subject: Responsible firearm ownership and training.
Petition: CS-11069-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1068
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

104* CS006
Subject: The World's Children.
Petition: CS-10965-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 173

Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Please refer to page 289 of The Book of Resolutions.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

105* CS007

Subject: Available and Affordable Housing.
Petition: CS-10589-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 171
Membership: 99; Present: 98;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

106* CS008

Subject: A Plan to Provide Housing for the Homeless.
Petition: CS-12235-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1061
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

107* CS009

Subject: Homelessness in the USA.
Petition: CS-11326-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1057
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

108* CS010

Subject: Police Firearms Policies.
Petition: CS-11068-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1038
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 87; Against: 5; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

109* CS011

Subject: U.S. Gun Violence.
Petition: CS-10587-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 183
Membership: 99; Present: 95;
For: 91; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

Paragraph 1: **Gun violence around the world is a growing menace.**

Paragraph 3: last sentence, ~~, such as Boys Life~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

110* CS016

Subject: Reaching Out to the Homeless.
Petition: CS-10602-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 173
Membership: 99; Present: 95;
For: 95; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Please refer to petition 10725.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

111 CS017

Subject: Peace with Justice as a Special Program.
Petition: CS-10592-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 198
Membership: 99; Present: 94;
For: 87; Against: 6; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

In paragraph 4: ...Similar distortion ~~has~~ occurred in the Soviet Union , **contributing to its dissolution.** It has also...

In paragraph 6: ~~There is some evidence that these voices are being heard and responded to by governmental government officials. Furthermore, top leaders of both the United States and the Soviet Union are recognizing have begun to recognize the mutual self-interest in lessening tensions and reducing are discussing reductions in the level of armaments. This has produced a U.S./Soviet treaty to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) and may lead to a treaty to cut long-range, strategic weapons in half. The U.S. Congress, concerned about the runaway federal deficit, has clamped a lid on military expenditures and may even force a slight decrease. The initial arms reduction agreements, and future ones, will make possible reductions in military expenditures.~~ **Changes taking place in our global...**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

112* CS018

Subject: Fund Full-Time with Justice Staff.
Petition: CS-11602-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1080
Membership: 99; Present: 95;
For: 95; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

113* CS019

Subject: Anniversary Edition of "The Bishops Call for Peace and the Self-Development of Peoples".
Petition: CS-10343-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 198
Membership: 99; Present: 94;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

114* CS049

Subject: New Developments in Genetic Science.
Petition: CS-10586-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 161
Membership: 99; Present: 90;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

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~~InfoServe~~ **GCOM Research Section**

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Now, altering DNA ~~implants~~ **in plants**

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...highlighting persons who testified to the Genetics Science Task **Force**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

115* CS060

Subject: Homelessness in the USA.
Petition: CS-10725-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 169
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

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Paragraph 3/chart: 10th asterick, ~~medium~~ **median**

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The end of paragraph 2.1: **This program encourages each United Methodist Church throughout the world to reach out in a people-to-people action to adopt at least one of the world's millions of homeless persons or families, to ensure that these people's basic needs for food, housing, health care, education and employment are met and to enable them, warmed in body and soul, to face the future with hope.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

116* FA001

Subject: Net income from the United Methodist Publishing House.
Petition: FA-11430-1715-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1158
Membership: 93; Present: 92;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

117* FA002

Subject: Officers of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration.
Petition: FA-10819-0708-D
Page in Advance DCA: 372
Membership: 93; Present: 90;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

118* FA003

Subject: Membership of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration.
Petition: FA-10895-0708-D
Page in Advance DCA: 372
Membership: 93; Present: 90;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

119* FA004

Subject: Publishing interests of the General Board of Publication.
Petition: FA-11028-1701-D
Page in Advance DCA: 385
Membership: 93; Present: 92;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

120* FA008

Subject: Directors and Trustees of the United Methodist Publishing House.
Petition: FA-11030-1710-D
Page in Advance DCA: 386
Membership: 93; Present: 92;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

121* FA011

Subject: Property, assets and income of The United Methodist Publishing House.
Petition: FA-11034-1719-D
Page in Advance DCA: 387
Membership: 93; Present: 92;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

122* FA016

Subject: Funding Church Building Facilities and Programs for Accessibility.
Petition: FA-10106-0709-D
Page in Advance DCA: 372
Membership: 93; Present: 90;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Paragraph 709.6 delete "for its action and decision" and revise "to assist" to read "and assisting"

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

123* FA018

Subject: Membership of the Conference Audit Review Committee.
Petition: FA-10820-0713-D
Page in Advance DCA: 373
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

124* FA019

Subject: Funding to Local Churches for Accessible Buildings and Programs.
Petition: FA-10107-0709-D
Page in Advance DCA: 372
Membership: 93; Present: 90;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence, because of concurrence on Petition FA-10106.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

125* FA020

Subject: Church-Wide Study of Justice and Equity Issues Related to Clergy Salary and Support.
Petition: FA-11711-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1164
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

126 FA037

Subject: Authorization for an Annual Conference to Form a Basic Salary Plan.
Petition: FA-11710-0721-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1148
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 61; Against: 24; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

127* **FA038**
Subject: World Service and Conference Benevolence Budget. Amend para. 710.3D.
Petition: FA-10008-0710-D
Page in Advance DCA: 372
Membership: 93; Present: 90;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

128* **FA039**
Subject: World Service and Conference Benevolences Budget.
Petition: FA-10197-0710-D
Page in Advance DCA: 372
Membership: 93; Present: 90;
For: 87; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

129 **FA040**
Subject: World Service and Conference Benevolence.
Petition: FA-11120-0710-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1146
Membership: 93; Present: 90;
For: 81; Against: 7; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

130* **FA041**
Subject: Church wide study of clergy salary and support structure.
Petition: FA-11432-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1166
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

131* **FA042**
Subject: Commission or study group to examine the method of determining salaries for pastors of local UMCs.
Petition: FA-11135-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1164
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

132* **FA043**
Subject: Study of Clergy Salary and Support Structure.
Petition: FA-10336-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 471
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

133* **FA045**
Subject: Provision for adequate and fair clergy compensation.
Petition: FA-11262-0720-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1147
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 80; Against: 3; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

134* **FA046**
Subject: Basic Salary Plan for Clergy.
Petitions: FA-10198-0721-D, FA-10199-0721-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 374, 374.
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 80; Against: 3; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

135* **FA047**
Subject: Responsibilities of Annual Conference Council on Ministries.
Petition: FA-12099-0709-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1145
Membership: 93; Present: 90;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence, because of concurrence on Petition FA-10106.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

136* **FA048**
Subject: Responsibilities of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration.
Petition: FA-12064-0709-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1145
Membership: 93; Present: 90;
For: 86; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

137 **FA049**
Subject: Conference Council on Finance and Administration.
Petition: FA-11561-0709-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1145
Membership: 93; Present: 90;
For: 77; Against: 10; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

138* **FA052**
Subject: Basic Salary Plan.
Petition: FA-10329-0718-D
Page in Advance DCA: 373
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 80; Against: 3; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

139* **FA054**
Subject: Apportionments.
Petition: FA-10109-0711-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1146
Membership: 93; Present: 90;
For: 87; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

140* **FA057**
Subject: Clergy Support.
Petition: FA-11679-0717-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1147
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 80; Against: 3; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

141 FA060 (MR)

Subject: Limit the General Church Apportionments.
Petition: FA-12255-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1161
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 68; Against: 17; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Change final period to a comma and add:

with the provision that any additional funding approved by the General Conference must be included within this cap of $448,928,000 for the '93 - '96 quadrennium.

Minority Report

At this moment in history, it is imperative that the United Methodist Church move forward in its ministry and mission. This requires bold new initiatives and prayerful response to the leading of the Spirit. Instead of being a call for action, the majority report is a call for retreat.

The majority report would require cutting programs and staff because of escalating costs of pensions and health care and the impact of inflation. These cuts would be added to reductions in both staff and program which have already been made.

The majority report could affect the Black College, the Ministerial Education, and the Africa University Funds, as well as funding for General Church boards and agencies.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the General Conference adopt a budget cap for the 1993-96 quadrennium of $472,000,000, which is based on a 2% per year increase (or 8.24% for the quadrennium) using the 1992 budget as a base.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

142 FA062

Subject: Reporting Pastor's Expenses in the Annual Conference Journal.
Petition: FA-11762-0724-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1149
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 69; Against: 15; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence amended as follows:

delete "housing" and substitute **"housing allowance in lieu of a parsonage,"**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

143* FA069

Subject: Clergy Support.
Petitions: FA-10110-0719-D, FA-12214-0719-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 374, 1147.
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 84; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

144* FA071

Subject: Justice issues of clergy salary system.
Petitions: FA-10338-3000-R, FA-10389-3000-R, FA-11518-3000-R.
Pages in Advance DCA: 489, 490, 1165.
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 79; Against: 5; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

145* FA072

Subject: Basic Salary Plan for Clergy.
Petition: FA-10112-0722-D
Page in Advance DCA: 374
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 80; Against: 3; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

146* FA073

Subject: Share Salary Option.
Petitions: FA-11681-0725-D, FA-12028-0725-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1150, 1150.
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 80; Against: 3; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

147* FA075

Subject: Shared Salary Options.
Petition: FA-11680-0725-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1150
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 80; Against: 3; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

148* FA076

Subject: Church-wide study of clergy salary/support structure.
Petition: FA-11209-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1165
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

149* FA077

Subject: Basic salary plan for active and itinerant local pastors.
Petition: FA-11201-0722-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1149
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 80; Against: 3; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

150* FA078

Subject: Basic Salary Plan.
Petition: FA-10340-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 489
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

151* FA080

Subject: Historically Black Colleges Related to the UMC and the Black College Fund.
Petition: FA-11912-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 1163
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;

Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

152* FA081

Subject: The Apportionments.
Petition: FA-12213-0711-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1161
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

153* FA082

Subject: Reduction of Denominational Budget and Bureaucracy.
Petition: FA-10335-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 493
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

154 FA084 (MR)

Subject: Report of Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Relocating to the GBGM.
Petition: FA-10513-3000-S
Page in Advance DCA: 364
Membership: 93; Present: 92;
For: 51; Against: 40; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.
The chair of the Task Force to study the Feasibility of Relocation of the GBGM and members designated by him to present the report and recommendations to the plenary of the General Conference.

MINORITY REPORT

We request the 1992 General Conference to re-affirm New York City as the headquarters location of the General Board of Global Ministries.
To move the General Board of Global Ministries from New York City would signal a retreat from the Church's commitment to inclusive community and racial justice. It would negate our response as delegates at this General Conference to the hurt, pain and anguish of the peoples within our cities.
The report of the task force does not assure us of savings in operational costs and states that a 20 year recouping of the initial costs of 9 million dollars to move this agency is justified. Persons in financial institutions require pay back for such expenditures to be no more than 5 years. We should do no less!
We find it unconscionable for this General Conference to consider putting a cap on the total apportioned funds and at the same time seek to move this general agency with funds from undetermined sources that appear not to be available for the mission of the church.
We acknowledge that there are accountability and responsibility concerns regarding the General Board of Global Ministries that must be addressed, but we do not believe that moving the General Board of Global Ministries would resolve these issues.
Therefore, we recommend that New York City continue to be the headquarters location of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

155 FA085

Subject: Location of the General Board of Global Ministries.
Petitions: FA-10306-3000-R, FA-10729-3000-R, FA-11829-3000-R, FA-12296-3000-R, FA-12297-3000-R, FA-12298-3000-R.
Pages in Advance DCA: 371, 370, 1167, 1169, 1167, 1167.
Membership: 93; Present: 92;
For: 53; Against: 23; Not Voting: 16;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

156 FA086

Subject: Support Relocating the GBGM.
Petitions: FA-10303-3000-R, FA-10304-3000-R, FA-10305-3000-R, FA-11079-3000-R, FA-11080-3000-R, FA-11081-3000-R, FA-11082-3000-R, FA-11264-3000-R, FA-12081-3000-R, FA-12289-3000-R, FA-12290-3000-R, FA-12291-3000-R, FA-12292-3000-R, FA-12293-3000-R, FA-12294-3000-R, FA-12295-3000-R.
Pages in Advance DCA: 370, 371, 371, 1168, 1168, 1168, 1168, 1168, 1168, 1169, 1169, 1169, 1169, 1169, 1169.
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 70; Against: 6; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence because of our recommendation for concurrence on Task Force Report and its Recommendations, Petition FA10513.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

157 FA087

Subject: Council of Bishops Appoint Study Committee on Apportionments System.
Petition: FA-11834-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1162
Membership: 93; Present: 87;
For: 77; Against: 7; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

158* FA089

Subject: Equitable salary for full-time and student pastors and ministers.
Petition: FA-11161-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1164
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

159* FA091

Subject: The Equitable Salary Fund.
Petition: FA-10897-0722-D
Page in Advance DCA: 375
Membership: 93; Present: 90;
For: 87; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

160* FA095

Subject: Clergy Compensation Form for Use in the United Methodist Church.
Petition: FA-12237-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1175
Membership: 93; Present: 85;
For: 75; Against: 2; Not Voting: 8;

Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

161* FA096

Subject: Funds for Task Forces.
Petition: FA-11931-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1162
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 76; Against: 5; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

162 FA097

Subject: Accessibility Grants to Local Churches.
Petition: FA-11831-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1173
Membership: 93; Present: 87;
For: 78; Against: 7; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

163 FA098

Subject: Continuation of accessibility grants to local Churches.
Petition: FA-11043-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 494
Membership: 93; Present: 87;
For: 78; Against: 6; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

164* FA099

Subject: Financial Support for Country and Rural Churches.
Petition: FA-12216-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1174
Membership: 93; Present: 87;
For: 81; Against: 3; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

165* FA100

Subject: Clergy status for income tax purposes.
Petition: FA-11431-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1165
Membership: 93; Present: 87;
For: 84; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

166* FA102

Subject: District Listing in the General Minutes.
Petition: FA-10360-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 219
Membership: 93; Present: 87;
For: 79; Against: 5; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

167* FA103

Subject: Committee on church owned agriculture land.
Petition: FA-11208-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1173
Membership: 93; Present: 88;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

168* FA104

Subject: Church Owned Agricultural and other rural property.
Petition: FA-12318-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 1174
Membership: 93; Present: 88;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

169* FA106

Subject: Organization of the General Council on Finance and Administration.
Petition: FA-10899-0905-D
Page in Advance DCA: 377
Membership: 93; Present: 87;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

170* FA107

Subject: Printing and publication of official forms and records.
Petition: FA-11026-0905-D
Page in Advance DCA: 378
Membership: 93; Present: 87;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

171* FA110

Subject: Homosexuality: Funding of Gay Caucus or Group.
Petition: FA-10118-0906-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1152
Membership: 93; Present: 79;
For: 71; Against: 4; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence because of recommendation for concurrence on Petition FA10202 which retains the present language of Par. 906.12 and adds a new sentence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

172* FA118

Subject: Funding "Gay" Caucus on Groups.
Petition: FA-10202-0906-D
Page in Advance DCA: 379
Membership: 93; Present: 88;
For: 79; Against: 5; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

173* FA127

Subject: The Ministerial Education Fund.
Petition: FA-12271-0921-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1156
Membership: 93; Present: 84;
For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

174* FA128

Subject: Repayment of Service Loans.
Petition: FA-12270-0921-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1156
Membership: 93; Present: 85;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;

Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:
Paragraph 921.1 3rd line, ~~"would"~~ to "may"

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

175* FA129
Subject: The Temporary General Aid Fund.
Petition: FA-10901-0920-D
Page in Advance DCA: 380
Membership: 93; Present: 87;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

176 FA130
Subject: The World Service Fund.
Petition: FA-11074-0912-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1155
Membership: 93; Present: 87;
For: 74; Against: 10; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

177* FA131
Subject: Removal of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.
Petition: FA-12317-0911-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1154
Membership: 93; Present: 87;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

178* FA132
Subject: Direct Support of Missionaries.
Petitions: FA-11376-0911-D, FA-11827-0911-D, FA-11828-0911-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1154, 1154, 1154.
Membership: 93; Present: 87;
For: 83; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

179 FA133
Subject: Separate World Service Funds from Conference Benevolences Funds.
Petition: FA-11605-0710-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1146
Membership: 93; Present: 88;
For: 74; Against: 11; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

180* FA134
Subject: General College and Mission University Fund.
Petition: FA-11078-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1166
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

181* FA135
Subject: Formula for apportionments.
Petition: FA-11562-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1163
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 82; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

182* FA136
Subject: The Black College Fund.
Petition: FA-12030-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1163
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

183* FA137
Subject: No curb on discussion on homosexuality.
Petition: FA-12310-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1162
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

184 FA139
Subject: Special Sundays With Offering.
Petition: FA-10533-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 320
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

185* FA140
Subject: Directives for the Administration of the General Funds.
Petition: FA-10534-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 321
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 82; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

186* FA141
Subject: Income From the Board of Trustees.
Petition: FA-10535-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 323
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 83; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

187* FA142
Subject: Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy.
Petition: FA-10536-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 323
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

188* FA144

Subject: Budget of the General Council on Finance and Administration.
Petition: FA-10538-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 329
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 81; Against: 1; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

189* FA145

Subject: Reports and Recommendations presented with other General Agencies.
Petition: FA-10539-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 329
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 82; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

190* FM001

Subject: Report on the Study of Homosexuality.
Petition: FM-10865-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 265
Membership: 97; Present: 96;
For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

On page 279 DCA Vol 1, add to recommendation #1: ...across the whole church. **An annotated bibliography is to be added to this report.**

On page 279 DCA Vol 1, delete recommendation #2 and substitute the following: **We recommend the development of resources consistent with the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church which support ministry to homosexual persons by individuals, groups, local churches, annual conferences, and the general church.**

On page 279 DCA Vol 1, amend recommendation #3: To this end, we recommend that the United Methodist Publishing House develop **these** study materials and resources ~~to provide the church with ways to use and study the issue of homosexuality and its relation to the church~~.

On pages 279-80 DCA Vol 1, amend recommendation #4: We also recommend that the 1992 General Conference establish an Advisory Committee of eight (8) persons representing diverse points of view, including scholars, **pastors**, and educators, to consult and work with The United Methodist Publishing House in the development of the resource and study materials recommended above. **If a practicing homosexual is on the Advisory Committee, the Committee shall also include a person who has abandoned that lifestyle.** This Advisory Committee will be named by ~~the General Conference on Ministries and~~ the Council of Bishops, and will be funded by ~~a budget agreed upon by the General Council on Ministries and the General Council on Finance and Administration, in consultation with~~ the United Methodist Publishing House.

On page 280 DCA Vol 1, delete recommendation #5.

On page 280 DCA Vol 1, delete the following from recommendation #6: ...their rightful claims ~~in same sex relationships~~ where they have...

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191 FM002 (MR)

Subject: Human Sexuality. Retain the present wording of 71 F.
Petition: FM-10193-0071-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1131
Membership: 97; Present: 96;
For: 55; Against: 38; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

Minority Report

The undersigned wish to present a minority report to the action taken on Petition Number FM-10193-71D. We propose the following as a replacement for the last two sentences of Paragraph 71F of the 1988 Discipline:

"We acknowledge with humility that the church has been unable to arrive at a common mind on the compatibility of homosexual practice with Christian faith. Many consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching. Others believe it acceptable when practiced in a context of human caring and covenantal faithfulness. The church seeks further understanding through continued prayer, study, and pastoral experience. In doing so, the church continues to affirm that God's grace is bestowed on all, and that the members of Christ's body are called to be in ministry for and with one another, and to the world."

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192* GJ021

Subject: Native American Awareness Sunday.
Petition: GJ-12135-0274-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1179
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 73; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

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193* GJ023

Subject: Life Style Covenant Sunday.
Petition: GJ-11052-0274-D
Page in Advance DCA: 651
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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194 GJ026
Subject: Anna Howard Shaw Day.
Petition: GJ-10619-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 680
Membership: 80; Present: 78;
For: 69; Against: 8; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence amended as follows:
Change "shall" to say "may" in last paragraph. 1) Will read **"may set aside".**

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195* GJ028
Subject: Hundred Dollar Holiday.
Petition: GJ-10618-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 672
Membership: 80; Present: 78;
For: 76; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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196* GJ029
Subject: Earth Day Observance.
Petition: GJ-11386-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1198
Membership: 80; Present: 77;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

197* GJ031
Subject: Establishment of Commission on Inclusiveness of Persons with Handicapping Conditions.
Petition: GJ-10693-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 672
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 73; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

198 GJ033
Subject: Report of the Advisory/Coordinating Committee on Older Adults.
Petition: GJ-10861-3000-A$
Page in Advance DCA: 549
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

199* GJ035
Subject: Task Force to Formulate Procedures for Resolving Theological Disputes.
Petition: GJ-11765-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1202
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 73; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

200* GJ036
Subject: Task Force to Study Ways to Resolve Theological Disputes.
Petition: GJ-11945-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1202
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 72; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

201 GJ037
Subject: The Celebration of Pentecost.
Petition: GJ-10986-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 678
Membership: 80; Present: 78;
For: 68; Against: 9; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

202* GJ038
Subject: Service of Revival and Commitment.
Petition: GJ-11615-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1199
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 74; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

203* GJ039
Subject: Special Sunday to Pray for the President of the United States.
Petition: GJ-11520-0273-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1178
Membership: 80; Present: 77;
For: 75; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

204* GJ040
Subject: Establish a "Drug Awareness Sunday".
Petition: GJ-11767-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1203
Membership: 80; Present: 77;
For: 74; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

205* GJ043
Subject: Report on the Book of Resolution.
Petition: GJ-10857-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 542
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

206 GJ044
Subject: "MAY" as Christian Family Month.
Petition: GJ-10971-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 667
Membership: 80; Present: 77;
For: 56; Against: 20; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

207* GJ045
Subject: Report on the Church's Center for Theology and Public Policy.
Petition: GJ-10855-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 541
Membership: 80; Present: 77;
For: 74; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

208* GJ046

Subject: Report on Prison Ministry/Prison Reform.
Petition: GJ-10862-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 553
Membership: 80; Present: 75;
For: 74; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

209* GJ047

Subject: Report of Task Force to Strengthen the Small Membership Church.
Petition: GJ-10791-3000-S
Page in Advance DCA: 640
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 74; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence amended as follows:

In Number VI, on line 1, insert after "Ministry", **"including the possibilities of ecumenical ministry".**

In Number VI, on line 6, insert after "connectional", **"and/or ecumenical".**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

210 GJ070

Subject: Administrative and Judicial Procedures Manual.
Petition: GJ-10691-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 618
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

211 GJ072

Subject: The General Council on Ministries.
Petition: GJ-11639-1001-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1186
Membership: 80; Present: 71;
For: 61; Against: 6; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

212 GJ073

Subject: Continue the General Council on Ministries.
Petition: GJ-11568-1001-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1188
Membership: 80; Present: 73;
For: 65; Against: 5; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

213* GJ075

Subject: Report on the Study of Connectional Issues.
Petition: GJ-10852-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 535
Membership: 80; Present: 75;
For: 74; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

214 GJ083

Subject: Report and Recommendation for 1993-96 Quadrennial Theme and Three Special Programs.
Petition: GJ-10851-3000-A$
Page in Advance DCA: 512
Membership: 80; Present: 73;
For: 69; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence amended as follows:

Quadrennial Theme Budget: Change $500,000 to $300,000.

Campus Ministry: Change $1,000,000 to $958,600; $500,000 from Apportioned Funds and $458,600 from Agency World Service allocation.

Substance Abuse: Change $1,000,000 to $2,000,000 from Apportioned Funds, plus additional monies from the Advance.

On page 521, line 2 - Insert "(Connectional and Eccumenical)" between "Ministry" and "In".

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215* GJ087

Subject: Establish a Committee on Older Adult Ministries.
Petition: GJ-10695-0000-D$
Page in Advance DCA: 245
Membership: 80; Present: 78;
For: 74; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

216* GJ088

Subject: Committee on Older Adult Ministries.
Petition: GJ-10818-0000-D
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

217* GJ093

Subject: Task force to Find Cost Savings for All United Methodist Agencies.
Petition: GJ-11307-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1200
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

218* GJ094

Subject: Committee on Older Adult Ministries.
Petition: GJ-11468-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1123
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

219* GJ095

Subject: Committee on Older Adult Ministries.
Petition: GJ-10761-0000-D
Page in Advance DCA: 244
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

220* GJ096
Subject: Establish a Committee on Older Adult Ministry.
Petition: GJ-11299-0000-D$
Page in Advance DCA: 1109
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

221 GJ112
Subject: Report and Recommendation of the Inter-agency Task Force on Aids.
Petition: GJ-10732-3000-S$
Page in Advance DCA: 660
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 74; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

222* GJ116
Subject: Report on 1988 General Conference "Unfinished Business".
Petition: GJ-10892-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 613
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

223* GJ119
Subject: Report to GCFA on Needs of General Program Agencies from World Service Fund.
Petition: GJ-10888-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 607
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

224* GJ120
Subject: Report on Biblical and Theological Language.
Petition: GJ-10886-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 597
Membership: 80; Present: 75;
For: 67; Against: 2; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

225* GJ125
Subject: Report on Referral Preparation for the 1992 General Conference.
Petition: GJ-10884-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 596
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

226 GJ192
Subject: Membership Guidelines for the Judicial Council.
Petition: GJ-10669-2601-D
Page in Advance DCA: 625
Membership: 80; Present: 66;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:
Add at end of petition: **This paragraph shall become effective immediately upon passage by the General Conference.**

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227 GJ193
Subject: Alternate Membership of the Judicial Council.
Petition: GJ-10670-2602-D
Page in Advance DCA: 625
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:
Add at end of paragraph: **This paragraph shall become effective immediately upon passage by the general conference."**

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228 HE004
Subject: Responsibilities to General and Annual Conferences.
Petition: HE-10392-1514-D
Page in Advance DCA: 748
Membership: 78; Present: 66;
For: 46; Against: 19; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

229* HE005
Subject: General Responsibilities of the Division of Higher Education.
Petition: HE-10391-1513-D
Page in Advance DCA: 748
Membership: 78; Present: 65;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

230* HE006
Subject: Responsibilities to Institutions.
Petition: HE-10393-1515-D
Page in Advance DCA: 748
Membership: 78; Present: 72;
For: 71; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:
Amend 1515.1d remove semi-colon (second line), insert period after "support."
Move 1515.1e to 1514.6

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231 HE008
Subject: Duties of the General Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry.
Petition: HE-11219-1506-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1230
Membership: 78; Present: 71;
For: 59; Against: 10; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

232* HE009
Subject: Central Conference members of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry.
Petition: HE-11976-1507-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1230
Membership: 78; Present: 71;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

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233 HE010
Subject: Accountability of Methodist Seminaries.
Petition: HE-11950-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1235
Membership: 78; Present: 69;
For: 56; Against: 13; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

234* HE011
Subject: Requirements for seminary teachers.
Petition: HE-11096-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1234
Membership: 78; Present: 71;
For: 69; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

235 HE012
Subject: United Methodist Schools of Theology.
Petition: HE-10644-1531-D
Page in Advance DCA: 750
Membership: 78; Present: 65;
For: 58; Against: 6; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

236 HE013
Subject: Chairs of Town and Country Ministry at United Methodist Seminaries.
Petition: HE-11721-1530-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1233
Membership: 78; Present: 71;
For: 48; Against: 19; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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237* HE014
Subject: Schools of Theology.
Petition: HE-11489-1531-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1233
Membership: 78; Present: 71;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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238* HE018
Subject: Accountability of the Theological Schools.
Petition: HE-11571-1530-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1233
Membership: 78; Present: 71;
For: 67; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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239* HE020
Subject: Purpose of the Schools of Theology.
Petition: HE-11488-1530-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1233
Membership: 78; Present: 71;
For: 70; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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240* HE027
Subject: Affiliation of Theological Seminaries.
Petitions: HE-10131-1519-D, HE-11620-1519-D, HE-12280-1519-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1232, 1232, 1233.
Membership: 78; Present: 64;
For: 59; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

241* HE031
Subject: Purposes and Objectives of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry.
Petition: HE-10395-1518-D
Page in Advance DCA: 749
Membership: 78; Present: 65;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence.

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242 HE032
Subject: Purposes and Objectives of University Senate.
Petitions: HE-10130-1518-D, HE-10214-1518-D, HE-11220-1518-D, HE-11619-1518-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1232, 749, 1232, 1232.
Membership: 78; Present: 64;
For: 56; Against: 8; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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243 HE036
Subject: Scholarship Endowment Fund.
Petition: HE-10373-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 751
Membership: 78; Present: 65;
For: 54; Against: 10; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Whereas, the 1988 General Conference authorized the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry to develop a "$100,000,000 Scholarship Endowment Fund, the income of which will be used for scholarships for United Methodist students" (1988 Daily Christian Advocate, Advance Edition, page F-58). Administration of the fund and details of its establishment, including specific formulas for distribution and eligibility were to be left to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, who originally brought the proposal to the General Conference.

~~When the proposal to establish the fund was presented to General Conference, it was reported that the Division of Higher Education had tentatively discussed allotting 90 percent of the fund's income for United Methodist students attending United Methodist schools and colleges and 10 percent for United Methodist students attending non-UM institutions, but that final details of this nature would be worked out by the Division and the Board of Higher Education and Ministry.~~

~~An amendment was made on the floor of General Conference to restrict the fund only to students attending United Methodist institutions. This amendment was defeated by a 578 to 344 vote (Daily Christian Advocate, May 4, 1988, page 474), or 63 percent~~

~~voting against restricting the scholarships to only United Methodist schools, and~~

~~Whereas, at its fall 1988 meeting, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, apparently disregarding the position taken by the 1988 General Conference, approved a plan for the $100,000,000 Scholarship Fund that would limit funds solely to United Methodist students attending United Methodist schools.~~

~~Thus, the current structure of the fund, appears to make it a fund for United Methodist schools and colleges, more than for United Methodist students. While both our schools and our students are worthy of support, the intent and wishes of the General Conference seem to have been neglected.~~

Therefore, be it resolved, that General Conference direct that a portion of income from the $100,000,000 Scholarship Endowment Fund authorized by the 1988 General Conference be made available for scholarship for United Methodist students attending non-United Methodist institutions, and to charge the General Board of Higher Education and ministry and Division of Higher Education with establishing and administering fund guidelines which provide for at least 10 percent of fund scholarship monies to be allotted to United Methodist students at non-United Methodist schools **provided that funds are available without restriction from the donor.**

Applicants shall be certified by their local church pastor as having been an active member of a local UMC for at least a year prior to the application.

It is the intent of the General Conference that these funds be directed only to fulltime students in accredited undergraduate institutions, and not to those in preparatory schools, seminaries or pursuing other graduate degrees.

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244* HE037

Subject: Development of Programs on Campus Ministry.
Petition: HE-10374-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 752
Membership: 78; Present: 71;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

2nd paragraph: Therfore, be it resolved, that ~~the Memphis Conference petition~~ the 1992 General Conference ~~to~~ support ...

The petition would then read "be it resolved that the 1992 General Conference supports..."

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245* HE042

Subject: Refer studies of Ministries or Diaconate to General Board of Higher Education.
Petition: HE-11975-1505-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1230
Membership: 78; Present: 71;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

246* IC010

Subject: Membership of the General Commission on Archives and History.
Petition: IC-10629-1804-D
Page in Advance DCA: 812
Membership: 68; Present: 63;
For: 61; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend 1804.2:

2. The commission shall be composed of thirty members in the following manner: thirteen members ~~shall be~~ elected by the General Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops, in which number ~~would include~~ **it is recommended that there be** at least two women, ~~one~~**one** young adult, one youth, ~~and~~two persons from racial and ethnic groups, **and one from the Central Conferences**; two bishops(**one of whom shall come from the Central Conferences**); five presidents of the Jurisdictional Commissions on Archives and History, or where no commission exists or any Disciplinary conflict arises, a person designated by the jurisdictional College of Bishops; and ten additional members elected by the general Commission. ~~Not~~ **It is recommended that not** less than ten of the total ~~shall~~ be women; **and** not less than two ~~shall~~ be persons over sixty-five years of age; not less than four of the members should be from racial and ethnic groups, including one each of the following: Pacific and Asian American, Black American, Hispanic American, and Native American.

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247 IC017

Subject: Racism in Rural Areas.
Petition: IC-10522-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 817
Membership: 68; Present: 62;
For: 57; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Whereas, The United Methodist Church remains largely a segregated institution both in the urban and rural sectors, and

~~Whereas, the isolation of rural populations encourages the segregation of peoples and their institutions,~~

~~Whereas, the rural sectors have continued to ignore the attitudinal aspects of both personal and institutional racism, and~~

Whereas, the populations of rural areas are isolated geographically, we recognize that this geographic isolation often results in a social manifestation that encourages the segregation of peoples and their instititions, and;

Whereas, while we affirm efforts by concerned persons and congregations in our nation's rural areas who are confronting racism in their individual and corporate lives, we must conclude that racism remains endemic in many rural areas, and

Whereas, racism is inherently a human characteristic not conducive to the inclusiveness taught in Christian "Agape" love;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the General Conference of 1992 directs the General Commission on Religion and Race to establish a Task Force for the study of the manifestations of racism, both personally and institutionally, in the rural areas. This Task Force will be representative of Commission members, and representatives from the General Board of Global Ministries, ~~and~~the General Board of Church and Society **and United Methodist Rural Fellowship.** It

ahall consult with persons with specific interest and expertise in amall town and rural communities. The Task Force will identify specific strategies to address the manifestations of racism and note recommendations for action through the General Commission on Religion and Race to appropriate agencies of rural conferences and general agencies. The General Commission on Religion and Race will report to the 1996 General Conference on the accomplishments in this area.

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248* IC018

Subject: Study on Racism in Rural Areas.
Petition: IC-11723-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1247
Membership: 68; Present: 62;
For: 62; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

249* IC019

Subject: Continue General Commission on Religion and Race.
Petition: IC-11577-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1246
Membership: 68; Present: 61;
For: 54; Against: 3; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

250* IC020

Subject: The mass media agenda of our denomination.
Petition: IC-11527-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1249
Membership: 68; Present: 66;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

251* IC021

Subject: Media Release Disclaimer.
Petition: IC-11864-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1249
Membership: 68; Present: 66;
For: 62; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

252* IC027

Subject: Representatives to the World and National Councils of Churches.
Petition: IC-12010-2406-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1243
Membership: 68; Present: 66;
For: 63; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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253* IC028

Subject: Financial Support for the National and World Councils of Churches.
Petition: IC-12011-2407-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1243
Membership: 68; Present: 66;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

254* IC029

Subject: Support Continued Membership in WCC, NCCC, and COCU.
Petition: IC-12109-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1243
Membership: 68; Present: 66;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

255* IC030

Subject: Membership in the National Council of Churches of Christ.
Petition: IC-11166-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1244
Membership: 68; Present: 66;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

256* IC032

Subject: Inclusive History.
Petition: IC-10521-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 816
Membership: 68; Present: 62;
For: 62; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

257* IC033

Subject: History of Racial/Ethnic United Methodists.
Petition: IC-10632-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 816
Membership: 68; Present: 62;
For: 62; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

258* IC034

Subject: Conference Commisaion on Archives and History.
Petition: IC-11221-0738-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1237
Membership: 68; Present: 62;
For: 61; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

259* IC035

Subject: Conference Archives and History.
Petition: IC-11859-0738-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1237
Membership: 68; Present: 62;
For: 62; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

260* IC036

Subject: Duties of the Conference Commission on Archives and History.
Petition: IC-12106-0738-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1237
Membership: 68; Present: 62;

For: 62; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

261* IC037
Subject: Add Cox Memorial United Methodist Church, Hallowell, MA.
Petition: IC-11860-1812-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1238
Membership: 68; Present: 62;
For: 62; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

262* IC038
Subject: Members of Central Conference on General Commission on Archives and History.
Petition: IC-11977-1804-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1238
Membership: 68; Present: 62;
For: 59; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

263* IC050
Subject: Representation from the Central Conferences on Gen. Commission on the Status and Role of Women.
Petition: IC-11982-2204-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1242
Membership: 68; Present: 61;
For: 57; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

264* IC052
Subject: Duties of GCCUIC to the General Board of Global Ministries.
Petition: IC-11623-2001-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1239
Membership: 68; Present: 65;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

265* IC053
Subject: Eliminate General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns.
Petition: IC-10063-2001-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1239
Membership: 68; Present: 66;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

266* IC054
Subject: Representation from Central Conferences on GCCUIC.
Petition: IC-11980-2006-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1240
Membership: 68; Present: 61;
For: 57; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

267* IC055
Subject: Composition of the GCCUIC.
Petition: IC-10647-2006-D
Page in Advance DCA: 814
Membership: 68; Present: 61;
For: 58; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:
substitute the word "four" for the word "five"

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

268* IC056
Subject: Responsibilities of the GCCUIC.
Petition: IC-10646-2003-D
Page in Advance DCA: 814
Membership: 68; Present: 65;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

269* IC057
Subject: The Purpose of the GCCUIC.
Petition: IC-10645-2002-D
Page in Advance DCA: 814
Membership: 68; Present: 66;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

270* IC063
Subject: Pacific Islanders Included as Racial and Ethnic Minority Group.
Petition: IC-10523-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 818
Membership: 68; Present: 62;
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

271* IC064
Subject: Celebrate and Affirm the Work of GCORR.
Petition: IC-11785-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1246
Membership: 68; Present: 61;
For: 58; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:
~~Be it further resolved, that the General Conference mandates the General Commission on Religion and Race to continue working on the elimination of racism and the further development of a racially inclusive church by advocacy, interpretation and monitoring. Also by: 1) developing in cooperation with the General Board of Discipleship, Curriculum Resources and The United Methodist Publishing House resources which will enable understanding and appreciation of the insights, contributions and concerns of each of the racial ethnic minority groups within the church; 2) monitoring and facilitating the incorporation of the Ethnic Minority Local Church into all areas of the denomination, not as assimilation but rather a process of affirmation of diversity together with inter relationships which will shape the character of our ministry and mission; 3) fostering dialogues and better relationships~~

~~among the different racial ethnic minority groups and their sub-groups.~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

272* IC066

Subject: Representation of Central Conferences on General Commission on Religion and Race.
Petition: IC-11981-2103-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1241
Membership: 68; Present: 61;
For: 57; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

273* IC067

Subject: Continue the General Commission on Religion and Race.
Petition: IC-11574-2101-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1241
Membership: 68; Present: 61;
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

274* IC068

Subject: Duties of GCRR to the GBCS.
Petition: IC-11624-2101-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1241
Membership: 68; Present: 61;
For: 60; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

275* IC069

Subject: Strengthening General Commission on Religion Race.
Petition: IC-10315-2102-D
Page in Advance DCA: 815
Membership: 68; Present: 61;
For: 60; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

276* IC071

Subject: Conference Commission on Religion and Race.
Petition: IC-11223-0740-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1237
Membership: 68; Present: 61;
For: 59; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

277* IC072

Subject: Conference Commission on Religion and Race.
Petition: IC-10554-0740-D
Page in Advance DCA: 809
Membership: 68; Present: 62;
For: 61; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

278* IC073

Subject: Responsibilities of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns.
Petition: IC-11140-2003-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1239
Membership: 68; Present: 65;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:
~~Church Society~~**Church and Society**
Add entire petition as paragraph 2003.11 and renumber the subsequent paragraphs.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

279* IC079

Subject: Terminology Task Force to the GCORR.
Petition: IC-10514-3000-S
Page in Advance DCA: 780
Membership: 68; Present: 58;
For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

280* IC080

Subject: Eradication of language that promotes divisiveness, segregation or racism.
Petition: IC-11168-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1246
Membership: 68; Present: 58;
For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

281* IC081

Subject: Eradication of Racism.
Petition: IC-11388-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1246
Membership: 68; Present: 60;
For: 59; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

282* IC084

Subject: Opposing the Incorrect use of the Word "Ethnic".
Petition: IC-10621-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 817
Membership: 68; Present: 57;
For: 56; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

283* IC085

Subject: Concordat Agreements.
Petition: IC-11956-0653-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1019
Membership: 68; Present: 61;
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

284* IC086

Subject: Act of Covenant Between the United Methodist Church and other Churches.
Petition: IC-12452-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 68; Present: 62;
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8
Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

~~Iglesia Evangelica National Methodista Primtiva de Guatemala~~
Iglesia Evangelica Nacional Metodista Primitiva de Guatemala

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285* IC095

Subject: Organization and Membership of the Commission on Communication.
Petition: IC-12177-1906-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1238
Membership: 68; Present: 66;
For: 63; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

286* LC002

Subject: The Mission and Ministry of the Church.
Petition: LC-10841-0103-D
Page in Advance DCA: 828
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/6

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Para. 103: Delete ~~"Inclusiveness means openness, acceptance, and support which enables all persons to participate in the life of the church, the community, and the world.~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

287* LC004

Subject: The Challenge of Doing Mission and Ministry.
Petition: LC-10842-0112-D
Page in Advance DCA: 828
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/6

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

288* LC006

Subject: Affirmation and stress of clergy.
Petition: LC-11170-0112-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1250
Membership: 89; Present: 71;
For: 69; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/6

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

289* LC007

Subject: Guidelines for the church library.
Petition: LC-11124-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1268
Membership: 89; Present: 84;
For: 80; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

290* LC009

Subject: Coordinator of Scouting Ministry.
Petition: LC-12282-0258-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1266
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/6

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

291 LC010

Subject: The work area of the Chairperson of Worship.
Petition: LC-10781-0261-D
Page in Advance DCA: 843
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 72; Against: 9; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

The work area chairperson of worship shall aid all within the congregation to understand the meaning, purpose and practice of worship. (a) The chairperson shall cooperate with the pastor and other persons responsible for worship in planning for worship using such resources as The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), Book of Worship (1992), and other racially ethnic supplemental worship material with other resources including those provided by The General Board of Discipleship, Section on Worship. This cooperative planning, led by the pastor, and done at least quarterly, shall outline all worship services including the use of scripture, music and special services. (b) The work area chairperson shall encourage and support the recognition and support of musicians in the local congregation, and discover and develop persons to serve as church musicians. This responsibility may also include teaching persons of all ages or heritage of song and the use of music in worship. (c) Provided that a committee or work area on Spiritual Formation does not exist, the Chairperson of Worship shall promote and foster regular individual and family spiritual formation using the resources of the General Board of Discipleship, especially the Upper Room. (d) In addition, the chairperson should cooperate with the pastor to encourage the study of worship by individuals and groups; should cooperate with the pastor to plan for the ministry of lay persons as worship leaders; should cooperate with the pastor to care for furnishings, paraments and sacramental elements for congregational worship; should cooperate with the pastor to enable the congregation to experience the worship style and contributions of various racial and ethnic groups; should cooperate with the pastor to recommend the placement and use of memorial gifts for worship; should cooperate with the pastor to encourage wider use and understanding of visual arts, dramatic arts, and architectural design as expressions of faith and means of proclamation of the gospel.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

292* LC011

Subject: The Basic Membership of the Council on Ministries.
Petition: LC-10780-0258-D
Page in Advance DCA: 842
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 78; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/6

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Delete: ~~"The basic membership of the C.O.M. shall include the following in so far as the office and relationships exist within the local church: the Pastor and other staff persons who are engaged in program work, the chairperson of the Administrative Board; the lay leader; the president of the United Methodist Women; the president of the United Methodist Men; the superintendent of the church school; the director of church music, provided that the person is a full, affiliate, or an associate member of the United~~

~~Methodist Church; the coordinate of age levels..."~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

293 LC012

Subject: Establishment of a Volunteer Work Area.
Petition: LC-11103-0260-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1267
Membership: 89; Present: 87;
For: 64; Against: 16; Not Voting: 7;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

ammend para.260: delete proposed wording and add **Chairperson of Community Volunteers** following "Chairperson of Church and Society."

paragraph 260 in Discipline needs to be changed. Change name of petition to **WORK AREA ON COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS.** Please note para. 261.2

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294* LC013

Subject: Shared church facilities.
Petition: LC-11340-2552-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1276
Membership: 89; Present: 83;
For: 79; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/6

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

295* LC015

Subject: Charge or Cooperative Parish Board of Trustees.
Petition: LC-11881-2527-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1273
Membership: 89; Present: 84;
For: 81; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

line 4 of petition put a period . following the word parsonage.

delete: ~~"beyond their % of contributions to minor capital improvements made during their time on the charge.~~

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296* LC016

Subject: Local Church Board of Trustees.
Petition: LC-10919-2524-D
Page in Advance DCA: 847
Membership: 89; Present: 80;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

297 LC017

Subject: Duties of the Work Area Chairperson of Church and Society.
Petition: LC-10580-0261-D
Page in Advance DCA: 843
Membership: 89; Present: 87;
For: 69; Against: 8; Not Voting: 10;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Add a 261.3 **Work Area Chairperson of Community Volunteers:**

The Community Volunteer Work Area chairperson shall keep the Council of Ministries aware of the purpose and needs of volunteering in the local community and of the involvement of the church members in volunteering. This work area shall develop an understanding of the talents and skills of the church members and make them aware of matching opportunities for the giving of personal service; maintain liaison between the church, its members and established social concern agencies within the community; and promote volunteering as a benefit to the church, the individual volunteer and the agencies as an expression of our Christian concern.

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298* LC020

Subject: Responsibilities of the Chairperson of Worship.
Petition: LC-10140-0261-D
Page in Advance DCA: 843
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 72; Against: 4; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/6

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

299 LC047

Subject: Rights of Persons with Handicapping Conditions.
Petition: LC-10146-2543-D
Page in Advance DCA: 848
Membership: 89; Present: 67;
For: 57; Against: 10; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

change ~~totally~~ accessible to **reasonably** accessible

amend petition 10146: **paragraph (D)**insert the word **"Newly constructed"** ahead of parsonages.

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300* LC048

Subject: Fair share of property in a realignment charge.
Petition: LC-11315-2527-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1272
Membership: 89; Present: 84;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

301* LC049

Subject: Repairs and Upkeep of Church Property.
Petition: LC-12257-2542-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1274
Membership: 89; Present: 85;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

302* LC050

Subject: Merger of Local UM Churches.
Petition: LC-10235-2545-D
Page in Advance DCA: 849
Membership: 89; Present: 83;
For: 81; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

303* LC051

Subject: Unincorporated Local Church Property.
Petition: LC-10922-2539-D
Page in Advance DCA: 848
Membership: 89; Present: 80;
For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

304* LC052

Subject: Incorporated Local Church Property Sale, Lease, Transfer, or Mortgage.
Petition: LC-10714-2540-D
Page in Advance DCA: 848
Membership: 89; Present: 80;
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

add: **"United Methodist"** to last sentence between "both" and "congregations"

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305* LC053

Subject: Local church property.
Petition: LC-11229-2532-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1273
Membership: 89; Present: 80;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

306* LC054

Subject: Powers and Limitations of the Board of Trustees.
Petition: LC-10145-2532-D
Page in Advance DCA: 847
Membership: 89; Present: 79;
For: 77; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

307 LC055

Subject: Local Church Board of Trustees.
Petition: LC-10233-2532-D
Page in Advance DCA: 848
Membership: 89; Present: 72;
For: 52; Against: 17; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

308* LC056

Subject: The Terms of Trustees, Directors, and Boards.
Petition: LC-10920-2529-D
Page in Advance DCA: 847
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

309* LC057

Subject: Discontinuation or abandonment of local church property.
Petition: LC-11046-2548-D
Page in Advance DCA: 849
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

310* LC058

Subject: New Buildings and Parsonages.
Petition: LC-12114-2543-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1274
Membership: 89; Present: 74;
For: 74; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

311* LC059

Subject: Planning requirements for local church building.
Petition: LC-11583-2543-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1274
Membership: 89; Present: 73;
For: 67; Against: 5; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

312* LC060

Subject: Planning and financing requirements for local church buildings.
Petition: LC-11102-2543-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1274
Membership: 89; Present: 71;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

313 MN001

Subject: Referral to Council of Bishops – Study of Ministry
Petition: MN-11023-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 882
Membership: 98; Present: 92;
For: 54; Against: 34; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/6

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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Proceedings of the 1992 General Conference of The United Methodist Church

Committee On Journal Report

The Committee on Journal hereby certifies as accurate, with the following corrections, the proceedings as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for Friday May 8, 1992.

Daily Edition, p. 179, col. 1, par. 5--Substitute "I'm prepared to . . . I think that's germane to the main motion." for "I'm prepared to remain. . ."

Daily Edition, p. 180, col. 3, par. 3--Substitute "LAWSON" for "BISHOP LEWIS".

Daily Edition, p. 180, col. 3, par. 9--Substitute "LAWSON" for "BISHOP LEWIS". Begin new par. after "Tex Sample" to read as follows: BISHOP LEWIS: All right, I see someone back by microphone 13. No, the other fellow.

Daily Edition, p. 180, col. 3, par. 10--Substitute "CHARLES O. DUNDAS" for "CHARLIE DENNIS".

H. Sharon Howell,
Chair: Committee on Journal
Section C, row 8

Friday Morning

May 8, 1992

Bishop Elias Galvan, presiding

BISHOP ELIAS GALVAN: Will you please take your seats? Will the conference please be in order? Will you please be in order and address your attention to the stage? Thank you. At this point the chair recognizes Sarah Miller to bring the report of the Committee on Agenda.

SARAH MILLER (Wyoming): Bishop Galvan, on behalf of the Committee on Agenda, I move the adoption of the agenda printed on the first page of today's *DCA*.

BISHOP GALVAN: OK, the motion is properly before you. I see many of you are still moving. Will you please take your seats? There's a motion before you. Are there any questions on the motion? Are you ready to act? Please vote when the light appears. Point of order. Microphone no. 1. State your point of order, name, and conference. Microphone no. 1. We're still not getting, could you go to microphone no. 6?

ARVIN LUCHS (Oregon-Idaho): We have a problem with some voting machines on the row in front of us, and there are some of our delegates who are not able to vote. I'm wondering if the chair would make a decision as to how to handle the disenfranchisement of 3 of our delegates?

BISHOP GALVAN: OK, how did you discover that they cannot vote? Is it that, they just, there's no light on it?

LUCHS: Bishop, the machines have been removed inappropriately, and they were being replaced. I understand that now, during the time that it's taken to do this, they have been finally put back in place.

BISHOP GALVAN: Good, so we can vote now; all right, that's good. OK, are we ready to vote? Yes, at microphone no. 13.

DAVE STANLEY (Iowa): Bishop, could we have a motion read again, please? A lot of us did not hear it and do not know what we are voting on.

BISHOP GALVAN: OK, we'll do that. Will you please do that?

MILLER: On behalf of the Committee on Agenda, I move the adoption of the agenda printed on the first page of today's *DCA*.

BISHOP GALVAN: That's the motion before you. Any questions? Well we're on to the vote. All those, please, vote when the light appears. The motion is approved. Yes 785, no 5, abstention 11. At this point, I will recognize Carolyn Marshall for some nominations. Before we do that, there's someone seeking the microphone, microphone no. 7.

ROBERT PIERSON (Oklahoma): I rise for a personal privilege.

BISHOP GALVAN: Go ahead.

PIERSON: I'm pastor of Christ United Methodist Church in Tulsa, and we're 1 of many churches across our denomination that has a covenant relationship with a missionary. And one of the missionaries that we have a covenant relationship, and that is being a supporting church of that missionary, is our first missionary in Russia, Chris Hena. And we're so excited about the work that Chris is doing there in Moscow, and I spoke to Chris on the telephone Sunday evening, and she told me with excitement that the first congregation that she is working with comes out of a Bible study group, is ready to have their first meeting. About 30 Russian families have organized themselves together to be a new United Methodist church in Moscow. And they're going to have their first worship service together in a rented building that seats about 300 this Sunday, on May the 10th. And I would like to ask, on this day, that we continue in prayer and fasting, that we might have a moment of prayer for that new congregation, that new United Methodist congregation in Moscow; and I would like to ask Bishop Minor if he would lead us in a brief prayer in behalf of that new congregation.

BISHOP GALVAN: OK, this is a request. I guess we can ask Bishop Minor to do that.

BISHOP RUEDIGER MINOR:

(prayer)

BISHOP GALVAN: Amen. At this point I will turn to our secretary for a report on nominations.

CAROLYN MARSHALL: The report of nominations is found on pp. 84-86. This comes from the Council of Bishops, and I would defer to Bishop Talbert to make a comment on that report.

BISHOP MELVIN TALBERT: Bishop Galvan and members of the General Conference, I call your attention to the report of the Nominating Committee from the Council of Bishops, pps. 84-86. This has been a long and arduous process for the Council of Bishops, but I am pleased to report that we've tried to be faithful and very intentional in our efforts to be inclusive of age, of gender, and of race in making these nominations to you. These have been in your hands now for at least 24 hours. As I understand it, our process today is simply to formally present these, and the elections will come later. I call your attention to two items in this list of nominations; that according to

the *Book of Discipline*, this is the only time you will have for adding additional nominations from the floor. And that is for the Judicial Council, which is at the bottom of p. 84 and the top of p. 85, and then for the University Senate, those nominated by the council, the 12 for the General Conference to elect 4 at the bottom of p. 85 and at the top of p. 86. Now before I formally place these before you, I want to make one deletion and one addition. On the top of p. 85 in the Judicial Council, no. 12, would you please strike the name Elizabeth B. Gundlach and then add the name, in place of Elizabeth Gundlach, Lynn Caterson? With that, Bishop Galvan, I formally place before you this list of nominees from the Council of Bishops.

BISHOP GALVAN: The nominations are now before you. Are there any further nominations for the Judicial Council or the University Senate? I recognize the person here in the center, microphone no. 3.

LARRY WILKINSON (Western North Carolina): I would like to place a nomination for the University Senate, Jacob C. Martinson.

BISHOP GALVAN: OK, thank you. Yes, microphone no. 4. I hope you'll be aware that there's no need to make speeches about your nominations; they will be printed in the *DCA*. You'll be able to submit biographical data, so just give us the nominations.

ROBERT CASE (Virginia): I'd like to place a nomination as a clerical delegate, as a clerical member of the Judicial Council, Theodore H. Walter of SC.

BISHOP GALVAN: Thank you; yes, microphone no. 4.

GRAYSON ATHA (West Ohio): Would it be possible to put in the *DCA* the present makeup of the Judicial Council, in relation of male and female and ethnic representation?

BISHOP GALVAN: You're asking for the description of ethnic representation of male and female?

ATHA: Yes, I'd like to know the present makeup of the Judicial Council.

BISHOP GALVAN: Yes, that's possible to do.

ATHA: Thank you very much.

BISHOP GALVAN: Thank you. Nomination, microphone no. 8. Yes, go ahead. Microphone no. 8. Will you go to microphone no. 3, or yes, 3.

JO CARR (Northwest Texas): I would like to place in nomination for the Judicial Council, Edward Hill from Amarillo, TX.

BISHOP GALVAN: OK. Thank you. Are there any more nominations? Yes, here in the front, microphone no. 4.

PHILIP CONNOLLY (West Ohio): I'd like to place in nomination the name of David C. Crago for Judicial Council.

BISHOP GALVAN: Yes, we allow. I recognize this person on my left, microphone no. 1. I think it's fixed now.

JUNE MCCULLOUGH (Southern New Jersey): Point of information. For the information of the body, Lynn Caterson's correct name is Evelynn.

BISHOP GALVAN: OK, thank you for that correction. Way in the back, way in the back, microphone no. 11; I think you'll be closer to that.

JOE PENNEL (Tennessee): Clergy delegate. I'd like to place a nomination. Tom C. Yow for the University Senate.

BISHOP GALVAN: Thank you. There was another card here in the center, microphone no. 12.

JOHN BLACKADAR (New Hampshire): Clergy. I'd like to move that nominations be closed.

BISHOP GALVAN: OK, the margin is too close. There are still some hands that I want to recognize. There are several people who want to make nominations. Unless the body will vote me down, I will need to recognize a few others. I recognize microphone no. 12, way in the back, right there. It's important for you who are trying to reach the floor to hold your cards facing the front, because if they are sideways, it's very difficult for me to see them.

JOSEPH RENNER (Sierra Leone): Clergy. I'd like to nominate for Judiciary, Mr. Quee, David Quee. Q-u-e-e.

BISHOP GALVAN: Thank you, this is for the Judicial Council?

RENNER: Yes, my lord.

BISHOP GALVAN: Thank you, thank you. *Muchas gracias*. Anyone else taking the floor for nominations? I think that's all the nominations, so the nominations are closed. I believe we're ready now to move to the report on the Committee of Courtesies. Is there Phyllis Ferguson?

PHYLLIS FERGUSON (Pacific Northwest): Bishop, I have a resolution from Bishop Ben Oliphint, Bishop Bruce Blake, Bishop Ernest Dixon, Bishop Louis Schowengerdt, and Bishop John Russell. It's a resolution regarding Rev. Spurgeon Dunnam. WHEREAS the Rev. Spurgeon M. Dunnam III led the *United Methodist Reporter* as editor and chief executive from 1969 until his death in 1991; WHEREAS the *United Methodist Reporter* grew under Mr. Dunnam's leadership from a regional publication reaching 80,000 subscribers in Texas to a national news weekly with a circulation of more than 500,000; WHEREAS Mr. Dunnam's strong editorial voice on the pages of the *Reporter* helped set the social agenda for The United Methodist Church during the 1970s and 1980s; WHEREAS Mr. Dunnam was also a well-known leader across the denomination as a delegate to the General Conference from the North Texas Conference, a member of the General Commission on Communication, and a director of the General Board of Global Ministries at the time of his death; WHEREAS the United Methodist Association of Communicators is inducting Mr. Dunnam posthumously into its Communications Hall of Fame today May 8th. Now we therefore, the delegates to the 1992 General Conference assembled in Louisville, KY, honor the life and ministry of Spurgeon M. Dunnam III. We also express appreciation to Dottie Cox Dunnam, his widow, for visiting us this day. That's the end of courtesies, bishop.

BISHOP GALVAN: Thank you very much. OK, at this point we're ready to receive the report of the Committee on Presiding Officers. I recognize Allen Norris.

ALLEN NORRIS (North Carolina): Bishop Galvan and members of the General Conference, the Committee on Presiding Officers wishes to express appreciation to the bishops who have presided thus far in our sessions and certainly, of course, to those who will be presiding in the future. While it is considered an honor to be asked to preside, the task with a group as large and diverse as the General Conference is far from easy, and we are grateful for the leadership that is provided. Now it is my privilege to announce that the presiding bishop for Saturday morning's session will be Bishop Emerito Nacpil of the Philippines.

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Daily Report

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Conference Extends Theme and Approves Hispanic Ministry

United Methodists around the globe now have a theme for 1993-96, three special programs supporting the theme, and a comprehensive new program for ministry with the nation's rapidly expanding Hispanic population.

By a margin of 786 to 139, the General Conference Saturday extended for four more years "Celebrate and Witness" as a theological focus and mission emphasis. The denomination's almost 10 million members are called on to "Celebrate God's Grace" and "Witness for Jesus Christ."

"This theme provides a unity of purpose and coordinates the various emphases of the denomination," the General Council on Ministries said in introducing the proposal. "(It) is a theological premise for ministry as we seek to reclaim our Wesleyan heritage."

More than 50 percent of the United Methodist congregations used the theme for program and ministries during the first two years of the 1989-92 quadrennium, GCOM officials said. A proposed budget of $300,000 to underwrite the theme was referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA).

The special program on campus ministry is intended to help the church relate to increasing numbers of college students. Goals of the effort include linking cam-

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Stanley C. Sager (New Mexico) takes notes during a plenary session. Behind him, delegates from the Central Texas and North Indiana Conferences also keep track of the proceedings.

Agenda

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10:35	a.m.	Calendar Items
12:30	a.m.	Recess
2:30	p.m.	General Council on Ministries: Homosexuality
4:30	p.m.	Acts of Covenant Recognition Service
5:00	p.m.	Recess
7:30	p.m.	Calendar Items
9:25	p.m.	Committee on Agenda Committee on Presiding Officers Announcements
9:30	p.m.	Adjournment

Monday Worship to Feature College Choir

Singing in both of Monday's General Conference worship services is the Philander Smith College "Collegiate" Choir from Little Rock, Ark. Choir director is Stephen L. Hayes and Sharon M. Young is accompanist. The choir will sing at 8:15 a.m. preceding the 8:30 service and will present a pre-service concert at 2 p.m. before the 2:30 p.m. service at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Records documenting the exact beginning of the choir is not known, but available information suggests that a small group of singers born to ex-slaves were organized to be the first singing group on campus. Since that time the choir has continued to grow. In 1934 the choir reached its greatest prominence under the direction of Ruth Helen Gillum. During her tenure, the choir toured extensively and sang for the first time on radio.

The choir has appeared on radio and television programs throughout the nation and is considered one of America's premiere historically Black college concert choirs. In 1991 they sang for the governor's prayer breakfast as well as with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra.

Bishop Elias G. Galvan of the Phoenix Area preaches in the 8:30 a.m. service with Dr. Willard "Buzz" Stevens, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Phoenix, Ariz., serving as liturgist.

At 2:30 p.m., the Rev. Barbara E. Harper, pastor of Valley United Methodist Church, Birmingham, AL, brings the message. Rachel Dickson Cheek, a young adult from Athens, TN, is liturgist.

Serving as organist in the morning worship is Jane Miller, church music consultant for Conrad Music in Louisville. In the afternoon worship, Philip Peters, organist at Sellersburg (IN) United Methodist Church is organist.



The Philander Smith College "Collegiate" Choir will lead singing and worship today. The choir is from Little Rock, Ark.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE CURRICULUM DISPLAY

Questions or concerns about curriculum resources?

Visit the curriculum area of Cokesbury's General Conference store to examine and purchase curriculum resources. A staff consultant is also available to discuss your questions and concerns.

Bits 'n Pieces

These items are in the "Did you know?" department. If you have interesting tidbits to share about delegates or doings, please jot them down and bring them to Barbara Dunlap-Berg at the *DCA* office on the lower level of the convention center.

General Conference is a family affair for Mouzon Biggs Sr., a lay delegate from the Texas Conference, and the Rev. M. Mouzon Biggs Jr., a clergy delegate from the Oklahoma Conference; May C. Chun, a lay delegate from the California-Pacific Conference, and her daughter Patricia Reed, a page from the Virginia Conference; and brothers the Rev. James M. Lawson Jr. and the Rev. Philip C. Lawson, clergy delegates from California-Pacific and California-Nevada conferences respectively.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the United Methodist Association of Communicators: Anne Green Whiting, Boston, editor of *Zion's Herald* and the Southern New England Conference edition of the *United Methodist Reporter*; the Rev. Alvin Horton, Richmond, Va., Virginia Conference editor and communications director; Victoria L. Shearin, Columbia, S.C., South Carolina Conference communications coordinator; and the Rev. Stephen L. Cox, Kansas City, Mo., Missouri West Conference editor and communications director.

Richard L. Evans, Boston Area assistant to the bishop, expressed "thanks to the many United Methodist friends who stopped and offered assistance to my wife Myrna after she fell and broke her hip Wednesday morning outside the convention center. Following surgery later that day, she is recuperating at Methodist Evangelical Hospital," he said.

Sean Hemingway, a high school junior and General Conference observer from Springfield, Mass., penned the following in response to Friday's fast:

To eat, to eat,
The lust to eat.
To suffer, to suffer,
From more than hunger.
The pain is in vain if you don't remind:
The horror and evil of the unjust and unkind.

The Rev. Donald A. Ott, Wisconsin Conference delegate and Agenda Committee chair, is a candidate for the episcopacy.

The Worship Committee appreciates the work of David A. Wiltse, West Michigan Conference reserve lay delegate, who designed and printed the beautiful bulletin for the opening Communion and memorial service. Graphic arts director for the conference since 1977, Wiltse edits *Worship Arts*, the national magazine of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship, Music, and the Other Arts.

Warning to the delegate operating more than one voting key pad. You have been spotted. The Commission on General Conference has not told us whether it will press criminal charges or not. But we advise you to lay low for a while.

Advance Committee Launches 'Children of the Promise'

With video bites providing a colorful backdrop, the General Council on Ministries' Advance Committee is launching "Children of the Promise," a new churchwide emphasis on General Advance ministries with children.

This morning delegates and visitors will see the world premiere of the "Children of the Promise" video. Exclusive, never-before-seen video clips that demonstrate the kite-flying prowess of Bishop Judith Craig (Advance Committee chair) will also be shown.

The delegates' morning coffee break is sponsored by the Advance Committee. The tables will be decorated with beautiful display kites. The tablecloths—with a kite theme—were colored by children at Advance projects in Biloxi, Miss.; Browning, Mont.; Chicago; Little Rock, Ark.; Nashville, Tenn.; and Utica, N.Y. The cookies were baked by youth at the New Hope Bakery, an Advance project in Omaha, Neb.

Throughout the day, the Advance Committee is hosting a "Children of the Promise" open house. Delegates and visitors are invited to visit the Churchill Downs Suite, on the second floor of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, today until 9 p.m. Children's drawings and a variety of photographs are on display.

Open-house visitors will receive complimentary "Children of the Promise" resources, including a colorful, fresh-off-the-press booklet, a kite-shaped button, and an Advance fan.

Free coffee and cookies will be provided at the open house.

—Russell H. Scott



BARBARA DUNLAP-BERG PHOTO

Children paint at Moore Community House, Biloxi, Miss., an Advance project featured in the new "Children of the Promise" video.

United Methodists Take Media Limelight

Delegates may have been too busy to notice, but throughout General Conference, United Methodists have been in the media limelight. General Conference news has appeared on all major network affiliate channels. Live and taped interviews, at the conference site and in studios, have recorded the perspectives and experiences of bishops, delegates, staff, and local organizers via local news, special programs, and talk-show formats.

"All TV crews must be accredited," said Shirley Whipple Struchen, media-placement coordinator. "They have worked to be unobtrusive as the action is going on. During the first week of General Conference, we had two live broadcasts right from the convention center.

Along with presenting an overview of General Conference, radio and TV guests have addressed such topics as abortion, AIDS, the General Board of Global Ministries location, health care, homosexuality, inclusive language, the Los Angeles crisis, and other world events.

Interviewees have included the Rev. Brandon I. Cho, California-Pacific Conference delegate; Bishop Emilio de Carvalho, Luanda, Angola; the Rev. Morris L. Floyd, Affirmation spokesperson; the Rev. Edgar S. Goins Jr., Louisville Conference delegate; the Rev. William H. Hinson, Texas Conference delegate; the Rev. Bernard Keels, Baltimore Conference delegate; Bishop Leontine T.C. Kelly; the Rev. Thomas A. "Andy" Langford III, assistant general secretary, Worship Section, General Board of Discipleship; the Rev. James M. Lawson Jr., California-Pacific Conference delegate.

Also interviewed have been C. David Lundquist, general secretary, General Council on Ministries; Bishop Felton E. May, Harrisburg Area; Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa, Harare, Zimbabwe; Rhoda Peters, Local Arrangements Committee chair; David M. Stanley, Iowa Conference delegate; the Rev. Wallace E. Thomas, Louisville Conference delegate; Bishop Jack M. Tuell, Los Angeles Area; the Rev. Philip J. Wogaman, Baltimore Conference delegate; and the Rev. William Robert Yates, pastor of Harlan (Ky.) United Methodist Church.

Assisting Struchen are Dan Burgess, Philip Hill, and Gregg Tate.

—Barbara Dunlap-Berg

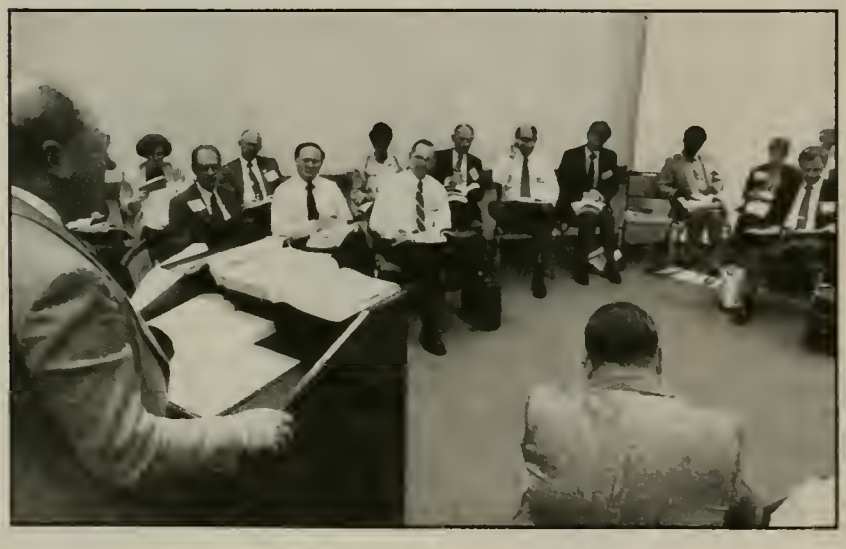
TV Shows U.M. Response to Women in Prison, Homeless Youth

Tune in your hotel room televisions at 7-8 a.m. and 9-10 p.m. today for a showcase of our United Methodist TV ministry.

Awareness of the alarming increase in the number of women in prison—including many single mothers—motivated a United Methodist Women group to provide a ministry to incarcerated women and their children. Their story is told in today's "Why We Care" episode.

"Catch the Spirit" looks at how United Methodist youth are involved in outreach to young people in need in the United States and around the world. The program outlines the Youth Service Fund and takes viewers to the National Youth Ministry Organization annual convention and to the Open Door Shelter, a Youth Service Fund assisted project that offers safe-shelter to homeless young people in Chicago.

Watch these programs on Channel 8, Brown Hotel; Channel 6, Galt House/Galt House East and Holiday Inn Downtown; Channel 4, Hyatt; Channel 14, Seelbach; and check your Visitel Channel listing for other hotels.



Legislative committeee action dominated the closing days of the first week of the General Conference. Discipleship subcommittee one considers its work.

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The Church in the Midst of Turmoil

Yugoslavia Provisional

He requests prayers, patience, Bibles, and diplomatic recognition.

His nation is in an identity crisis. It is not what it was, and it is not yet evident what it will be.

He is Boris K. Trajkovski (Try-kof-ski), 35, an attorney-at-law and lay delegate from Skopje, a city of 600,000 in Macedonia, southernmost province of the former country of Yugoslavia and land of the legendary Alexander the Great.

Born into a Methodist family, Trajkovski participated in international youth conferences and later directed church youth work in Yugoslavia for 12 years. Since then, he has served on the general board of his church. His wife Sara teaches English and works for the television industry. They have a 4 year-old daughter and await the birth of their second child in August.

"Yugoslavia is a country where anything can happen," Trajkovski emphasized, "but the changes are a challenge for us in the churches because the need for spiritual nurture and the opportunity for propagation of the gospel have never been greater."

Among the resources needed for the mission of United Methodists in Macedonia, Trajkovski counts renovation of damaged church buildings and construction of new ones, additional clergy and mission workers, establishment of educational and social programs, distribution of books and literature, development of day- care and retirement centers, a media and press operation, resources for youth, and Bibles. The Skopje layman also desires the prayers, moral support, and resource assistance of the world Methodist community.

"We need the patience of all as we start to work in former Communist regimes to create a new Europe," Trajkovski cautioned. "After 45 years without anything to satisfy spiritual hunger, our people are starved," he said, "and they especially need and want the Bible."

The first translation of the Scriptures in the Macedonian language was published last year, the attorney reported, but it is an edition of the Orthodox Church and unsatisfactory to many Protestants. Many United Methodist leaders hope arrangements can be completed for another edition in the near future.

His country is yet unscarred by the combat that has wracked Slovenia, Croatia, and Bosni-Hercegovina. Macedonia has declared itself an independent republic, but has not been recognized by the powerful Serbian government. Its 2.2 million people are comprised of five major ethnic groups, among them Albanians who seek connection with that country. Unemployment, inflation, and anxiety are high.

Macedonia's 20,000 Methodists gather in about 10 congregations and two house churches. Membership is concentrated in the southeast, according to Trajkovski.

The best possibility for political stability in Macedonia would be its diplomatic recognition by the United States or the European community, Trajkovski believes. He reports that U.S. Department of State officials have indicated that recognition by the United States depends greatly on the plans of the European community.

—Tom Potter

Liberia

"We do not know," a Liberian delegate responded when asked if every delegate from the strife-torn West African country would make it to General Conference. "Maybe tomorrow."

That answer may be the reaction of all Liberian United Methodists. Recent history has taught them not to predict even what may happen today. Since the 1988 General Conference, Liberia's political system has collapsed and is undergoing reformation.

Liberia's civil war of 1990 left The United Methodist Church, the oldest Protestant denomination in the country, just as ravaged as Liberia itself. Three out of four of the thousands of people killed were men, leaving thousands of women and children refugees. The infrastructures of communications and transportation were devastated, as were many United Methodist facilities.

One bright spot has been the continuing ministry of the Rev. John Innis, who stayed in Liberia during the war. Innis is pastor of Garfield United Methodist Church and principal of the Camphor United Methodist Mission School. He, his wife Irene, and their children reached out to almost 2,000 refugees from the nearby city of Buchanan for nearly three months during the civil war. Innis somehow organized the resources to feed, clothe, and house those refugees, while other leaders simply fled to safety. Innis reopened the school with few resources and volunteer staff to teach more than 125 students.

Innis remains hopeful about the future of The United Methodist Church in Liberia. "God has been gracious to us in the midst of this chaos," he said. "God will provide a path out of our wilderness." Perhaps offering another sign of hope was the recent birth of a baby boy to the Innis family.

Hospitals have begun to reopen. Earlier this year the General Council on Ministries' Advance Committee approved the construction of a new orphanage, to be supported by United Methodist "second mile" gifts (Code No. 011551-1 PT).

In Liberia, "maybe tomorrow" becomes the call of God.

—Billie Dalton



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Carol L. Colley, chair of the Oregon-Idaho delegation, took the podium on Wednesday, May 6, 1992 to speak to the L.A. crisis from a Native American perspective.

Colley Serves as Delegation Chairperson

Carol Colley is the first Native American to be the chairperson of a conference delegation, except for chairpeople of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. This is Carol's second General Conference as a delegate from the Oregon-Idaho Conference. She has been a director of the General Board of Church and Society and the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns.

She was a delegate to the World Council of Churches assembly in 1991 and currently serves on the Interfaith Working Group of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

Carol is a person of many interests. As she works to finish her dissertation for a doctral degree in ethnic studies at the University of California at Berkeley, she also pursues her interest in dancing, the church, and her family.

Her dancing interests focus on Native American dancing. But Carol says that dancing is so much a part of the human spirit that she doesn't confine her interests to the dancing of her own people. She explores international folk dancing and has recently discovered the gifts of Welch dancing and singing. Carol is quick to remind anyone who will listen that the Welch were the first people to introduce four-part harmony to Christian music. She sings in Welch dialect with a Welch choir.

She thinks her tribal background is filled with rich gifts, since her father was a Wasco and her mother an Eastern Cherokee. European people, she suggests, don't understand how the Native American people can hold their deep feelings about the land when they are driven from their native homes. But, according to Carol, they never lose the sense that the land is theirs to protect and care for.

Carol's husband, John, works with children who are visually impared. They are parents of three children, Sky, age 17; Brook, 14; and Jade, 7.

—Vern Bigler

Corrections to *DCA* (Excluding Proceedings)

Advance Edition and *Daily Editions* have reversed the name order of North Georgia delegate Morrell J. Darko.

Daily Edition, p. 84, col. 2, line 6—Substitute "Anglemyer" for "Anglemeyer".

Daily Edition, p. 148, col. 1, top picture caption—Pictured is Charles E. Barton (Peninsula Conference), not J. Walter Ellisor.

Daily Edition, p. 149, col. 2, last par.—Vance Summers was chair of the Legislative Committee on Conferences and vice chair of the Presiding Officer Committee.

Daily Edition, p. 156, col. 1, **Conferences** report, last line—Delete "probationary members".

Daily Edition, p. 157, col. 2, **Higher Education and Chaplaincy** report, lines 30-32—No positions will be added. The title "executive director" will be changed to "associate general secretary".

Daily Edition, p. 163, col. 1, lines 22-23—Correct spelling is "Iglesia Evangelica Nacional Metodista Primitiva de Guatemala".

Daily Edition, p. 213, col. 2, Jacob Christian Martinson, Line 7—Insert "doctorate" just before "from Vanderbilt". Martinson is a candidate for the University Senate and not for Judicial Council, as reported.

Daily Edition, p. 214, Judicial Council Identifications, Class of 1996—Substitute "2 Lay" and "2 Clergy" for "3 Lay" and "1 Clergy".

Daily Edition, p. 215, col. 1, Line 14, General Board of Discipleship,—Substitute "12 persons" for "2 persons".

Daily Edition, p. 223, col. 1, par. 5, item 26—Substitute "$800,000" for $80,000".

Daily Edition p. 168, col. 1, item 28—Substitute "founding" for "funding".

Announcements

Monday, May 11

The New Mexico/Northwest Texas Area dinner honoring Bishop and Mrs. Louis Schowengerdt will be held Monday, May 11, 5:30 p.m., Ratiskelar Room, Seelbach Hotel (500 4th Avenue), $16 including gratuity. Contact Louise Schock, room 1409, or Leonard Gillingham, room 1810, Galt House, by 12 noon Monday.

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The Reconciling Congregation Program will host a forum Monday, May 11 at 12:45 p.m., suite 615, Days Inn. Cost $5. "A Journey of Faith," a newly-released video discussing the process of three United Churches of Christ becoming "Open and Affirming" churches, will be viewed.

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The Women's Caucus will meet Monday, May 11 immediately following the lunch recess in the north end of the conference floor. We will adjourn in time to get lunch before the afternoon session.

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The California-Nevada delegation will hold a dinner to honor Bishop and Mrs. Talbert on Monday, May 11, at 6 p.m., the Spine Restaurant, Hyatt Regency.

Tuesday, May 12

The Texas Conference delegation will meet Tuesday, May 12 at 7:30 a.m. in room 114 of the convention center.

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The West Virginia delegation dinner will be held Tuesday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Kentucky Suite of the Hyatt Regency. Cost - $22. Contact Bill Deel, (C-6-5) if you plan to attend.

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The Indiana Area will host a hospitality room for all Hoosiers coming to observe General Conference on Tuesday, May 12 from 2-4 p.m. and Wednesday, May 13 from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Pimlico Room, Hyatt.

Wednesday, May 13
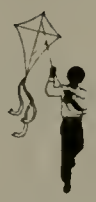
The Baltimore Conference dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13 at 6 p.m., Galt House East, Breathill Room. Contact Sandy Ferguson for reservations.

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The Missouri Area delegation will hold a breakfast to honor Bishop and Mrs. Handy on Wednesday, May 13, 7 a.m., Galt House West, $10 per person. Representatives from the Missouri Area who are not part of the delegation may attend by contacting Chris Ricks or Randy Vineaux by noon on Monday, May 11.

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The Pacific Northwest Conference delegation dinner will be held May 13 at the Old House Restaurant, 432, South Fifth St., 5:30 p.m. (donation). Contact Jenni Yeoh (B-10-1) or Mary Gates (reserves' area).



Children of the Promise

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pus ministries with local churches; recruiting women and people of color as campus ministers; and expanding the international dimensions of United Methodist campus ministry projects.

Peace with justice, another of the special programs, is intended to help United Methodists address issues such as racial, political, and economic justice, and environmental concerns. Among other things, the program hopes to establish 100 "covenant congregations" that emphasize peace and justice ministries, and recruit 5,000 people into a "peace with justice network."

The program on substance abuse and related violence is designed to carry on the work begun during the Bishop's Initiative on drugs and related violence during 1990-91. Goals include development of community demonstration programs, and training in job opportunities for youth.

In the other major action of Saturday morning, enthusiastic approval was given a four-year Hispanic ministries plan. The delegates cheered as the electronically computed tally of 892-54 was flashed on the big screen at the front of the plenary hall.

Based on a churchwide study of needs in the U.S. Hispanic community, existing programs and resources, and surveys of Hispanic United Methodist leaders and congregations, the plan lays heavy emphasis on lay involvement and the launching of new congregations and church schools. Hispanics are reported to be the fastest-growing ethnic minority group in the nation with a projected population of almost 45 million by 2010.

"Either we equip the church for ministry with Hispanics today or we risk being a marginal institution tomorrow," the Rev. Joel Martinez of Dallas told the delegates. Martinez was a member of the committee that developed the plan.

Projected funding of $3.1 million for the quadrennium was referred to GCFA. The legislative Committee on Finance has recommended that all such program funding come under a proposed cap on general church apportionments.

In the first of what will be a number of such actions, the delegates approved a "consent calendar" with about 60 proposals that attracted little if any opposition in legislative committees. Between now and adjournment May 15 hundreds of petitions will be handled in this fashion.

With legislative committees completing their work during the weekend, a steady diet of plenary sessions awaits the delegates beginning Monday morning. The controversial report from a study panel on homosexuality, ordered by the 1988 General Conference, will be taken up Monday afternoon.

—Robert Lear

Brawn's PETS Slashes Processing Time

PETS could stand for Pretty Efficient with Terrific Savings, but it doesn't. PEtition Tracking System (PETS) is a computer program system written by John Brawn, 1992 General Conference coordinator of the calendar.

PETS does many tasks, all in an amazingly short time. One function is as "automated proofreader," comparing successive versions of each petition. If the current version doesn't match the previous official version, the computer alerts the operator. The operator then manually proofreads and takes necessary steps to correct the error.

One evening, PETS and its operators proofread 97 petitions in 35 minutes, "but in that time we had several interruptions and had to chase down several errors," commented Brawn.

When a committee has finished with a petition, it comes to Brawn—and his PETS—to be assigned a calendar number. After it has a calendar number, PETS—with the approval of its operator—electronically sends the petition to the *Daily Christian Advocate* office for printing in the next DCA.

Brawn estimated that at the 1988 General Conference, it took Calendar Committee staff an average of four minutes to process manually each calendar item. It is taking Brawn and his PETS an average of six seconds to process a calendar item. Therefore, what would have taken 133 hours hours in 1988—to process about 2,000 calendar items—would take only three hours at this General Conference.

The legislative committees this year have worked through about the same number of calendar items as committees did in 1988. "The difference," said Brawn, "is that this year we have a pending tray of zero. Last General Conference we had hundreds of items stacked up at this time."

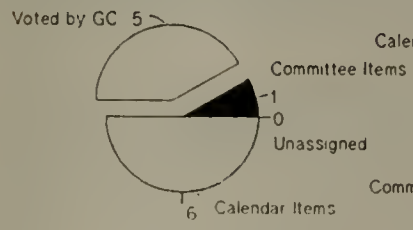
Brawn and PETS also are helping the DCA to print graphs such as those on the next page so committees can see how many petitions they have done and how many they have left to do. These graphs are also Brawn's work. His father, Mel Brawn, is generating the graphs in each edition within an hour each night.

Whether it's PEtition Tracking System or Pretty Efficient with Terrific Savings, John Brawn's PETS is putting electronic speed to good use for the General Conference.

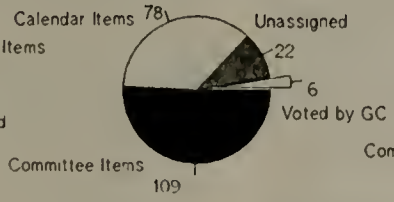
—Keith Kendall

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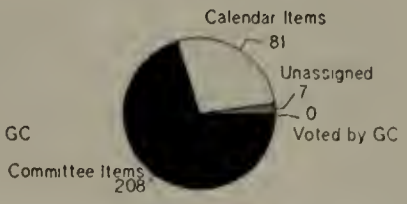
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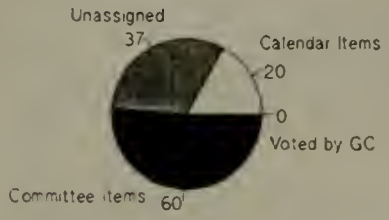
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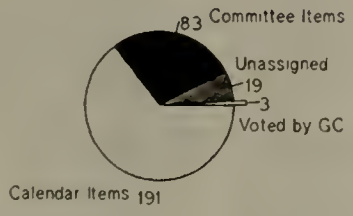
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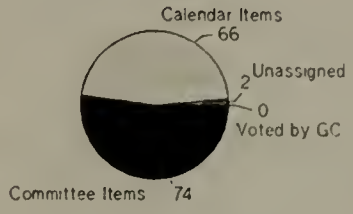
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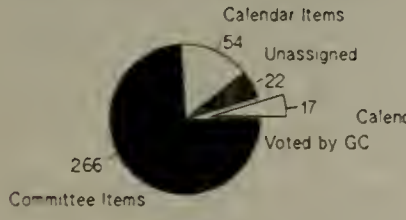
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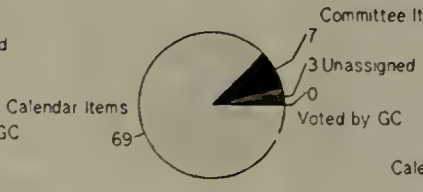
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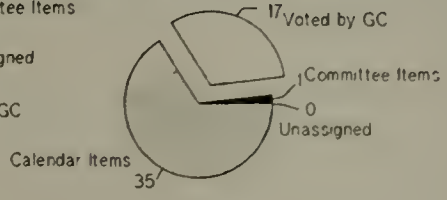
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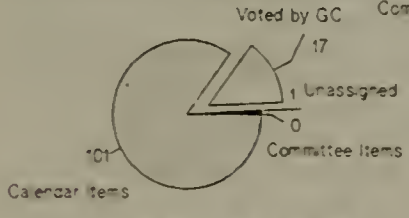
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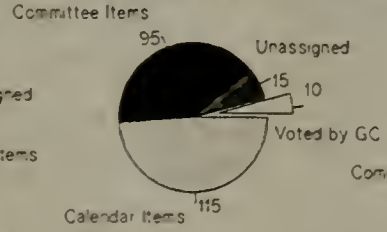
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These charts picture the work done by each legislative committee. "Unassigned" shows the number of petitions that the committee has not yet addresssed. "Committee Items" records the number of petitions being worked on somewhere in the committee. "Calendar Items" indicates the number of petitions voted on and released by the committee. "Voted by GC" shows the number of calendar items that have been voted on by the General conference plenary. GRAPHS COURTESY OF JOHN AND MEL BRAWN.

Legislative Committee Reports - May 9

Church and Society

The committee concurred with petitions that would:

- add to the Social Principles in par. 72 a section on "Media Violence and Christian Values," and call Christians to work together to "halt the erosion of moral and ethical values" caused by mass media programming;
- direct the GBOD to produce more graded literature dealing with drug and alcohol issues;
- ask congregations to study the facts about driving under the influence of alcohol and support legislation to reduce such driving;
- reaffirm the United Methodist stance on gambling and urge general agencies to continue to provide study materials on the issue;
- amend the Social Principles section on "Civil Obedience and Civil Disobedience" to include concern for laws that are "discriminately enforced";
- amend the Social Principles section on "Migratory and Other Farm Workers" to lift up the situations of racial and ethnic minority persons;
- amend Social Principles 72.4 to point to continued growing world population and to necessary actions which would slow that trend;
- retain the present Social Principles statement (par.71.G) on abortion and add a call to churches to provide "nurturing ministries" to persons who "terminate a pregnancy" as well as those "who give birth";
- call upon the GBCS and the Women's Division to discontinue all forms of support for the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights (RCAR) and call all boards and agencies, conferences, districts, and local churches not to support RCAR and to cease making available or renting office space to the organization;
- keep the present resolution on "Responsible Parenthood" (p.110,*Book of Resolutions* instead of a petition (*DCA*, p.136, CS10368) that would make significant revisions to that resolution. A minority report is being filed.

—Lee Ranck (May 9, 4:15p.m.)

Conferences Committee

The committee received a minority report on par. 701.1 asking to restore part-time clergy membership with some voting limitations.

The committee voted concurrence on the following petitions:

- par. 701.2--add deaconesses and missionaries regularly assigned by the GBGM and serving within the bounds of the annual conference to persons who shall be seated in the annual conference and be given privilege of the floor without vote;
- par. 746—establish a new annual conference committee on Native American Ministry. It will also determine the distribution of funds from Native American Awareness Sunday and report on the use of those funds;
- par. 701.6--require the lay member to report on actions of the annual conference to the local church;
- par. 705.4--require that deaconesses and missionaries, clergy and lay, active and retired presently serving within the conference bounds, shall be included in the journal of an annual conference;
- par. 705—local church reports shall be submitted no later than 30 days following the close of the calendar year;
- amend par. 706.3, line 4— substitute "full-time" with "all," and line 6 "of clergy and local pastors" to "of local pastors as clergy members";
- par. 706.5—strongly recommend child and dependent care be provided during sessions and meetings both during annual conference and meetings of boards and agencies;
- substitute par. 726.5.a.—expand the role of Ethnic Local Church Concerns Committee. There shall be organized in each annual conference an ethnic Local Church Concerns Committee, which shall have representation on CCOM, assist implementation, evaluate and report on conference ELC comprehensive plan, and work with Commission on Religion and Race;
- par. 706.4—give special attention to include clergywomen, youth, young adults, older adults, persons with handicapping conditions, and racial and ethnic persons in the membership of councils, boards, and agencies of the annual conference;
- par. 726.7.a.—require the conference council on ministries to elect the council director upon nomination by the Personnel Committee of the council or its equivalent in consultation with the cabinet. Currently the nomination is made by the cabinet. Amend line 9 in the *Discipline* after "to the making of appointments" — add "and clergy conference relations" (The vote was 39-23-6);
- par. 751—district superintendents to appoint directors of Religion and Race, and if appointed, directors shall be members of the Conference Commission on Religion and Race.

The committee voted concurrence but held for more information an amendment to par.706.1 which would read: "An annual conference shall provide for the functions and general conference connections of all boards and agencies required by the *Discipline*. In doing this the Annual Conference may utilize structures unique to regional aspects of its mission, other mandated structure not withstanding. (The vote was 38-19-11.) A minority report was requested.

—Jane Dennis, Dan Gangler (May 9, 4:20 p.m.)

Discipleship

The committee deleted "A Native American Service of Thanksgiving" (pp. 306-310) from the *Book of Worship* at the request of Native Americans. It accepted a recommendation for a commemoration of the Native American thanksgiving, with incorporation of some of their material in the section on Native American Awareness Sunday.

The committee changed title from "For Those Who Work" to "For Disciples in the Marketplace" and added two prayers, "For Those Who Work" and For Those Who Are Unemployed" *(Book of Worship, p. 367).*

The committee also:

- recommended to GCOM that youth ministries be a special program in 1993-96 (DI-11364-3000-R as amended);
- recommended evangelism as the priority for 1993-96 (DI-11362-3000-R);
- asked the National Youth Ministries Organization and GBOD to consider the globalization of youth ministries and the implication of "national" in the youth organization's name;
- encouraged the GBOD to consider a devotional book similar to *The Upper Room* for youth (amended from DI-12003-3000-M);
- established office of lay preachers as amended, to be assigned only in churches "to be supplied" when it is impractical to serve such congregations with clergy (DI-10007-280-D as amended).

The committee non concurred with a petition that would provide permissive language for an annual conference Council on Ministries to organize discipleship duties in other forms than a Board of Discipleship (DI-11199-0729-D, p.1111). The committee has completed its work.

—Garlinda Burton, Bettie Story (May 9, 4:30 p.m.)

Faith and Mission

The committee concurred with petitions as amended:

- to add a concise Mission Statement to the *Book of Discipline* based on a longer study report of the Commission on the Mission of The United Methodist Church received by the 1988 General Conference. (Petition number FM-10312-3000).
- To amend Par. 69, Our Theological Task.

The committee nom-concurred with multiple petitions related to the studies on Baptism and homosexuality based on previous action on the studies.

The committee has completed its work.

—Lynne DeMichele, Ann Whiting (May 8, 11:00 p.m.)

Finance and Administration

Friday evening and Saturday morning the committee amended and concurred with revised versions of several Board of Pensions plan documents—the "Basic Protection Plan"; sections of the "Comprehensive Pension Plan"; and the "Staff Retirement Benefits Program."

They also voted non-concurrence with several petitions that would have required investments of the Board of Pensions to be in compliance with the Social Principles of the church.

By a vote of 46-36-1, the committee concurred with amendments with the "UMCare Plan." A petition to phase in the denominational health-care proposal over 10 years was voted non-concurrence by 43-38-2. After the vote was announced, notice was given of the presentation of a minority report.

—Jean Caffey Lyles, Willie Teague (May 9, 5:45)

General and Judicial Administration

The committee concurred with the following petitions:

- setting church-wide special Sundays with offerings and establishing Native American Awareness Sunday on the third Sunday of Easter (GJ-10827-274-D);
- recommending the 5th Sunday after Easter for the observance of Rural Life Sunday and allowing for the Annual Conference to receive an offering in connection with the observance (GJ-11713-0276-D);
- changing the term of the Judicial Council alternates from 8 years to 4 years (GJ-10670-2602-D);
- amending petition GJ-11044-3000-R to create a special emphasis on reclaiming the cities, adding recommendations that each general agency include the emphasis where possible in their programming (GJ-11044-3000-R);
- amending petition GJ-11485-3000-M$ calling for directing GCOM to study the possibilities of expanding The United Methodist Church mission in Alaska (GJ-11485-3000-M$);
- accepting the report on "Sexual Harassment in Church and Society in the U.S.A." as amended by the addition of a definition of sexual harassment from the *1988 Book of Resolutions* (GJ-10882-3000-A);
- adopting GCOM's recommendation fro the continuation of the Ethnic Local Church Concerns Committee for the 1993-96 quadrennium (GJ-10872-3000-A);
- calling for the annual observance of ordained and diaconal ministry day in churches (GJ-10372-3000-R).

—Linda Green, Ralph Baker (May 9, 4 p.m.)

Global Ministries

The committee concurred with petitions that call for:
- understanding The United Methodist Church as a global church;
- requiring annual accessibility audit for local churches to discover and remove barriers for persons with handicapping conditions.

It concurred as amended with petitions:
- calling for placement of Native American young adults as mission interns in Native American Nations and Tribes;
- continuing support for Evangelical Seminary in Puerto Rico.

It voted to non concur with petitions that would restrict GBGM grant distributions to United Methodist and Methodist organizations only.

The committee ended its work at 1 p.m.

—Linda Bloom, Betty Thompson (May 9, 1:15 p.m.)

Higher Education and Chaplaincy

The committee concurred with:
- an amended petition that requests all University Senate-related institutions to be informed of recent research, and the needs it identifies, concerning Hispanic students and higher education opportunities;
- an amended petition urging the GBHEM to sponsor a Native American Higher Education Forum in 1993, if funds are available, to collect data about the high dropout rate among Native American students and to identify self-help trends among Native American college students who feel isolated from mainstream society. The petition also encourages the establishment of a higher education recruitment/retention forum throughout the conferences of the UMC and the subsequent utilization of the information and material generated for sensitizing non-Indian members about Native Americans;
- an amended petition to encourage the GBHEM, in conjunction with the National United Methodist Native American Center, to develop and make available to UM seminaries a curriculum that deals with the UMC and Colonial Conquest. The curriculum is to include a process for sensitizing non-Native American pastors to Native American culture, history and language.

—Al Horton, Karen Tisinger (May 9, 12:45 p.m.)

Independent Commissions

The committee voted concurrence with a petition from the Puerto Rico Conference outlining the relationship between The United Methodist Church and the new Affiliated Autonomous Methodist Church of Puerto Rico. Relations between the churches will forge an alliance to meet the needs and challenges of the U.S. Hispanics, in addition to being a link between the United States, the Caribbean, and Latin America. Covering an 8-year period until the year 2000, the document specifies the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico will be (for the UMC) a unique case and shall be considered in the most favorable manner by the denomination's general agencies. All decisions affecting the new church will be taken in consultation with it; no unilateral decisions will be taken which might weaken the local mission as it has developed during the last 92 years.

The new church will be among those included in the Act of Covenanting and Recognition Service set for 4:30 p.m. Monday.

The committee concurred with the following actions:
- the report of the Terminology Task Force to the General Conference that recommends the term "Racial and Ethnic Minority" continue in use for functional or programmatic purposes, but only as an adjective and not a noun—as in "racial and ethnic minority ministries";
- resolution titled "Confession to Native Americans" which asserts The United Methodist Church and predecessor denominations have sinned and continue to sin against Native Americans and calls on the UMC to support American Indian Religious Freedom Act;
- calling on Archives and History (GCAH) and the Publishing House (UMPH) to join with the General Commission on Religion and Race to identify and make available literary and historical records and other contributions to the United Methodist legacy made by Blacks, Asians, Native Americans, and Pacific Islanders;
- commending GCAH for recent works on histories of Asian Americans, African Americans, Native Americans, and Hispanic Americans, and urging church archivists and historians at all levels to utilize these and other historical resources in connection with ethnic histories;
- "prayerful support" for Zoar Church in Philadelphia as it celebrates 200 years of service and ministry;
- affirming the ecumenical interpretations of doctrinal standards resolving the church's official intent to interpret the 30 Articles of 1563 in consonance with its best ecumenical insights and judgment;
- supporting seven-part resolution on Pan Methodist Unity, including developing a plan of merger with the UMC and 3 historically-Black denominations—AME, AME Zion, and CME churches. Such a plan would include a proposed constitution, an organization plan, and continuation of the episcopacy and itineracy;
- passing a resolution promoting better relationships between Christians and Muslims;
- seeking cooperation between Church and Society and Religion and Race in efforts to eradicate racism;
- encouraging GCCIRC to pursue additional dialogue with other ecumenical organizations such as the National Association of Evangelicals;
- calling on Holy Land tour participants to contact indigenous Christian leaders in the Middle East to hear both sides of the Arab-Israeli conflict;

- amended by substitution a petition celebrating the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women;
- a petition that requires publication of Concordat Agreements in the *DCA* instead of the *Journal of the General Conference.*

The committee voted non-concurrence on:

- several petitions requesting the discontinuation of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women;
- the creation of a task force to study racism and sexism in rural churches and institutions.

The committee completed its business.

—Kristin K. Knudson (May 9, 4:45p.m.)

Local Church

The committee concurred with petitions:

- encouraging the lay leader to become a certified lay speaker;
- establishing the Administrative Board with general oversight in the administration and program of the local church to pursue the church's primary task;
- requiring churches of 50 members or less in changing population areas to study their potential in the area and to consider merger or discontinuance among their options;
- allowing but not requiring one of the pastors in a co-pastorate to be designated as pastor in charge;
- including praise and worship to the triune God as a role of the local church;
- requiring congregations in shared facilities to have liaisons to represent them in their Administrative Board/Council sessions; requires negotiating a covenant agreement about use of the facility;
- requiring annual conferences to implement a process of cooperative parish development, provides different expressions of cooperative parishes, requires conference staffs and leaders to develop skills for enabling and equipping cooperative parishes;
- allowing ecumenical congregations founded by a local Methodist church to be affiliated with an Annual Conference;
- saying participation in the corporate life of the congregation is an obligation of faithful discipleship;
- adding an obligation to be a faithful member of The United Methodist Church to the membership vows;
- placing the names of persons baptized by a chaplain on a General Military Roll and, as soon as possible, having the names placed on the roll of a local church;
- requiring charge conference to promote awareness of and concurrence with Policies Relative to Socially Responsible Investments.

The committee concurred with amendments with petitions:

- allowing a lay leader also serve as a lay member of Annual Conference;
- allowing immigrant churches, with the authorization of the district superintendent, to have either a lay or clergy person as chair of the Administrative Board;
- saying inclusiveness means freedom for total involvement of all people in the membership and leadership of the church at any level;
- saying the function of the local church includes helping people to personally know Jesus Christ and to live their lives in light of their relationship with God and defending God's creation and living as an ecologically responsible community;
- saying each church has a responsibility for evangelism, nurture and witness.

—Rayford Woodrick, Kathy Kruger Noble (May 9, 5:00 p.m.)

Ordained and Diaconal Ministry

The committee voted to establish a new order of deacon, ordained to a ministry of liturgy and service, who would be clergy members of the annual conference. It was announced that a minority report to this action will be filed. The committee also concurred with the recommendation of the Commission to Study the Ministry to have one step ordination as Elder with two educational routes to the order of elder—graduation from a theological school or completion of the advanced course of study.

The committee concurred with petitions to:

- add "spiritual growth" to the list of support services provided by the Board of Ordained Ministry and to continuing education provisions in par. 436;
- inform all persons interviewed by the District Committee on Ministry of decisions and recommendations both orally and in writing;
- grant voice and vote to lay members of District Committee on Ministry;
- designate membership of District Committees on Ministry and Board of Diaconal Ministry with guidelines for diversity;
- eliminate the 5-year limit on appointments of clergy from other annual conferences;
- add a statement to par. 436 relating effectiveness of ministry to annual appointment;
- require the pastor to certify the accuracy of all financial, membership, and other reports submitted by the local church to the annual conference for use in apportioning costs back to the local church;
- specify that full-time service will be defined by the district superintendent in consultation with the pastor and PPRC;
- require clergy desiring an appointment beyond the local church to consult with their bishop and/or district superintendent prior to any interviews relative to such appointment;
- add to the responsibilities and duties of a pastor:

—ministry to persons with handicapping conditions,

—interreligious concerns as well as community and ecumenical concerns,

—willingness to assume supervisory responsibilities within the connection,

—oversight of the worship life of the congregation.

The committee voted non-concurrence with several petitions regarding monitoring and/or determining the content of courses taught in theological schools.

There was an error in the legislative committee report for Ordained and Diaconal Ministry,*DCA,* May 9, p. 206, the second item: the committee voted *non concurrence* to add a new par. 52, MN 11884-0052C (Episcopal Supervision).

—Judy Smith, Nancye Willis (May 9, 5:00 p.m.)

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FA	10206	2553D	GM	10206	2553D
FM	12387	3000R	FA	12387	0906D
GJ	10949	0803D	FA	10949	0803D
GJ	10950	0805D	FA	10950	0805D
GJ	10952	0816D	FA	10952	0816D
GJ	11024	3000S$	GM	11024	3000S
GJ	12321	3000R		INVALID	
GJ	12327	2626D	FA	12327	2626D
GJ	11085	0016		INVALID	
GM	11718	3000R	CS	11718	3000R
HE	10515	3000R$	GJ	10515	3000R$
LC	11396	0269D	FA	11396	0269D

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Bruce Hilton

Author of:

Can Homophobia Be Cured?
and
First Do No Harm

Autographing books
Monday, May 11
1:30 - 2:00

Charles Yrigoyen, Jr.

Author of:

Acts For Our Time
Co-Author of:
United Methodism In America

Autographing books
Monday, May 11
1:00 - 1:30

Bishop Robert Spain

Author of:

How To Stay Alive As Long As You Live

Autographing books
Monday, May 11
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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Removal from
Consent Calendar

Delegates have requested these calendar items to be removed from Consent Calendar No. 2:
114, 143, 190, 251.

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Calendar items printed with an * after the calendar number will automatically be placed on the Consent Calendar. If any five delegates wish to remove an item from the Consent Calendar for plenary consideration, the delegates shall complete the approved form in Room 102 by 3 p.m. on the day the calendar item first appears in the DCA. Calendar items which contain a minority report will be indicated by the initials "MR" in parentheses.

314* CO001
Subject: Authority of the College of Bishops of a Jurisdiction.
Petition: CO-11795-0620-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1096
Membership: 79; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

315* CO002
Subject: The Committee on Episcopacy.
Petition: CO-12054-0620-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1096
Membership: 79; Present: 72;
For: 71; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

316* CO003
Subject: The purpose of the Annual Conference.
Petition: CO-10987-0701-D
Page in Advance DCA: 211
Membership: 79; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

317* CO005
Subject: The Jurisdictional Conference Journal.
Petition: CO-11025-0627-D
Page in Advance DCA: 210
Membership: 79; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

318* CO006
Subject: The Official Journal of the Jurisdictional Conference.
Petition: CO-10313-0627-D
Page in Advance DCA: 210
Membership: 79; Present: 73;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

319* CO007
Subject: Representation of Churches of Small Membership on General Jurisdictional Boards
Petition: CO-11700-0628-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1097
Membership: 79; Present: 71;
For: 69; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

Amend petition by inserting **older adults, single adults** between "young adults & "persons with handicapping conditions"

And change "small membership churches" to "churches of small membership"

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

320* CO008

Subject: Jurisdictional Council on Ministries.
Petition: CO-10182-0629-D
Page in Advance DCA: 210
Membership: 79; Present: 72;
For: 66; Against: 5; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

321 CO010 (MR)

Subject: Clergy Membership of Annual Conference. Amend para. 701.1.
Petition: CO-10003-0701-D
Page in Advance DCA: 211
Membership: 79; Present: 70;
For: 58; Against: 10; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

Minority Report

701.1 The clergy membership of an Annual Conference shall consist of members in full connection, probationary members, associate members, affiliate members, and **all** local pastors.

(a)....remain as is

(b)....remain as is

(c)....remain as is

(d) **All** local pastors shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of delegates to General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.

(e) delete

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

322 CO011

Subject: Accountability for Church Membership.
Petition: CO-10117-0703-D
Page in Advance DCA: 213
Membership: 79; Present: 63;
For: 57; Against: 6; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

323* CO016

Subject: Update the language of the Constitution.
Petition: CO-11182-0023-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1083
Membership: 79; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

324* CO017

Subject: The distinction between "ministers" and "clergy".
Petition: CO-11183-0025-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1084
Membership: 79; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

325* CO020

Subject: The distinction of "minister" between clergy and laity.
Petition: CO-11184-0035-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1084
Membership: 79; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

326* CO021

Subject: Composition of Annual Conference.
Petitions: CO-10041-0035-C, CO-11505-0035-C, CO-11802-0035-C, CO-12195-0035-C, CO-12376-0035-C, CO-12431-0035-C.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1084, 1084, 1084, 1085, 1085, 1084.
Membership: 79; Present: 73;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

327 CO022

Subject: Changing the wording "Ministerial" to "Clergy".
Petition: CO-11185-0036-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1085
Membership: 79; Present: 73;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

328 CO024

Subject: The Annual Conference, Basic Body in the Church.
Petitions: CO-10042-0036-C, CO-10043-0036-C, CO-11453-0036-C.
Pages in Advance DCA: 205, 1085, 1085.
Membership: 79; Present: 73;
For: 68; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

329* CO026

Subject: Bishops in Jurisdictions. Amend para. 505.1 & 2
Petitions: CO-10002-0505-D, CO-10097-0505-D, CO-11000-0505-D, CO-11188-0505-D, CO-11454-0505-D, CO-11594-0505-D, CO-11778-0505-D, CO-12163-0505-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 206 , 206, 206, 1087, 1087, 1087, 1087, 1088.
Membership: 79; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

330* CO034

Subject: Local Pastors rights in Annual Conferences.
Petition: CO-11191-0706-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1101
Membership: 79; Present: 62;
For: 61; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

331* CO035

Subject: Rights of Local Pastors in the Annual Conference.
Petition: CO-10188-0706-D
Page in Advance DCA: 214
Membership: 79; Present: 62;
For: 60; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Substitute "All" for ~~fulltime~~ (line 4) local pastors

and restore deleted language at end of par. 706.3

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

332* CO042

Subject: Composition and Character of Annual Conference.
Petition: CO-10183-0701-D
Page in Advance DCA: 211
Membership: 79; Present: 69;
For: 66; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

333* CO043

Subject: Duty of the Lay Member to Annual Conference.
Petition: CO-10813-0701-D
Page in Advance DCA: 213
Membership: 79; Present: 63;
For: 63; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

334 CO048

Subject: Boundaries of Annual Conference and Episcopal Area. Amend para. 43.
Petition: CO-10001-0043-C
Page in Advance DCA: 206
Membership: 79; Present: 73;
For: 70; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Remove ~~shall~~ and return to **may.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

335 CO049

Subject: Transfer of Local Churches.
Petition: CO-11957-0044-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1230
Membership: 79; Present: 73;
For: 72; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

336 CO052

Subject: Method of election of lay delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences.
Petition: CO-10962-0039-C
Page in Advance DCA: 205
Membership: 79; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

337* CO053

Subject: Journal of an Annual Conference.
Petition: CO-10704-0705-D
Page in Advance DCA: 214
Membership: 79; Present: 62;
For: 62; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

338* CO054

Subject: Records and Archives of the Annual Conference.
Petition: CO-10894-0705-D
Page in Advance DCA: 214
Membership: 79; Present: 62;
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

339* CO055

Subject: Listing of Business of the Annual Conference in. the Conference Journal.
Petition: CO-10815-0705-D
Page in Advance DCA: 214
Membership: 79; Present: 63;
For: 63; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

340* CO057

Subject: Organization of Annual Conference.
Petition: CO-12021-0702-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1100
Membership: 79; Present: 64;
For: 63; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Restore words "or its equivalent."

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

341* CO058

Subject: Conference Committee on scheduling.
Petition: CO-11425-0702-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1100
Membership: 79; Present: 65;
For: 63; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

342* CO059

Subject: Election of the Conference Lay Leader.
Petition: CO-11805-0702-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1100
Membership: 79; Present: 65;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

343* CO060

Subject: Jurisdictional Conference Membership.
Petition: CO-12084-0023-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1083

Membership: 79; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

344 CO076

Subject: Child and Dependent Care During Sessions and Meetings.
Petition: CO-10541-0706-D
Page in Advance DCA: 215
Membership: 79; Present: 60;
For: 48; Against: 8; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

345* CO077

Subject: Inclusiveness in the Membership of Councils, Boards, and Agencies of the Annual Conference.
Petition: CO-10816-0706-D
Page in Advance DCA: 215
Membership: 79; Present: 50;
For: 44; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

346 CO079

Subject: Selection of Conference Council Director.
Petition: CO-10152-0726-D
Page in Advance DCA: 216
Membership: 79; Present: 68;
For: 39; Against: 23; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Add; after making of appointments **and Clergy Conference Relations.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

347* CO081

Subject: Membership of Conference Committees, Task Forces, and Consultations.
Petition: CO-10817-0726-D
Page in Advance DCA: 217
Membership: 79; Present: 60;
For: 57; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

(See Attached)

Add: **The Committee shall have representation on the Conference Council on Ministries. It . . .** Between ethnic local church, line 7 Delete: **The Committee**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

348* CO082

Subject: Annual Conference Council on Ministries.
Petition: CO-10189-0726-D
Page in Advance DCA: 215
Membership: 79; Present: 60;
For: 51; Against: 5; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

349* CO083

Subject: Membership of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries.
Petition: CO-10794-0726-D
Page in Advance DCA: 216
Membership: 79; Present: 59;
For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

350* CO084

Subject: Conference Council on Ministries.
Petition: CO-11192-0726-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1102
Membership: 79; Present: 66;
For: 61; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

351* CO085

Subject: Conference Council on Ministries
Petition: CO-11193-0726-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1102
Membership: 79; Present: 58;
For: 52; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

352* CO086

Subject: Responsibilities of the Conference Director.
Petition: CO-11703-0726-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1102
Membership: 79; Present: 68;
For: 66; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

353 CO088

Subject: Conference Council Director Election
Petition: CO-11808-0726-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1102
Membership: 79; Present: 68;
For: 56; Against: 12; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

354 CO090

Subject: The Conference Scouting Coordinator.
Petition: CO-12260-0726-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1103
Membership: 79; Present: 66;
For: 53; Against: 11; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

355* CO091

Subject: Age Level and Family Councils. Amend para. 726.6.
Petitions: CO-10006-0726-D, CO-10190-0726-D, CO-10191-0726-D, CO-10192-0726-D, CO-11549-0726-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 216, 216, 216, 216, 1102.
Membership: 79; Present: 58;

For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

356* CO099

Subject: Committee on Ministry to Persons with Handicapping Conditions.
Petition: CO-10153-0745-D
Page in Advance DCA: 218
Membership: 79; Present: 65;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

See Attached.

There may be a Committee on Ministry to **and with** Persons with Handicapping Conditions in each Annual Conference charged with responsibilities for program and advocacy with membership as the A.C. may determine.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

357* CO100

Subject: Annual Conference Committees Regarding Persons with Handicapping Conditions.
Petitions: CO-10051-0745-D, CO-12096-0745-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 217, 1103.
Membership: 79; Present: 65;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

358 CO101

Subject: Committee on Native American Ministry.
Petition: CO-12129-0746-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1103
Membership: 79; Present: 64;
For: 62; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

1. Insert the words "**Annual Conference**" after "an" before "Committee" in line 1.

2. Place period after word "membership" in line 6 - deleting ~~"which shall consist of a minimum of eleven."~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

359* CO118

Subject: Part-Time Local Pastors Serving on Annual Conference Agencies.
Petition: CO-11702-0706-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1101
Membership: 79; Present: 62;
For: 61; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

360* CO119

Subject: Membership of the District Council on Ministries.
Petitions: CO-10738-0749-D, CO-12261-0749-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 218,
Membership: 79; Present: 65;
For: 62; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

361* CO122

Subject: Committees on Ethnic Local Church Concerns
Petitions: CO-10542-0726-D, CO-10566-0726-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 215, 217.
Membership: 79; Present: 58;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

362* CS002

Subject: Universal Access to Health Care in the U.S. and Related Territories.
Petition: CS-10588-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 166
Membership: 99; Present: 97;
For: 92; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 166, Title:

Purpose: ~~A new resolution on universal access to health care.~~ **Replace Resolution on "Health Care Delivery Policy Statement."**

pp. 241-247, Book of Resolutions

Page 166, 1st paragraph, line 5

health care as a right of ~~the~~ **all** people

Page 166, 2nd column, paragraph 5, line 6:

...white women. ~~Blacks~~ **Black Americans** have a significantly...

line 7:

than ~~whites~~ **white Americans**

Line 11:

U.S. rates. ~~Asian Americans~~ **Recent immigrants**

Paragraph 6, line 1:

Even ~~the middle class~~ **persons with middle income have difficulty finding** affordable quality care.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

363* CS003

Subject: Universal Access to Health Care.
Petition: CS-10941-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 167
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence:

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

364* CS021

Subject: Task Force on Abortion Prevalence.
Petition: CS-12302-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1040
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 95; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

365* CS023

Subject: Cases under which abortion should be performed.
Petition: CS-11131-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1040

Membership: 99; Present: 97;
For: 97; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

366* CS024
Subject: Task force regarding abortion.
Petition: CS-12419-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1051
Membership: 99; Present: 97;
For: 97; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

367* CS027
Subject: Regarding state-by-state legislation regarding abortion.
Petition: CS-12426-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1052
Membership: 99; Present: 97;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

368* CS028
Subject: Driving Under the Influence.
Petition: CS-10102-0072-D
Page in Advance DCA: 125
Membership: 99; Present: 90;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

369* CS029
Subject: Alcohol and other drugs.
Petition: CS-10964-0072-D
Page in Advance DCA: 126
Membership: 99; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Line 4-7

We ~~also recommend~~ support abstinance from the use of ~~marijuana and~~ any illegal drugs. ~~As~~ **Since** the use of alcohol ~~is~~ and illegal drugs ~~are~~ **a** major factor in ~~both~~ **crime,** disease,

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

370 CS030
Subject: Civil disobedience and civil disorder.
Petition: CS-10544-0074-D
Page in Advance DCA: 126
Membership: 99; Present: 91;
For: 75; Against: 15; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

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Minority Report

Page 127, 1st paragraph, line 3:

to be unjust. ~~or laws which are discriminatily enforced~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

371* CS033
Subject: Rights of children.
Petition: CS-11353-0072-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1029
Membership: 99; Present: 91;
For: 90; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

372* CS034
Subject: Rights of Children.
Petition: CS-11599-0072-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1029
Membership: 99; Present: 91;
For: 90; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

373* CS035
Subject: The drug dependent person and their family.
Petition: CS-11286-0072-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1030
Membership: 99; Present: 90;
For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

374 CS036
Subject: The Economic Community and employment.
Petition: CS-11248-0073-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1031
Membership: 99; Present: 92;
For: 76; Against: 14; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

375* CS037
Subject: Letter writing campaign regarding Health Care.
Petition: CS-10989-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 168
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

376* CS038
Subject: Health Care Service for all persons.
Petition: CS-10988-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 168
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

377* CS039
Subject: National Health Care Plan.
Petition: CS-10605-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 168
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

378* **CS040**
Subject: Comprehensive Health Care.
Petition: CS-11908-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1046
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

379* **CS041**
Subject: National Health Care Plan.
Petition: CS-11815-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1047
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

380* **CS042**
Subject: National Health Insurance Program.
Petition: CS-12170-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1047
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

381* **CS043**
Subject: Nationwide Health Insurance.
Petition: CS-11817-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1048
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

382* **CS044**
Subject: Health Care Program.
Petition: CS-11781-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1057
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

383* **CS045**
Subject: Comprehensive health insurance plan.
Petition: CS-11358-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1057
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

384* **CS046**
Subject: National health insurance program.
Petition: CS-11357-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1057
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

385* **CS047**
Subject: National Health Care.
Petition: CS-11677-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1062
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

386* **CS048**
Subject: National Health Care Plan.
Petition: CS-10049-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

387* **CS050**
Subject: Support for recommendations of the Genetic Task Force.
Petition: CS-11360-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1056
Membership: 99; Present: 92;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

388* **CS051**
Subject: The Church and the Global HIV/Aids Epidemic.
Petition: CS-10722-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 148
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

389* **CS052**
Subject: Research the AIDS Situation.
Petition: CS-10694-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 150
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

390* **CS053**
Subject: Aids Education.
Petition: CS-12133-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1041
Membership: 99; Present: 93;
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

391* **CS054**
Subject: Aids Ministry Task Force in Each Local Church.
Petition: CS-12132-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1041
Membership: 99; Present: 93;
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

392 CS056

Subject: The requirement of blood testing prior to Marriage.
Petition: CS-11356-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1046
Membership: 99; Present: 95;
For: 75; Against: 16; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

393* CS057

Subject: Compassion and understanding to persons suffering from physical and psychological problems.
Petition: CS-11324-0000-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1020
Membership: 99; Present: 95;
For: 95; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

394* CS058

Subject: Population Policy.
Petition: CS-10293-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 180
Membership: 99; Present: 95;
For: 95; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

395* CS059

Subject: Task Force on World Population.
Petition: CS-12202-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1064
Membership: 99; Present: 95;
For: 95; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

396* CS068

Subject: The Economic Community and Gambling.
Petition: CS-12131-0073-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1032
Membership: 99; Present: 91;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

397 CS096

Subject: Health in Mind and Body.
Petition: CS-10728-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 175
Membership: 99; Present: 95;
For: 79; Against: 11; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 176

I. Reasons for Action

E.line 1, ~~Ethnic Peoples~~ **People**

E. line 5, ~~ethnic peoples~~ **people**

Paragraph 2, under II.

~~We affirm the need for the church...God in their daily vocations.~~

We affirm the need for the church to avoid policies that harm mental health, such as those emphasizing status and power rather than Christ-like service to God in daily vocation.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

398 CS098

Subject: Circumcision
Petition: CS-11259-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1042
Membership: 99; Present: 94;
For: 63; Against: 28; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 1042-1043

~~I petition the membership...Body of Christ. (the entire petition)~~

The United Methodist Church encourages all involved doctors and medical institutions to fully inform the parents of every newborn male concerning all the risks and benefits of circumcision prior to the giving of their consent for the procedure.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

399* CS124

Subject: Rights of the Unborn.
Petition: CS-11673-0072-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1029
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

400* CS128

Subject: Migratory and other Farm Workers.
Petition: CS-10543-0073-D
Page in Advance DCA: 126
Membership: 99; Present: 89;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

401* CS129

Subject: Drug trafficking and covert operation.
Petition: CS-11297-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1074
Membership: 99; Present: 91;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

402* CS130

Subject: Drug and Alcohol Concerns.
Petition: CS-10582-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 152
Membership: 99; Present: 90;
For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

403* CS131
Subject: Drug and Alcohol Concerns.
Petition: CS-12168-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1055
Membership: 99; Present: 90;
For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

404* CS132
Subject: Labeling of Intoxicants.
Petition: CS-12254-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1062
Membership: 99; Present: 90;
For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

405* CS133
Subject: Ban on alcohol beverage advertisements.
Petition: CS-10966-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 160
Membership: 99; Present: 90;
For: 89; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

406* CS134
Subject: Alcohol and Other Drugs.
Petition: CS-12062-0072-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1030
Membership: 99; Present: 90;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

407* CS135
Subject: The Oxford House Model for Drug and Alcohol Abuse.
Petition: CS-11940-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1063
Membership: 99; Present: 90;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

408 CS137
Subject: Non Support for Unrestricted Abortions.
Petition: CS-12299-0000-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1020
Membership: 99; Present: 95;
For: 88; Against: 7; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

409* CS183
Subject: Media, violence and Christian values.
Petition: CS-11511-0072-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1030
Membership: 99; Present: 92;
For: 85; Against: 4; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 1030-1031

O. MEDIA VIOLENCE AND CHRISTIAN VALUES. ~~As we enter the last decade of the 20th Century,~~ **The** unprecedented impact which the media (principally television and movies) ~~are~~ **is** having on Christian and human values within our society becomes more apparent each day. We express disdain at current media preoccupation with dehumanizing portrayals, sensationalized through mass media "entertainment," **and "news." These** ~~stereotypes~~ **practices** degrade humankind ~~to a level never advocated by Christ through his teaching, nor are otherwise sanctioned in biblical or theological interpretation~~ **and violate the teachings of Christ and the Bible.**

United Methodists, along with those of other faith groups, must be made aware that the mass media ~~continue to undermine~~ **often undermines** the truths of Christianity ~~and traditional family values,~~ by promoting permissive lifestyles and detailing acts of graphic violence. Instead of encouraging, motivating, and inspiring its audiences to adopt lifestyles based on the sanctity of life, the entertainment industry ~~is advocating just~~ **often advocates** the opposite: painting a cynical picture of violence, abuse, greed, **profanity,** and a constant denigration of the family. The media must be held accountable for the part they play in the decline of values we observe in society today. Yet the media remain aloof to the issue, claiming to reflect society rather than to influence it. For the sake of our human family, Christians must work together to halt this erosion of moral and ethical values in the world community. ~~Failure to do so could be nothing less than devastating.~~

~~We in the United Methodist Church recognize the positive role mass media does and can play in shaping society. Therefore, we must take a strong stand against the abuse of broadcasting privileges. Direct dialogue among media professionals, sponsors, and religious leaders will help influence future program content. A long range goal of the church would be to work toward non-confrontational solutions of healing and reconciliation without infringing upon the right of socially responsible freedom of expression.~~

~~The window of opportunity may close on this issue of media violence and Christian values unless we in the The church must accept and act on our responsibility to help enhance the future of our society. To accomplish this, Christians should make informed decisions based on well researched factual information. To this end, local congregations should establish ongoing groups to study and monitor this crucial issue. Further, they are urged to join forces with other religious bodies within their areas, working together to develop recommendations for specific local and nationwide actions.~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

410 CS184 (MR)
Subject: The Social Community. Amend Para. 72-C, 72-G and 72-L.
Petition: CS-10568-0072-D
Page in Advance DCA: 125
Membership: 99; Present: 91;
For: 87; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Line 11:

...and insights. **Christian parents and guardians and the church have the responsibility to ensure that children receive sexual education**

consistent with Christian morality, including faithfulness in marriage and abstinence in singleness.

Line 16 (last line):

...economic, **physical, and sexual** exploitation and ~~from sexual~~ abuse.

Page 126

Paragraph 72G

~~In all places, delete "Persons with Handicapping Conditions" and replace with "People with Disabilities."~~

~~From advocacy groups, it is clear that the phrase, "persons with handicapping conditions," is no longer in common usage. "People with disabilities" is the phrase used in most states. At all places in the social creed and The Book of Discipline, replace the phrase "persons with handicapping conditions" with "people with disabilities."~~

L) Genetic Technology - Line 22

...~~shall~~ **should** be kept secret and held in strict...

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Line 11:

...with Christian morality~~,~~. ~~including faithfulness in marriage and abstinence in singleness.~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

411 CS185

Subject: Drug Trafficking and Operations.
Petition: CS-10365-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 156
Membership: 99; Present: 90;
For: 84; Against: 6; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 156, Second Paragraph, line 4:

investigations ~~establish~~ **report** the following to be true.

Page 157, Third paragraph, #3. line 3:

who have worked **unlawfully** with drug traffickers...

Third paragraph, #4:

~~We urge efforts by ... drugs and covert operations.~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

412* CS187

Subject: Confronting the Drug Crisis.
Petition: CS-10583-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 159
Membership: 99; Present: 90;
For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 160; Under "Policy Statement/Actions"

#3., line 1:

publish and circulate articles, ~~and programs,~~ **and church school curriculum** that focus on...

#3., line 4:

and other drugs~~.~~—, **including abstinence.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

413* CS188

Subject: Education on Alcohol and Substance Abuse.
Petition: CS-10345-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 158
Membership: 99; Present: 91;
For: 87; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 159, 5th paragraph:

Now therefore, be it resolved that ~~we petition the 1992 General Conference of the United Methodist Church to direct~~ the General Board of Discipleship **be directed** through the United Methodist Publishing House,...

line 6, 5th paragraph:

...graded literature ~~at least twice a year~~ and produce...

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414* CS189

Subject: Driving Under the Influence.
Petition: CS-10524-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 151
Membership: 99; Present: 91;
For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

(189)

Page 151, 7th paragraph:

~~Whereas, in Nebraska:~~

8th paragraph:

~~entire paragraph, We have had the... license for life.)~~

9th paragraph:

~~But other drivers in...,and...~~

Page 152, 1st paragraph, line 1:

our tradition ~~places~~ **place**

1st paragraph, line 4:

~~Other states and countries...Good life in Nebraska.~~

2nd paragraph, #3:

~~For Nebraska, support~~ **Support legislation which reduces impaired driving** ~~in other states and countries~~.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

415* CS191

Subject: The Social Community Population.
Petition: CS-12199-0072-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1031
Membership: 99; Present: 88;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

416* CS192

Subject: Growing Populations.
Petition: CS-10054-0072-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1030
Membership: 99; Present: 88;
For: 86; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

(192)

Page 1030 - Growing Population, line 1:

Since **the**growing world-wide population ...

line 8:

impact on the total world ~~society~~ **community** of their decisions

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

417* CS193

Subject: UMC Position on Gambling.
Petition: CS-10288-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 181
Membership: 99; Present: 91;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

(193)

UMC Position on Gambling, 3rd paragraph, line 1:

high stakes gambling ~~Native American reserves such as Akwasasne~~ has led to tragedy and...

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418* CS210

Subject: Oppose Church's support of abortion organizations.
Petition: CS-11065-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1040
Membership: 99; Present: 97;
For: 97; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

419* CS212

Subject: Discontinue membership in and all forms of support to Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights.
Petition: CS-11253-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1051
Membership: 99; Present: 97;
For: 97; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

420* CS226

Subject: Organization of the General Board of Church and Society.
Petition: CS-10570-1106-D
Page in Advance DCA: 127
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

421* CS227

Subject: Nominating Committee of the General Board of Church and Society.
Petition: CS-10572-1110-D
Page in Advance DCA: 127
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

422* CS228

Subject: The Executive Committee of the General Board of Church and Society.
Petition: CS-10571-1109-D
Page in Advance DCA: 127
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

423* CS231

Subject: Conference Board of Church and Society.
Petition: CS-10569-0728-D
Page in Advance DCA: 127
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

424* CS234

Subject: Opposition to a Call for a Constitutional Convention.
Petitions: CS-10289-3000-R, CS-12169-3000-R, CS-12423-3000-R.
Pages in Advance DCA: 187, 1068, 1051.
Membership: 99; Present: 88;
For: 83; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

425* CS237

Subject: Council of Bishops Initiate and Sponsor Deliberations.
Petition: CS-11697-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1327
Membership: 99; Present: 88;
For: 83; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

426 CS238

Subject: Incorporate the Durham Declaration into Abortion Statement.
Petition: CS-10291-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 134
Membership: 99; Present: 88;
For: 75; Against: 9; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

427* DI012

Subject: Retain Present Language.
Petition: DI-10105-1214-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1114
Membership: 107; Present: 89;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

428* DI014

Subject: Include the hymn Eternal Father, Strong to Save in the next printing of the United Methodist Hymnal.
Petitions: DI-11470-3000-R, DI-11471-3000-R, DI-11472-3000-R.

Pages in Advance DCA: 1123, 1123, 1123.
Membership: 107; Present: 90;
For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

429* DI016

Subject: Curriculum Resources Review Committee.
Petition: DI-12267-1225-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1116
Membership: 107; Present: 90;
For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

430* DI017

Subject: Curriculum Resource Materials.
Petition: DI-11466-1224-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1116
Membership: 107; Present: 90;
For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

431* DI018

Subject: The Curriculum Resources Committee.
Petition: DI-11929-1223-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1115
Membership: 107; Present: 90;
For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

432* DI019

Subject: Emphasizing Theological and Moral Teaching of The United Methodist Church.
Petition: DI-11678-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1124
Membership: 107; Present: 90;
For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

433* DI020

Subject: Black Leadership.
Petition: DI-11911-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1127
Membership: 107; Present: 90;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Last paragraph: ...to fill appointive positions in the **District**, Annual Conference,...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

434* DI021

Subject: Introduction to Lection in the Lectionary.
Petition: DI-11361-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1120
Membership: 107; Present: 90;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

435* DI022

Subject: Discontinue Use of Term "Act of God."
Petition: DI-11941-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1127
Membership: 107; Present: 98;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

436* DI024

Subject: Church Curriculum Resources.
Petition: DI-12266-1224-D$
Page in Advance DCA: 1116
Membership: 107; Present: 90;
For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

437* DI025

Subject: Curriculum Resource Materials.
Petitions: DI-11514-1224-D, DI-12265-1224-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1116, 1116.
Membership: 107; Present: 90;
For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

438* DI026

Subject: Spanish Language Hymnal.
Petition: DI-10792-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 250
Membership: 107; Present: 90;
For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

439* DI027

Subject: Leadership and Ministry Development Responsibilities.
Petition: DI-10760-1218-D
Page in Advance DCA: 244
Membership: 107; Present: 90;
For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

440* DI028

Subject: Permission to Enlarge Individual Hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal.
Petition: DI-12212-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1128
Membership: 107; Present: 90;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

441* DI029

Subject: Amend Wording of Service for Holy Communion in Hymnal.
Petition: DI-11930-3000-R

Page in Advance DCA: 1127
Membership: 107; Present: 90;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

442 DI030

Subject: Object to removing the word "Father" from the Book of Worship.
Petition: DI-11469-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1123
Membership: 107; Present: 94;
For: 70; Against: 11; Not Voting: 13;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

443* DI033

Subject: Heading Under Section V, General Board of Discipleship Curriculum Resources Committee.
Petition: DI-10764-1223-D
Page in Advance DCA: 248
Membership: 107; Present: 97;
For: 97; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

444 FA017

Subject: Annual Conference Treasurer/Director of Administrative Services.
Petition: FA-10896-0715-D
Page in Advance DCA: 373
Membership: 93; Present: 90;
For: 52; Against: 30; Not Voting: 8;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Wherever the title "Conference Treasurer/Director of Administrative Services" appears, change the wording to "**Conference Treasurer** or Conference Treasurer/Director of Administrative Services."

716.2, after the words, "relating to conference administration", insert the words, "**related to the Conference Treasurer's or Conference Treasurer/Director of Administrative Services' responsibilities,...**"

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

445* FA021

Subject: Tax-Deferred Annuity Contributions Program.
Petition: FA-10937-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 471
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

446* FA022

Subject: Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 5.
Petition: FA-10931-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 400
Membership: 93; Present: 73;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

447* FA023

Subject: Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 6.
Petition: FA-10932-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 401
Membership: 93; Present: 73;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

448* FA024

Subject: Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 7.
Petition: FA-10933-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 401
Membership: 93; Present: 73;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

449 FA025

Subject: Proportional Payments of the Conference Board of Pensions.
Petition: FA-10942-0737-D
Page in Advance DCA: 376
Membership: 93; Present: 83;
For: 72; Against: 6; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

450 FA026

Subject: Proportional payments for pastoral support.
Petition: FA-10388-0737-D
Page in Advance DCA: 747
Membership: 93; Present: 83;
For: 48; Against: 31; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

451* FA027

Subject: Proportional retirement payments.
Petition: FA-11004-0737-D
Page in Advance DCA: 377
Membership: 93; Present: 83;
For: 76; Against: 3; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

452* FA028

Subject: Cumulative Pension and Benefit Fund.
Petition: FA-10936-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 403
Membership: 93; Present: 72;
For: 66; Against: 3; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

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1) Amend Section 5.05b by adding a new paragraph (4) which would state:

(4) One or more annual partial lump-sum payments elected by the Participant in accordance with the rules established by the Board prior to the required beginning

date specified in Section 5.05e herein and prior to annuitizing the remaining Account balance in accordance with other provisions of this Section.

The current Section 5.05b(4) would become Section 5.05b(5).

2) Delete Proposed Article 9.01 at DCA 421 and substitute the following:

9.01 Amendment of the Plan. The General Conference may amend any or all provisions of this Plan at any time by written instrument identified as an amendment of the Plan effective as of a specified date. However, the Board is authorized to amend any or all provisions of the Plan at any time by such written instrument in order to conform the Plan to any applicable law and/or regulations promulgated thereunder.

3. Delete in its entirety Section 12.05 (13 lines), at DCA 423.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

453* FA029
Subject: Retired ordained minister, serving as a supply pastor.
Petition: FA-11133-0737-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1150
Membership: 93; Present: 83;
For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

454* FA030
Subject: Proportional Payments for Retired Ministers.
Petition: FA-10201-0737-D
Page in Advance DCA: 376
Membership: 93; Present: 83;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

455* FA031
Subject: Proportional Payments.
Petition: FA-10056-0737-D
Page in Advance DCA: 377
Membership: 93; Present: 83;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

456* FA032
Subject: General Board of Pensions.
Petition: FA-11567-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1171
Membership: 93; Present: 83;
For: 74; Against: 5; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

457* FA033
Subject: Membership of the Conference Board of Pensions.
Petition: FA-12172-0737-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1151
Membership: 93; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

458 FA034
Subject: Membership of the Conference Board of Pensions.
Petition: FA-10549-0737-D
Page in Advance DCA: 376
Membership: 93; Present: 83;
For: 45; Against: 35; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

459* FA035
Subject: Conference Board of Pensions.
Petition: FA-11203-0737-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1150
Membership: 93; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 1; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

460* FA036
Subject: Two retired ministers in membership of Annual Conference Board of Pensions.
Petition: FA-11960-0737-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1151
Membership: 93; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

461* FA070
Subject: The Apportionments Subject to Reduction.
Petition: FA-10330-0911-D
Page in Advance DCA: 380
Membership: 93; Present: 87;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

462* FA079
Subject: Limit Budget Increase for Next Quadrennium.
Petitions: FA-10334-3000-R, FA-10337-3000-R, FA-11122-3000-R, FA-11266-3000-R, FA-11302-3000-R, FA-11377-3000-R, FA-11563-3000-R, FA-11609-3000-R, FA-11832-3000-R, FA-11942-3000-R, FA-11943-3000-R, FA-12005-3000-R, FA-12089-3000-R.
Pages in Advance DCA: 493, 493, 1161, 1161, 1163, 1161, 1161, 1162, 1162, 1161, 1161, 1161, 1160.
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 78; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence, because of our recommendation for concurrence on Petition FA12255, as amended by the committee.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

463 FA088
Subject: Availability of Supervisory Appointments.
Petition: FA-10795-0722-D

Page in Advance DCA: 375
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 64; Against: 19; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended to read as follows:

722.5

In all cases (ethnic or non-ethnic), emphasis shall be given to funding entry-level appointments in a teaching parish in a station church, or circuit, or cooperative parish and/or equivalent or to a cooperative parish.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

464* FA092

Subject: General Statement on Church Finance.
Petition: FA-12065-0901-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1151
Membership: 93; Present: 84;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

The work of the church requires the support of our people. Participation through service and gifts is a Christian duty, a means of grace, and an expression of our love to God.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

465* FA093

Subject: Composition of the Membership of the Episcopal Residence Committee.
Petition: FA-10821-0736-D
Page in Advance DCA: 376
Membership: 93; Present: 92;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence, because of recommendation for concurrence on Petition FA-10898.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

466* FA094

Subject: The Episcopal Residence Committee.
Petition: FA-10898-0736-D
Page in Advance DCA: 376
Membership: 93; Present: 92;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

467* FA101

Subject: The Ministerial Pension Plan.
Petition: FA-11685-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1171
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

468* FA120

Subject: Pension Allowance for the Episcopacy.
Petition: FA-10903-0931-D
Page in Advance DCA: 380
Membership: 93; Present: 85;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

469* FA121

Subject: Retired Bishops assigned to Active Episcopal Duty.
Petition: FA-10904-0932-D
Page in Advance DCA: 380
Membership: 93; Present: 85;
For: 81; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

470* FA123

Subject: The Episcopal Fund.
Petition: FA-10902-0924-D
Page in Advance DCA: 380
Membership: 93; Present: 84;
For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

471* FA124

Subject: The Ministerial Education Fund.
Petitions: FA-11263-0921-D, FA-11516-0921-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1155, 1156.
Membership: 93; Present: 84;
For: 80; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

472* FA125

Subject: The Ministerial Education Fund.
Petition: FA-11606-0921-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1156
Membership: 93; Present: 84;
For: 79; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

473 FA126

Subject: Spiritual Growth.
Petition: FA-11682-0921-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1156
Membership: 93; Present: 84;
For: 63; Against: 18; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

474* FA138

Subject: The World Service Fund.
Petitions: FA-10525-3000-A, FA-10526-3000-A, FA-10527-3000-A, FA-10528-3000-A, FA-10529-3000-A, FA-10530-3000-A, FA-10531-3000-A, FA-10532-3000-A.
Pages in Advance DCA: 303, 306, 307, 308, 311, 316, 317, 318.
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 77; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

475* FA143

Subject: References from the 1988 General Conference.

Petition: FA-10537-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 324
Membership: 93; Present: 88;
For: 83; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence, as amended by the following:

The GCFA shall also provide to the General Conference an informational report on the following items:

(1) The expenses paid to general church agency employees attending General Conference and the numbers of such employees in attendance.

(2) The cost of study commissions and special task forces.

(3) The cost analysis of special Sunday offerings.

(4) Statement on Directors and Officers liability insurance. .

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

476* FA146

Subject: Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 10.
Petition: FA-10935-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 402
Membership: 93; Present: 73;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

477* FA147

Subject: Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 4.
Petition: FA-10930-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 400
Membership: 93; Present: 73;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

478* FA148

Subject: Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 9.
Petition: FA-10934-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 401
Membership: 93; Present: 73;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

479* FA149

Subject: Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 2.
Petition: FA-10928-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 398
Membership: 93; Present: 73;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

480* FA150

Subject: Ministerial Pension Plan.
Petition: FA-10926-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 425
Membership: 93; Present: 84;
For: 80; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend 4.01c to read as follows: "For Participants **who do not receive a contribution pursuant to Section 4.01j(4),** serving full-time appointments and ... (DCA 428).

Amend to delete entire section 11.05 page 49 of petition (DCA 443).

Amend Section E.05.f to read as follows:

"hereunder to ~~the~~ **a** surviving spouse **who remarried prior to January 1, 1982** shall cease ..." (DCA 447).

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

481* FA151

Subject: Interpretation of retirement benefits from the Death Benefit Program.
Petition: FA-11304-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1172
Membership: 93; Present: 75;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

482* FA152

Subject: Ministerial Pension Plan.
Petition: FA-11608-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

483* FA153

Subject: Ministerial Pension Plan.
Petition: FA-10331-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 424
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

~~Sub-Paragraph 2 to read:~~ to read **Section E.05a**

~~Sub-Paragraph 4 to read:~~ to read **Section E.05c**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

484* FA155

Subject: Special arrangements for participation in the Comprehensive Protection Plan.
Petition: FA-11303-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1172
Membership: 93; Present: 73;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

485* FA156

Subject: Comprehensive Protection Plan Section I.
Petition: FA-10927-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 398
Membership: 93; Present: 72;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

486* FA162
Subject: Affirmative Investments.
Petition: FA-11835-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1171
Membership: 93; Present: 79;
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

487 FA163
Subject: No Investment of Church Fund in Companies Involved in Pornographic Materials.
Petition: FA-11830-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1174
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 77; Against: 6; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

488* FA164
Subject: Normal Conditions for Full Pension Credit.
Petition: FA-10382-1606-D
Page in Advance DCA: 384
Membership: 93; Present: 83;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

489* FA165
Subject: Power, Duties, and Responsibilities of Annual Conference.
Petition: FA-11607-1606-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1157
Membership: 93; Present: 83;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

490* FA166
Subject: Establish the National Association of United Methodist Retired Persons.
Petition: FA-12287-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1176
Membership: 93; Present: 88;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

491* FA167
Subject: Retirees Defined Benefit Program.
Petition: FA-12286-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1175
Membership: 93; Present: 88;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

492* FA168
Subject: Pension of Lay Staff Persons.
Petition: FA-11833-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1173
Membership: 93; Present: 88;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

493* FA169
Subject: Personal and Tax-Deferred Accumulations.
Petition: FA-10333-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 488
Membership: 93; Present: 88;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

494* FA189
Subject: Staff Retirement Benefits Program.
Petition: FA-10939-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 448
Membership: 93; Present: 88;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

1) Amend Section 5.05b(2) [at DCA 458] by adding a new sub-paragraph (d) which states:

(d) One or more annual partial lump-sum payments elected by the Participant in accordance with the rules established by the Board prior to the required beginning date specified in Section 5.05e herein and prior to annuitizing the remaining Employee Account balance in accordance with other provisions of this Section.

Current section 5.05b(2)(d) then becomes Section 5.05b(2)(e).

2) Delete all of Section 10.05 [DCA 466].

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

495* FA192
Subject: Comprehensive Protection Plan Section 3.
Petition: FA-10929-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 398
Membership: 93; Present: 73;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

add as the last sentence of Section 3.2d

However, the special arrangements for those Participants who were enrolled in this Plan on December 31, 1992, shall include, for a period of eight years thereafter, the benefits payable under Section 5.5.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

496* FA193
Subject: Officers of the General Board of Pensions.
Petition: FA-10945-1603-D
Page in Advance DCA: 381
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

497* FA194
Subject: Corporate Responsibility and the General Board of Pensions.
Petition: FA-11683-1604-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1157
Membership: 93; Present: 83;
For: 77; Against: 2; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

498* FA195
Subject: General Authorization of the General Board of Pensions.
Petition: FA-10946-1604-D
Page in Advance DCA: 383
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

499* FA196
Subject: General Authorization of the General Board of Pensions.
Petition: FA-11134-1604-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1157
Membership: 93; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

500 FA197
Subject: General Board of Pensions.
Petition: FA-11205-1604-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1156
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 70; Against: 8; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

501 FA198
Subject: Pensions and Investment Policies.
Petition: FA-10059-1604-D
Page in Advance DCA: 383
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 69; Against: 10; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

502* FA199
Subject: Corporate Responsibility and the General Board of Pensions.
Petition: FA-10204-1604-D
Page in Advance DCA: 382
Membership: 93; Present: 84;
For: 75; Against: 5; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

503* FA200
Subject: Authority of the General Board of Pensions.
Petition: FA-10575-1604-D
Page in Advance DCA: 382
Membership: 93; Present: 83;
For: 79; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

504* FA201
Subject: Membership of the General Board of Pensions.
Petition: FA-10944-1602-D
Page in Advance DCA: 381
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 77; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

505* FA202
Subject: Name, Corporations, and Locations of the General Board of Pensions.
Petition: FA-10943-1601-D
Page in Advance DCA: 380
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 77; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

506* FA203
Subject: Special araangement policies of the Comprehensive Protection Plan.
Petition: FA-12451-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 93; Present: 87;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

507* FA204
Subject: Pastors of the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico Continuance in the Pension Plan.
Petition: FA-12150-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1224
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

508* FA205
Subject: Joint Distributing Committees.
Petition: FA-10948-1609-D
Page in Advance DCA: 385
Membership: 93; Present: 87;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

or merge it, in **accordance with applicable corporate law,** after being authorized ...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

509 FA206
Subject: Conference Board of Pensions.
Petition: FA-11206-1608-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1158
Membership: 93; Present: 87;
For: 78; Against: 6; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

510 FA207

Subject: Financial Policy of the General Board of Pensions.
Petition: FA-10576-1608-D
Page in Advance DCA: 384
Membership: 93; Present: 85;
For: 72; Against: 9; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

511 FM004

Subject: Human and Civil Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men.
Petition: FM-12347-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 1142
Membership: 97; Present: 86;
For: 76; Against: 10; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

512* FM005

Subject: Human Sexuality. Amend 71F.
Petition: FM-12346-0071-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1132
Membership: 97; Present: 86;
For: 86; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

513* FM006

Subject: No practicing homosexual to be utilized as paid staff or volunteer.
Petition: FM-12348-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1142
Membership: 97; Present: 86;
For: 86; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

514 FM007

Subject: Christian Marriage. Amend para. 71-C.
Petition: FM-10017-0071-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1131
Membership: 97; Present: 86;
For: 77; Against: 9; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

515* FM008

Subject: Report of the Baptism Study Committee.
Petition: FM-10735-3000-S
Page in Advance DCA: 253
Membership: 97; Present: 85;
For: 83; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

On page 262 Advance DCA, add to recommendation #2:...quadrennium. **1. According to the study, is there a difference between Church membership on the basis of profession of faith in Christ and initiation into the family of God?**

2. Does the paper teach that baptism is necessary for salvation? If so, what are the implications of this teaching?

3. According to the paper, what is necessary for salvation?

4. If you are made a church member by baptism, can you ever lose your membership?

5. Is the theology of the study consistent with: (1) the liturgies in the hymnal? (2) our present practices in the churches? (3) our doctrinal standards as found in paragraph 68, section 3? (4) other parts of the Discipline? (5) practices in United Methodist churches in other parts of the world?

6. What constitutes a valid baptism? Belief or faith, actions, certain mandated words, proper ordination of clergy, etc.?

7. What would be the effect of prohibiting infant dedication? Private baptisms? Rebaptisms?

8. Does the study document teach baptismal regeneration? If so, what are the implications of this teaching?

9. Does the study document enhance or diminish the creative tension between the sacramental and evangelical strains of United Methodism? If so, what are the implications of this teaching?

10. What effect would the discontinuance of confirmation and preparatory membership have on the life of the church?

11. Is there a necessary relationship between God's initiative in baptism and the human response of faith?

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

516* FM009

Subject: Baptism study document considerations.
Petitions: FM-10994-3000-R, FM-11084-3000-R, FM-11099-0106-D, FM-11435-3000-R, FM-11564-3000-R, FM-11610-3000-R.
Pages in Advance DCA: 264, 1250, 1138, 1170, 1138.
Membership: 97; Present: 84;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

517* FM010

Subject: Termination of United Methodist members membership in the Masonic Lodge.
Petition: FM-11163-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1205
Membership: 97; Present: 84;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

518* FM011

Subject: Infant Baptism/Dedication.
Petitions: FM-10032-0221-D, FM-10033-0222-D, FM-10034-0223-D, FM-11578-0221-D, FM-11869-0221-D.

Pages in Advance DCA: 1254, 1254, 1255, 1254, 1254.
Membership: 97; Present: 84;
For: 81; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

519 FM012

Subject: Rebaptism for Those Baptized as Infants or Children.
Petition: FM-11819-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1138
Membership: 97; Present: 84;
For: 76; Against: 6; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

520* FM013

Subject: Response to The Study Document "By Water and the Spirit".
Petitions: FM-10132-0106-D, FM-10616-3000-R, FM-11169-0106-D, FM-11378-3000-R, FM-11479-3000-R, FM-11839-3000-R, FM-12092-3000-M, FM-12093-3000-M, FM-12218-3000-R.

Pages in Advance DCA: 1250, 263, 1250, 1137, 1138, 1137, 1139, 1139, 1140.
Membership: 97; Present: 84;
For: 83; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

521* FM014

Subject: "Our Distinctive Heritage as United Methodist".
Petition: FM-10823-0066-D
Page in Advance DCA: 284
Membership: 97; Present: 84;
For: 82; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

522* FM015

Subject: Our Theological Task.
Petition: FM-12067-0069-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1130
Membership: 97; Present: 84;
For: 83; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend Par.69, page 85 line 17:...see the living ~~youth~~**truth** in Scripture.

Amend Par.69, sentence starting at the bottom of page 89: **In this spirit we take up our theological task. We endeavor through the power of the Holy Spirit to understand the love of God given in Jesus Christ. We seek to spread this love abroad.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

523* FM016

Subject: Re-examine Christian affirmations of faith of the United Methodist Church.
Petition: FM-11433-0066-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1129
Membership: 97; Present: 84;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

524* FM017

Subject: The word "Christian" be given a specific definition.
Petition: FM-11478-0066-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1129
Membership: 97; Present: 84;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

525* FM018

Subject: The Present Challenge to Theology in the Church.
Petition: FM-11932-0069-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1130
Membership: 97; Present: 84;
For: 83; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

526* FM019

Subject: Our Doctrinal Standards and General Rules.
Petition: FM-12066-0068-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1129
Membership: 97; Present: 84;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

527* FM020

Subject: "Grace Upon Grace" as the Official Mission Statement.
Petition: FM-11686-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1144
Membership: 97; Present: 84;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

528* FM021

Subject: Our Theological Task.
Petition: FM-12101-0069-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1131
Membership: 97; Present: 84;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

529 FM022

Subject: The Doctrinal Statement.
Petition: FM-12091-0069-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1130
Membership: 97; Present: 84;
For: 74; Against: 9; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

530 FM023

Subject: Ecumenical Commitment.
Petition: FM-12090-0069-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1130
Membership: 97; Present: 84;
For: 73; Against: 10; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

531* FM024

Subject: Task Force to Study Sophia Theology.

Petition: FM-11771-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1236
Membership: 97; Present: 84;
For: 82; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

532* FM025

Subject: Task Force to Study Feminist Theology.
Petition: FM-11772-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1235
Membership: 97; Present: 84;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

533* FM026

Subject: New Mission Statement.
Petition: FM-10312-3000-D
Page in Advance DCA: 287
Membership: 97; Present: 84;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

On page 287 DCA Vol 1, amend point #2:...Jesus Christ ~~and his being~~ is equally...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

534 FM028

Subject: Reaffirm our United Methodist Doctrinal position.
Petition: FM-11565-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1170
Membership: 97; Present: 81;
For: 62; Against: 16; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

535* FM029

Subject: Task Force to study what Christians Really Believe.
Petition: FM-11083-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1144
Membership: 97; Present: 81;
For: 79; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

536* FM030

Subject: Oppose Elimination of Confirmation.
Petition: FM-12006-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1139
Membership: 97; Present: 80;
For: 79; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

537* FM031

Subject: Baptism and confirmation.
Petition: FM-11171-0216-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1253
Membership: 97; Present: 81;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 8;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

538* FM032

Subject: Baptism and confirmation.
Petition: FM-11529-0221-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1254
Membership: 97; Present: 79;
For: 74; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

539* FM033

Subject: Baptism and Confirmation of Children in the Church.
Petitions: FM-10222-0216-D, FM-10223-0224-D, FM-10224-0225-D, FM-10611-3000-R, FM-10613-3000-R, FM-10614-0216-D, FM-10615-3000-R, FM-11172-0224-D, FM-11173-0225-D, FM-11566-3000-M, FM-11818-3000-R, FM-11838-3000-R.
Pages in Advance DCA: 832, 833, 833, 263, 264, 286, 264, 1255, 1255, 1170, 1138, 1139.
Membership: 97; Present: 79;
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

540* FM034

Subject: Admission of Children into Church Membership.
Petitions: FM-10035-0224-D, FM-10136-0216-D, FM-11840-3000-R, FM-12036-0216-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1255, 1253, 1137, 1253.
Membership: 97; Present: 79;
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

541* FM035

Subject: Membership Requirement.
Petition: FM-10135-0209-D
Page in Advance DCA: 831
Membership: 97; Present: 79;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

542 FM036

Subject: Baptism and church membership.
Petition: FM-12339-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1126
Membership: 97; Present: 80;
For: 59; Against: 18; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

543 FM037

Subject: Baptized Children Retained as Preparatory Members.
Petition: FM-12179-0224-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1255
Membership: 97; Present: 80;
For: 64; Against: 12; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

544* GJ022

Subject: United Methodist Student Day.
Petition: GJ-10383-0274-D
Page in Advance DCA: 651
Membership: 80; Present: 74;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

545* GJ024

Subject: Peace with Justice Special Sunday Offering.
Petition: GJ-11164-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1199
Membership: 80; Present: 75;
For: 74; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

546 GJ030 (MR)

Subject: Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
Petition: GJ-11040-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 673
Membership: 80; Present: 78;
For: 70; Against: 6; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Delete paragraphs #3 which begins with "On that day ..." and #5 which begins with "Not schedule ....".

Minority Report

Restore the third paragraph (from original petition):

"On that day close the Bishop's office, all conference offices, all district offices, all local church offices, and, where feasible, business offices of church-related institutions;"

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

547* GJ034

Subject: Church-wide offerings.
Petition: GJ-11652-0274-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1179
Membership: 80; Present: 75;
For: 74; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

548* GJ041

Subject: Observance of Special Sundays.
Petition: GJ-10826-0273-D
Page in Advance DCA: 650
Membership: 80; Present: 74;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

549* GJ060

Subject: Resolutions on Special Days, Local Church Legislation-Re: Special Sundays.
Petition: GJ-10853-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 537
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

550* GJ061

Subject: Continuation of the Present Special Sundays.
Petition: GJ-11008-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 681
Membership: 80; Present: 74;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

551* GJ062

Subject: Church-wide Special Sundays with Offerings.
Petition: GJ-10827-0274-D
Page in Advance DCA: 650
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Under paragraph that begins "Native American Awareness Sunday" change the wording "second Sunday after Easter" to read "third Sunday of Easter".

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

552* GJ063

Subject: Establishing Rural Life Sunday as a Special Sunday with Annual Conference Offering.
Petition: GJ-11713-0276-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1180
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

553* GJ064

Subject: Setting Rural Life Sunday on the Fifth Sunday After Easter.
Petition: GJ-11712-0275-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1180
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Delete paragraph 275.3

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554* GJ065

Subject: Rural Life Sunday.
Petition: GJ-10207-0275-D
Page in Advance DCA: 651
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

555* GJ066

Subject: Rural Life Sunday, Fifth Sunday after Easter.
Petition: GJ-11210-0275-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1180
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

556* GJ099
Subject: Opposition to Columbus Day as a National Holiday.
Petition: GJ-10617-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 666
Membership: 80; Present: 70;
For: 66; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

557* GJ100
Subject: Columbus Quintcentenary.
Petition: GJ-11385-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1198
Membership: 80; Present: 74;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

558* GJ101
Subject: Columbus Observance.
Petition: GJ-10370-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 665
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

559 GJ111
Subject: Continuation of Africa Church Growth and Development Program.
Petition: GJ-10731-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 663
Membership: 80; Present: 74;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

560* GJ114
Subject: Limitation of Boycotts.
Petition: GJ-11162-0825-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1186
Membership: 80; Present: 74;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

561* GJ115
Subject: Adopt "Peace with Justice as a Special Program".
Petition: GJ-12224-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1206
Membership: 80; Present: 74;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

562* GJ118
Subject: Report on Inter-agency Task Force on Aids.
Petition: GJ-10890-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 612
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

Note editing change in the first sentence of Report No. 41. This

should read: "

The 1988 General Conference...."

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

563* GM001
Subject: Nomination and Election of Central Conference Representatives on the GBGM.
Petition: GM-11853-1412-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1211
Membership: 110; Present: 106;
For: 106; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

564* GM002
Subject: Number and method of election of women members of the General Board of Global Ministries.
Petition: GM-11974-1428-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1212
Membership: 110; Present: 106;
For: 106; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

565* GM003
Subject: Composition of the Executive Committee of the Women's Division and other Divisions.
Petition: GM-11973-1424-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1212
Membership: 110; Present: 108;
For: 107; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

566 GM004
Subject: General Board of Global Ministries Women's Division, Undesignated Funds.
Petition: GM-12008-1427-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1212
Membership: 110; Present: 108;
For: 81; Against: 27; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

567 GM005
Subject: Sovereign Indian Nations Within the U.S.
Petition: GM-12138-1430-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1212
Membership: 110; Present: 108;
For: 86; Against: 19; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

568 GM006
Subject: Authority of the World Division.
Petition: GM-12140-1432-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1213
Membership: 110; Present: 108;
For: 86; Against: 19; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

569 GM007

Subject: Administration of New Commitment.
Petition: GM-12141-1437-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1213
Membership: 110; Present: 108;
For: 86; Against: 19; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

570 GM008

Subject: Native American Comprehensive Plan.
Petition: GM-11024-3000-S$
Page in Advance DCA: 729
Membership: 110; Present: 103;
For: 102; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

pp. 729,ADCA - col. 2, line 4, ~~indigenous people in the Americas.~~

Native Americans.

pp. 731, col. 2 - "Action: Implementing the Plan in the Future"

delete the last sentence in Par. 1. Substitute the following:

The task force will submit a report to the General Conference in 1996 and GBGM will present a report every quadrennium thereafter."

pp. 731. col. 2, Par. 2:

~~The Task Force will be composed of one director and one staff person from each general agency, and two members from each of the following organizations:~~ **The Task Force will be composed of one director, one staff person selected by each of the four General Program Boards, and two members from each of the following: Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, The Native American International Caucus, and the National United Methodist Native American Center, and at least one Native American member from the Alaska Missionary Conference."**

p. 731, column 2, last paragraph, last sentence:

~~The source of funding will be determined by the General Council on Finance and Administration.~~ **It is recommended that the source of funding be new monies, as determined by the General Council on Finance and Administration. We also recommend that the proposed budget be attached for information.**

Native American Comprehensive Plan

1993-1996 Proposed Budget

1. Adminstration:
   1993 60,000
   1994 65,000
   1995 70,000
   1996 75,000
   Total 270,000

2. Jurisdictional Consultation
   1993 50,000
   1994 50,000
   1995 0
   1996 0
   Total 100,000

3. Training
   1993 0
   1994 0
   1995 25,000
   1996 25,000
   Total 50,000

4. Leadership
   1993 40,000
   1994 40,000
   1995 40,000
   1996 40,000
   Total 160,000

5. Youth In Mission
   1993 25,000
   1994 25,000
   1995 25,000
   1996 25,000
   Total 100,000

Consultation Follow-up

6. N/A Theology
   1993 0
   1994 30,000
   1995 10,000
   1996 0

   Total 40,000

7. Nat/NA Health Consultation
   1993 0
   1994 30,000
   1995 10,000
   1996 0
   Total 40,000

8. Consultation on Developing Eqitable Salaries for N/A Pastors
   1993 0
   1994 30,000
   1995 10,000
   1996 0
   Total 40,000

9. N. A. Curriculum
   1993 0
   1994 0
   1995 25,000
   1996 25,000
   Total 50,000

10. Rural Initiative
   1993 125,000
   1994 30,000
   1995 85,000
   1996 110,000
   Total 350,000

$75,000 X 4 projects = $300,000

Training Meetings = $50,000

Totals
   1993 300,000
   1994 300,000
   1995 300,000
   1996 300,000
   Total 1,200,000

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

571* GM009

Subject: Native American History and contemporary culture as related to effective church participation.
Petition: GM-11405-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1216
Membership: 110; Present: 100;
For: 100; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

p. 1216, col. 2, par. 4:

Be it further resolved, that the General Conference ~~suggest~~**designate** the National United Methodist Native American Center, Inc., ~~be funded and designated~~ as the Center for the research, development, and training components of the requested curriculum.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

572 GM010

Subject: Shared financial support for the Native American Center.
Petition: GM-11406-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 1216
Membership: 110; Present: 100;
For: 99; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

p. 1217, col. 1, par. 3, line 2

Therefore, be it resolved, that in 1992 the General Conference endorse the ~~continued~~ quadrennium funding, ~~1992(@)1996~~ **1993-1996**

line 5 - General Board of Global Ministries ~~(GBBM~~ **(GBGM)**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

573 GM011

Subject: Study Committee for Asian - American Language Ministries.
Petition: GM-12225-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1227
Membership: 110; Present: 105;
For: 94; Against: 5; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Therefore be it resolved, that the General Conference mandates the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM)-National Program Division to create a National Study Committee for Asian-American Language Ministries for the purpose of studying these problems and challenges and formulating recommendations for ~~appropriate~~**immediate** action ~~to the 1996 General Conference~~**and appropriate action to the 1996 General Conference.**

Be it further resolved, that the National Study Committee for Asian-American Language Ministries be composed of at least ~~two-thirds~~**one-half** representatives of Asian-American language groups chosen in consultation with the National Federation of Asian-American United Methodists (NFAAUM). ~~Size of the committee will be determined by the GBGM National Program Division in consultation with NFAAUM.~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

574* GM012

Subject: Transitional Local Church and Community Task Force.
Petition: GM-10553-0731-D
Page in Advance DCA: 732
Membership: 110; Present: 107;
For: 102; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

575* GM013

Subject: Annual Conference Commission on the Small Membership Church.
Petition: GM-10212-0731-D
Page in Advance DCA: 734
Membership: 110; Present: 107;
For: 103; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Add 742 and renumber subsequent paragraphs:

There ~~shall~~**may** be in each Annual Conference a conference Commission on the Small Membership Church.

2. The basic membership of the conference commission shall be nominated and elected by established procedures of the annual conferences. ~~Each annual conference shall determine the number and composition of the total membership which shall consist of not fewer than twelve nor more than thirty-six.~~ All must be members of The United Methodist Church. Special consultants without vote may be used as resource persons. Among the basic members of the commission shall be representatives of small membership churches from each district. ~~There shall be at least six members at large to ensure representation from rural and urban settings.~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

576 GM014

Subject: Study of Rural Community.
Petition: GM-10698-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 737
Membership: 110; Present: 107;
For: 98; Against: 7; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

577* GM015

Subject: Composition of Board of Trustees of Mission Agencies and Institutions.
Petition: GM-10213-1411-D
Page in Advance DCA: 734
Membership: 110; Present: 103;
For: 103; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Add a new sub-section 2 in 1411, renumbering the present 1411.2 to 1411.3:

Former Evangelical United Brethren mission agencies located within the United States not directly owned by the National Program Division or the Women's Program Division of the General Board of Global Ministries and which receive more than fifty percent of their charitable donations through United Methodist channels of giving shall ~~hold their property in trust for the Annual Conference or Missionary Conference in which the mission agency is located; and shall~~ be governed by a Board of Trustees or Directors of whom two-thirds of its **elected** voting membership shall be members of The United Methodist Church.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

578* GM016

Subject: Promotion of the Golden Cross Offering.
Petition: GM-10838-0731-D
Page in Advance DCA: 733
Membership: 110; Present: 98;
For: 93; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend 731.4.(33) as follows:

(33) To promote an annual Golden Cross offering or other means of giving to be received in every local church on a day or days designated by the Annual Conference in support of the health and welfare ministries within the Annual Conference, ~~if the Annual Conference so directs~~

~~, and to~~ This offering shall provide financial support to care for sick persons, older persons, children and youth,

and persons with handicapping conditions. ~~; with s~~ Special emphasis **shall be** given to aiding....

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

579* GM017

Subject: Board of Trustees on Directors of Mission Agencies.
Petition: GM-10275-1411-D
Page in Advance DCA: 735
Membership: 110; Present: 103;
For: 103; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

580* GM018

Subject: Environmental Stewardship.
Petition: GM-10276-1459-D
Page in Advance DCA: 737
Membership: 110; Present: 98;
For: 98; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

581 GM019

Subject: Report of the Committee to Develop a National Plan for Hispanic Ministry.
Petition: GM-10867-3000-A$
Page in Advance DCA: 715
Membership: 110; Present: 100;
For: 99; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend page 724, column 2, to add:

9. To provide a full report to the 1996 General Conference of the progress toward the results of the goals of the National Plan.

Amend the first sentence of paragraph 3 on page 726 so that it reads:

Beyond that, however, we recommend and request that the General Conference apportion to the general program boards an additional $3,100,000 for the implementation of ~~this~~ **the National** Plan **For Hispanic Ministry** during the next quadrennium **and that these funds be taken from the General Fund.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

582* GM020

Subject: Affirmation of Basic Rural Worth.
Petition: GM-11856-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1221
Membership: 110; Present: 99;
For: 98; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

583 GM021

Subject: Rural Crisis: Special Program.
Petition: GM-11720-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1221
Membership: 110; Present: 99;
For: 91; Against: 8; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

584* GM022

Subject: Resourcing Black Churches in Urban Communities.
Petition: GM-10975-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 739
Membership: 110; Present: 99;
For: 99; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

585* GM023

Subject: Assign. of Conference Mission and Outreach to Ann. Conf. Comm. on Parish and Community Development.
Petition: GM-11715-0731-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1208
Membership: 110; Present: 99;
For: 99; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Restore Par. 731.5 to its original format.

731.5. The Annual Conference shall ~~either~~ establish a Committee on Parish and Community Development ~~or assign this responsibility to an existing agency in the Annual Conference that will fulfill these~~ **with** responsibilities ~~as~~ related to the objectives and scope of the National Division, General Board of Global Ministries (1414). The committee shall initiate and develop programs with institutional and voluntary ministries related to the National Division, Church and Community Ministry, Congregational Development, Town and Country Ministries, Urban Ministries ....

Amend 731.5.e by adding a sentence:

731.5.e) Responsibilities of the subcommittee on Congregational Development shall include encouraging and sponsoring the development of new and established congregations; conducting research studies and community surveys that plan for and assist with developing innovative strategies for mission; and reviewing, evaluating, and making recommendations for loans, donations, and grants from National Division. **The subcommittee also shall encourage greater use of pastoral models such as tentmaking/bi-vocational ministries, and part-time pastors.** ~~by advocating for the removal of impediments to their use and emphasizing the pastor's ability to produce effective nurture, outreach, and witness ministries as the primary criterion for appointment~~.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

586* GM024

Subject: Mission in the Local Community Enabling Resolution.
Petition: GM-10620-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 738
Membership: 110; Present: 99;
For: 96; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

587* GM025

Subject: Increasing the Number of Church and Community Workers.
Petition: GM-11717-3000-R$

Page in Advance DCA: 1218
Membership: 110; Present: 99;
For: 95; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

588* GM026

Subject: Church and Community Ministry Program.
Petition: GM-11854-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1219
Membership: 110; Present: 99;
For: 95; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

589* GM027

Subject: Increase Number of Church and Community Workers.
Petition: GM-11855-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 1219
Membership: 110; Present: 99;
For: 95; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

590* GM028

Subject: Affirmation of Basic Rural Worth.
Petition: GM-10699-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 738
Membership: 110; Present: 98;
For: 98; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

591* GM030

Subject: Tent Building Ministries.
Petition: GM-11934-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1221
Membership: 110; Present: 99;
For: 99; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

592* GM032

Subject: Composition of the Conference Board of Global Ministries.
Petition: GM-10705-0731-D
Page in Advance DCA: 732
Membership: 110; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

593* GM033

Subject: Support the adoption of the National Plan on Hispanic Ministries.
Petition: GM-11092-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1214
Membership: 110; Present: 97;
For: 97; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

594* GM034

Subject: Support the National Plan for Hispanic Ministry including funding.
Petition: GM-11486-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1214
Membership: 110; Present: 97;
For: 97; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

595* GM035

Subject: National Plan for Hispanic Ministries.
Petition: GM-11917-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1215
Membership: 110; Present: 97;
For: 97; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

596* GM036

Subject: Promote the Observance of Native American Awareness Sunday.
Petition: GM-10519-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 738
Membership: 110; Present: 103;
For: 103; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

597* GM037

Subject: Native American Representation in the United Methodist Church.
Petition: GM-11408-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1218
Membership: 110; Present: 100;
For: 100; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

598* GM038

Subject: A New Beginning.
Petition: GM-12137-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1222
Membership: 110; Present: 100;
For: 99; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

ommittee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Par. 6 - The first sentence should read:

· Therefore, be it resolved, that the Native American International Caucus call upon United Methodists to reflect and analyze, ~~during~~**beginning in** the year 1992,

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

599 GM039

Subject: Study on the Building of Community in Rural Native American Communities.
Petition: GM-12142-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1222
Membership: 110; Present: 101;
For: 101; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

~~Therefore be it resolved, that the 1992 General Conference adequately fund a study on the building of community in rural Native American communities;~~

Be it further resolved, that the General Board of Global Ministries and the National United Methodist Native American Center be charged with the responsibility of developing a joint process, within the 1992-1996 Native American Comprehensive Plan, to study both the present and future shape of ministry in rural Native American communities;

Therefore be it ~~further~~ resolved, that the results of the study be reported to the 1996 General Conference with recommendations for a course of action for building community in rural Native American communities into and beyond the year 2000.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

600 GM040

Subject: World Service Apportionments.
Petition: GM-10128-1411-D
Page in Advance DCA: 734
Membership: 110; Present: 100;
For: 86; Against: 13; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Minority Report

We affirm the Christian imperative to witness in word and deed to the redeeming act of God in Jesus Christ. We, therefore, affirm the missionary endeavor to witness in all cultures, to all peoples, in all places. Missionary support includes recruitment, preparation for service, actual deployment of missionary personnel and appropriate support for the on-going program initiated by the missionaries' endeavors.

We, therefore, call upon the GBGM to give funding priority to missionary support expressed in the various forms of missionary service. Particular attention shall be given to the utilization of such fund sources as World Service, United Methodist Women's financial support of the National and World Division, Advance Specials, Covenant Relations, and other channels of undesignated funding.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

601* GM041

Subject: General Board of Global Ministries, World Service Apportionment.
Petition: GM-12007-1411-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1211
Membership: 110; Present: 103;
For: 98; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

602* GM042

Subject: The Office of Deaconess.
Petition: GM-10707-1418-D
Page in Advance DCA: 735
Membership: 110; Present: 93;
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

603* GM043

Subject: Committee on Deaconess Service.
Petition: GM-10708-1419-D
Page in Advance DCA: 736
Membership: 110; Present: 93;
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

604* GM044

Subject: The Deaconess Program Office.
Petition: GM-10709-1420-D
Page in Advance DCA: 736
Membership: 110; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

605* GM045

Subject: Voting Rights for Deaconesses.
Petition: GM-11784-1418-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1212
Membership: 110; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

606* GM046

Subject: Responsibilities of the Conference Board of Global Ministries.
Petition: GM-10797-0731-D
Page in Advance DCA: 733
Membership: 110; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

p. 733 ADCA, 1st column, 2nd line:

The Annual Conference shall establish a Committee on Parish and Community Development **or assign this responsibility to an existing agency in the Annual Conference**

p. 733, 2nd column, line 12:

...calling **for** representation by small membership churches...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

607* GM047

Subject: National Plan for Hispanic Ministries.
Petition: GM-10441-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 739
Membership: 110; Present: 97;
For: 97; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

608* GM048

Subject: The Purpose of Health and Welfare Ministries Department.
Petition: GM-12256-1439-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1214
Membership: 110; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

609* GM049

Subject: Responsibilities of the Health and Welfare Ministries Department.
Petition: GM-10710-1440-D
Page in Advance DCA: 736
Membership: 110; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

p. 737, line 6 to be amended as follows:

HIV/AIDS, environmental health, and **particularly** the health needs of women, children, youth, and the communities of color.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

610* GM050

Subject: Responsibilities of the Mission Education and Cultivation Department.
Petition: GM-10711-1449-D
Page in Advance DCA: 737
Membership: 110; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

611* GM051

Subject: Responsibilities of the World Division.
Petition: GM-11336-1431-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1213
Membership: 110; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

612* GM053

Subject: Continuance of Funding to the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico.
Petition: GM-12154-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1227
Membership: 110; Present: 70;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

P. 1227, Par. 3, line 7

and to continue the ~~present level of~~ funding up to 1996.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

613* GM054

Subject: Understanding The United Methodist Church as a Global Church.
Petition: GM-12155-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1227
Membership: 110; Present: 70;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

614* GM055

Subject: Task Force to Study the Feasibility of Setting up a Distribution Transportation System.
Petition: GM-11063-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1082
Membership: 110; Present: 94;
For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

615* GM056

Subject: Duties of the General Board of Global Ministries.
Petition: GM-11215-1402-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1210
Membership: 110; Present: 95;
For: 95; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

616* GM057

Subject: Responsibilities of the General Board of Global Ministries.
Petition: GM-11440-1402-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1210
Membership: 110; Present: 95;
For: 95; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

617* GM058

Subject: Responsibilities of the General Board of Global Ministries.
Petition: GM-11933-1402-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1210
Membership: 110; Present: 94;
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

618 GM059

Subject: The Budget of the General Board of Global Ministries.
Petition: GM-11387-1404-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1210
Membership: 110; Present: 95;
For: 83; Against: 9; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

619* GM060

Subject: Policies of Investment of the General Board of Global Ministries.
Petition: GM-11216-1411-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1211
Membership: 110; Present: 95;
For: 95; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

620* GM061

Subject: Limit Meetings of the General Board of Global Ministries.
Petition: GM-11769-1412-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1211
Membership: 110; Present: 95;
For: 92; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

621* GM062
Subject: Purpose and Responsibilities of The National Division.
Petition: GM-12069-1413-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1211
Membership: 110; Present: 95;
For: 95; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

622* GM063
Subject: Responsibilities of the National Division.
Petition: GM-10706-1414-D
Page in Advance DCA: 735
Membership: 110; Present: 95;
For: 93; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

623* GM064
Subject: Responsibilities of the National Division.
Petition: GM-10798-1414-D
Page in Advance DCA: 735
Membership: 110; Present: 95;
For: 95; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

P. 735, amend Par. 1414.13:

13. Work of the Parish or Community Development Committee **or its equivalent** in an Annual Conference...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

624* GM065
Subject: GBGM/Nat. Div. Responsibilities Related to Needs of Small Membership Churches.
Petition: GM-11716-1414-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1212
Membership: 110; Present: 95;
For: 95; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

625* GM066
Subject: Abolish the "Grant System" of the General Board of Global Ministries.
Petition: GM-11441-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1218
Membership: 110; Present: 95;
For: 95; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

626* GM068
Subject: Task Force for Integrated Transportation Data Base System.
Petition: GM-11287-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1082
Membership: 110; Present: 94;
For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

627* GM069
Subject: Task Force to Study Feasibility of Transportation for UMCOR.
Petition: GM-11296-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1082
Membership: 110; Present: 94;
For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

628* GM070
Subject: Authority of the General Board of Global Ministries.
Petition: GM-11851-1404-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1210
Membership: 110; Present: 95;
For: 90; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

629* GM071
Subject: The Budget of the General Board of Global Ministries.
Petition: GM-12258-1404-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1211
Membership: 110; Present: 95;
For: 90; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

630* GM072
Subject: Budget of General Board of Global Ministries.
Petition: GM-11852-1404-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1211
Membership: 110; Present: 95;
For: 90; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

631* GM076
Subject: Responsibilities of the World Division.
Petition: GM-12139-1431-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1213
Membership: 110; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

632 HE007 (MR)
Subject: Rural Chaplaincy as a Ministry of Laity and Clergy.
Petition: HE-11722-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 1235
Membership: 78; Present: 57;
For: 35; Against: 22; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/6

Committee recommends concurrence:

Minority Report

Rural Ministry of Lay and Clergy

Whereas, continued decline of rural America constitutes an ongoing struggle which holds rural communities in long term crisis; and

Whereas, the need for specialized and caring ministries in rural communities has become critical; and

Whereas, persons working in rural ministries are persons called by God

whose gifts and graces are uniquely suited for mission and ministry with town and rural persons, families, communities and churches; and

Whereas, persons working in rural ministries respond to spiritual dimensions of life when rural peoples who relate to farming, mining, timbering, fishing, rural industries and businesses, etc., experience harmful, social, technoligical and economic changes; and

Whereas, persons working in rural ministries advocate for the provision of human services that respond to the needs of persons, families and communities; and

Whereas, persons working in rural ministries are interpreters of town and rural issues to denominational, local and denominational forms of the Church, and also to local communities and society at all levels; and

Whereas, persons working in rural ministries provide encouragement to persons who choose to integrate their theological and ethical understandings of society and creation in a lifestyle that calls for a just, participatory and sustainable economy, and also challenge secular perceptions of environmental and ecological issues; and

Whereas, persons working in rural ministries have long-term commitments to serve in communities where they have been appointed or called by the Church, and to use their skills for the purposes given above by participating in a Network for fellowship, encouragement and sharing;

Therefore be it resolved that The United Methodist Church affirm persons working in rural ministries as a viable and specialized ministry for town, country, and rural settings; and

Therefore be it further resolved that The United Methodist Church affirm persons working in rural ministries.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

633* HE043

Subject: Access of Hispanics to higher education.
Petition: HE-11487-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1215
Membership: 78; Present: 59;
For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Therefore, be it resolved, that General Conference requests that all University Senate related institutions be informed of this research, the needs it identifies and the intervention strategies it surveys by means of the most appropriate method identified by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

~~Be It Further resolved, that the Division of Higher Education assemble representatives of the member schools related to the University Senate, for the study of the research related to this issue, and the communication of the challenge to United Methodist leadership in Higher Education, as described in this resolution.~~

~~Finally, be it resolved, that General Conference request the Board of Higher Education and Ministry to offer its direct advocacy and assistance to member schools, and report to the 1996 General Conference in detail concerning the results of such advocacy in the recruitment, retention, and eventual success of Hispanic students enrolled in these schools and the possible development of Hispanic programs and institutions to address the aforementioned issues.~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

634 HE044

Subject: Increased support for programs impacting higher education of Native Americans.
Petition: HE-11407-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 1217
Membership: 78; Present: 59;
For: 55; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

... formal education.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the General Conference ~~mandate~~ **encourage** BHEM, **if monies are available,** to sponsor a Native..."

...implementation, and assessment of a ~~permanent annual~~ higher education...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

635 HE045

Subject: Education Responsibilities Concerning Native American Cultural Traditions.
Petition: HE-12145-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1223
Membership: 78; Present: 55;
For: 43; Against: 12; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

...culture and language.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1992 General Conference ~~mandate~~ **encourage that** the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry with the National United Methodist Native American Center **to** develop a curriculum that deals with the United Methodist Church and Colonial Conquest, that **this curriculum be made available to** all United Methodist seminaries. ~~to use this as a part of their core curriculum, and that the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry provide $25,000 to complete the project.~~ This curriculum shall include a process for the non-Native American pastor to become sensitive to Native American culture, history and language.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

636* IC026

Subject: Continue membership in CCUIC, NCCC and WCCC.
Petition: IC-11576-2402-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1243
Membership: 68; Present: 63;
For: 63; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

637* IC031

Subject: History of Blacks in the UM Church.
Petition: IC-10520-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 816
Membership: 68; Present: 62;
For: 61; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

638* IC039

Subject: Affirmation of Zoar UMC of Philadelphia.
Petition: IC-11906-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1107
Membership: 68; Present: 62;
For: 62; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

last sentence be amended to read

"...denomination's ~~prayers and~~ **prayerful** support~~on of~~ Zoar U.M.C. ..."

in fourth paragraph:

~~St. George's~~**St. George's**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

639 IC040 (MR)

Subject: Standing Commission on Alchohol and Drugs.
Petition: IC-12434-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 4-87
Membership: 68; Present: 63;
For: 46; Against: 11; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Minority Report

DRUG AND ALCHOL CONCERNS

THE COMMITTEE ON INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONS

Whereas we have a deep concern for the overwhelming social concern of alchohol and drug problems in our country; and

Whereas many of us have been waiting for many years for our church to take leadership in addressing and working with this problem; and

Whereas we have successfully addressed other major social concerns with Independent Commissions; and

Whereas such a commission could coordinate ministries in the area of Alcohol and Drug concerns now happening across the church by working specifically in this area; and

Whereas, our Bishops have focused attention on this blight upon our society; and

Whereas, we differ with Independent Commission's action by a majority of the body as a whole;

We therefore call for this General Conference to consider this matter as a calendar item allowing for open discussion and fact-finding in order to take full, appropriate action on this most vital concern.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

640* IC041

Subject: Independent Commission on alcohol and other drugs.
Petition: IC-12308-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1206
Membership: 68; Present: 63;
For: 59; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

641* IC042

Subject: Commission on alcohol and drugs.
Petition: IC-10967-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 161
Membership: 68; Present: 63;
For: 56; Against: 5; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

642* IC048

Subject: Support the work and urge continuance of General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.
Petition: IC-11492-2201-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1241
Membership: 68; Present: 54;
For: 54; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

643* IC049

Subject: Supports the continued existence of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.
Petition: IC-11098-2201-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1241
Membership: 68; Present: 55;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

644* IC051

Subject: Responsibilities of The Commission on Religion and Race.
Petition: IC-11165-2108-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1241
Membership: 68; Present: 63;
For: 63; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

645* IC058

Subject: Ecumenical Interpretations of Doctrinal Standards.
Petition: IC-10654-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 818
Membership: 68; Present: 58;
For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Therefore, be it hereby resolved that we declare it our official intent to interpret ~~all our~~**these** Articles, ~~Confession, and other standards of doctrine~~ in consonance with our best ecumenical insights and judgment.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

646* IC059

Subject: Toward an Ecumenical Future.
Petition: IC-10651-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 821
Membership: 68; Present: 58;
For: 55; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

647* IC060

Subject: Adopt "Toward an Ecumenical Future".
Petition: IC-12227-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1244
Membership: 68; Present: 58;

For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

648* IC061

Subject: Pan Methodist Unity and the Consultation of Methodist Bishops.
Petition: IC-11009-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 825
Membership: 68; Present: 57;
For: 54; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

649* IC062

Subject: Continue in the World Methodist Council.
Petition: IC-11575-2401-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1242
Membership: 68; Present: 58;
For: 57; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

650* IC065

Subject: Task Force to Study Racism and Sexism Rural Churches and Institutions.
Petition: IC-11861-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1247
Membership: 68; Present: 58;
For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

651* IC070

Subject: Retain Religious Race.
Petition: IC-11862-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1246
Membership: 68; Present: 61;
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

652* IC074

Subject: Membership in the Commission on the Status and Role of Women.
Petition: IC-10559-2204-D
Page in Advance DCA: 815
Membership: 68; Present: 60;
For: 58; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

653* IC075

Subject: The Responsibility of COSROW in the Annual Conference.
Petition: IC-11622-0741-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1238
Membership: 68; Present: 56;
For: 54; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

654* IC076

Subject: Responsibility of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women.
Petition: IC-10558-2203-D
Page in Advance DCA: 815
Membership: 68; Present: 61;
For: 59; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

655* IC077

Subject: General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.
Petition: IC-11773-2202-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1242
Membership: 68; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

656 IC078

Subject: Churches in Covenant Communities.
Petitions: IC-10277-3000-R, IC-10278-3000-R, IC-10353-3000-R, IC-10354-3000-R, IC-11010-3000-R, IC-11167-3000-R, IC-11273-2003-D, IC-11311-3000-R, IC-11863-3000-R, IC-12107-3000-M.
Pages in Advance DCA: 822, 822, 822, 822, 823, 1244, 1239, 1245, 1244, 1245.
Membership: 68; Present: 53;
For: 43; Against: 9; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

657 IC082

Subject: Confession to Native Americans.
Petition: IC-10652-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 818
Membership: 68; Present: 60;
For: 48; Against: 8; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

~~Therefore, be it resolved that the United Methodist General Conference confesses that it has sinned against its Native American brothers and sisters, and offers this formal apology for its participation, intended and unintended, in the violent colonization of their land.~~

Therefore, be it resolved that the United Methodist General Conference confesses that the United Methodist Church and its predecessor bodies have sinned and continue to sin against its Native American brothers and sisters, and offers this formal apology for its participation, intended and unintended, in the violent colonization of their land.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

658* IC083

Subject: Retain the Commission on Religion and Race.
Petition: IC-10351-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 825
Membership: 68; Present: 60;
For: 59; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

659* IC087
Subject: Holy Land Tours.
Petition: IC-10978-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 821
Membership: 68; Present: 57;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

660* IC088
Subject: Holy Land Tours.
Petition: IC-11688-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1249
Membership: 68; Present: 57;
For: 54; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

C) Recommends that United Methodists planning individual or group tours to Israel\Palestine consult with the United Methodist liaison in Jerusalem and the Middle East Council of Churches Ecumenical Travel Office; **to seek opportunities to worship with indigenous Christian congregations and to visit United Methodist supported mission sites;**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

661* IC089
Subject: Supporting the Resolution on Christian-Muslim Relations.
Petition: IC-12108-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1244
Membership: 68; Present: 58;
For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

662* IC090
Subject: Our Muslim Neighbors.
Petition: IC-10653-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 819
Membership: 68; Present: 57;
For: 52; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

663* IC091
Subject: Support the Consultation on Church Union proposal.
Petition: IC-11310-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1245
Membership: 68; Present: 63;
For: 63; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

664* IC092
Subject: Continuing Membership in the Consultation on Church Union.
Petition: IC-10650-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 822
Membership: 68; Present: 63;
For: 61; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

665 IC093
Subject: Responsibilities of GCCUIC.
Petition: IC-11490-2003-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1240
Membership: 68; Present: 63;
For: 56; Against: 7; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend 2003.4 as follows:

"...(such as the World Council of Churches, regional councils of churches, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.,~~ the National Association of Evangelicals,~~ the World Methodist Council, and Consultation on Church Union)~~.~~,..."

Add to end of paragraph:

We further encourage dialogue with other organizations such as the National Association of Evangelicals.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

666* IC094
Subject: Responsibilities of GCCUIC.
Petition: IC-11491-2003-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1240
Membership: 68; Present: 63;
For: 55; Against: 4; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

~~(primarily evangelical groups)~~

renumber those paragraphs that follow

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

667* IC096
Subject: Responsibilities of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns.
Petition: IC-11979-2003-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1240
Membership: 68; Present: 54;
For: 54; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends referral to the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

668* IC097
Subject: Celebrate and Support the Ongoing Work of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women
Petition: IC-11786-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1248
Membership: 68; Present: 58;
For: 53; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended by substitution, as follows:

Progress has been made by the General Commission on the Status and Role of women toward eliminating sexism in our church from 1972-92.

The United Methodist Church is committed to inclusiveness in our church; but females and males are

not yet equally represented in policy- and decision-making bodies, especially in administration and finance. [footnote 1]

The United Methodist Church stands in opposition to the sin of sexual harassment in our church and in society [footnote 2]; however, sexual harassment in our church continues to victimize both females and males, both clergy and laity. [footnote 3]

Be it resolved that the United Methodist Church:

* **celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the General Commission's efforts to be advocate, catalyst and monitor for a gender inclusive church;**

* **affirm the work and the necessity for the continuance of the General Commission in its ministry;**

* **support the work being done by the General Commission throughout the entire church to educate United Methodists in understanding and responding to the issues of sexual harassment through training, resources, policies and procedures; and**

* **support the work and funding of the General Commission to strengthen effective participation and insure equitable representation of females in policy- and decision-making positions at all levels in our church as encouraged by United Methodist disciplinary guidelines.**

[footnote 1] "Survey on the Participation of Women in the Local Church," General Commission on Status and Role of Women, 1991.

[footnote 2] "Sexual Harassment in Church and Society in the USA," Book of Resolutions, adopted 1988.

[footnote 3] "Sexual Harassment in the United Methodist Church," Office of Research, General Council on Ministries, November 1990.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

669* IC098

Subject: Members of Central Conference on the General Commission on Communication.
Petition: IC-11978-1907-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1239
Membership: 68; Present: 61;
For: 57; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

670* IC099

Subject: Establishing A Covenanting Church.
Petition: IC-10999-0650-D
Page in Advance DCA: 925
Membership: 68; Present: 61;
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

671 IC100

Subject: Relationship Between United Methodist Church and New Affiliated Autonomous Methodist Church of P.R.
Petition: IC-12151-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1225
Membership: 68; Present: 59;
For: 58; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

2.3 All of the agreements between the general agencies and the Puerto Rico Annual Conference **entered into the records of the general agencies and the Puerto Rico Annual Conference** for the transition period will be honored by the general agencies and The Methodist Church of Puerto Rico.

2.5 **In order that** no action shall be taken that can be construed as having vestiges of racism or discrimination~~.~~ ~~Therefore~~, the General Commission on Religion and Race will retain jurisdiction on this matter through 1992-2000 time period.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

672* IC101

Subject: Affiliated Autonomous Methodist Church of Puerto Rico and The United Methodist Church.
Petition: IC-12153-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1226
Membership: 68; Present: 57;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

673* IC102

Subject: Affiliated Autonomous Methodist Churches.
Petition: IC-10998-0648-D
Page in Advance DCA: 925
Membership: 68; Present: 61;
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

674* IC103

Subject: Concordat agreement with an Autonomous Methodist Church.
Petition: IC-10997-0647-D
Page in Advance DCA: 925
Membership: 68; Present: 61;
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

675* IC104

Subject: Continue the Commission of Religion and Race and Continue Status Role of Women.

Petitions: IC-10350-3000-R, IC-10352-3000-R, IC-11865-3000-R, IC-11919-3000-R.
Pages in Advance DCA: 826, 826, 1247, 1248.
Membership: 68; Present: 58;
For: 56; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

676* IC105

Subject: Prejudice against Muslims and Arabs in the U.S.A.
Petition: IC-11041-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 179
Membership: 68; Present: 58;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

677* IC106

Subject: Duties of UM Communications.
Petition: IC-12438-1906-D
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 68; Present: 58;
For: 57; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

678* LC014

Subject: Shared Facilities with Congregations and Groups.
Petition: LC-10563-2552-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1275
Membership: 89; Present: 84;
For: 83; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/6

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows;

amend petition to retain original language of Discipline in paragraph 2552.1a: Charge Conferences(s)

delete from para. 2552.1e) ~~The district Committee on Religion and Race shall monitor all consultations and plans related to the transfer/or use of property to insure fairness and equity in situations involving two or more local congregations or ministries.~~ and insert at the end of para. 2552.**The district Committee on Religion and Race shall monitor all consultations and plans related to the transfer/or use of property to insure fairness and equity in situations involving two or more local congregations or ministries.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

679* LC023

Subject: A Local Church.
Petition: LC-12110-0201-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1250
Membership: 89; Present: 83;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

680* LC025

Subject: Cooperative Parish Ministries.
Petitions: LC-10217-0206-D, LC-11225-0206-D, LC-11787-0206-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 830, 1251, 1252.
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

681* LC026

Subject: Teaching Parish.
Petition: LC-11725-0205-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1251
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

682* LC027

Subject: Cooperative Parish Ministries.
Petition: LC-10218-0206-D
Page in Advance DCA: 830
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

683* LC028

Subject: The Local Church as a Connectional Society.
Petition: LC-12071-0203-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1251
Membership: 89; Present: 83;
For: 80; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

684* LC038

Subject: Organization and Administration.
Petition: LC-10225-0244-D
Page in Advance DCA: 834
Membership: 89; Present: 80;
For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

685* LC039

Subject: Coordinator of Communications.
Petition: LC-10077-0263-D
Page in Advance DCA: 844
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

686* LC062

Subject: Board of Trustees - Powers and Limitations.
Petition: LC-10921-2532-D
Page in Advance DCA: 848
Membership: 89; Present: 84;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

add: "**The Board of Trustees shall also review annually the adequacy of Personnel Insurance.**" between first and second sentences.

New third section now reads "The purpose of these reviews is to assure that the church, it's properties, and it's personnel are properly protected against risks."

Add this text para.2532.5 **"The Board of Trustees in cooperation with the Health and Welfare Ministries Representative shall conduct or cause to be conducted, an annual accessibility audit of their buildings, grounds, and facilities to discover and identify what physical, architectural and communication barriers exist that impede the full participation of persons with handicapping conditions; and shall make plans and determine priorities for the elimination of all such barriers. The Accessibility Audit for churches shall be used in filling out the annual church/charge conference reports."**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

687* LC063

Subject: The Administrative Council as the Basic Administrative Structure for Local Churches.
Petition: LC-11728-0245-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1260
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

688* LC064

Subject: Local Church Organization and Administration.
Petition: LC-11788-0245-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1260
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

689* LC065

Subject: Basic Organizational Plan for the Local Church.
Petition: LC-10227-0245-D
Page in Advance DCA: 835
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

690* LC066

Subject: Staff-Parish Relations Committee.
Petition: LC-11873-0245-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1260
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

691 LC067

Subject: Honorary Members of the Administrative Council / Board.
Petition: LC-10845-0246-D
Page in Advance DCA: 836
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 68; Against: 12; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

692* LC068

Subject: General Provisions for honorary members.
Petition: LC-11142-0246-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1260
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

693* LC070

Subject: The Meaning of Membership.
Petition: LC-10768-0211-D
Page in Advance DCA: 832
Membership: 89; Present: 73;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

add: **"Thus,"**

should read: "Thus, they make known their desire to live the daily lives as disciples of Jesus Christ."

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

694* LC071

Subject: Shared Facilities.
Petition: LC-10561-0206-D
Page in Advance DCA: 830
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

695* LC073

Subject: Admission into the Church.
Petition: LC-10770-0216-D
Page in Advance DCA: 832
Membership: 89; Present: 76;
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

696* LC075

Subject: Church Membership, A Part of Discipleship.
Petition: LC-10769-0213-D
Page in Advance DCA: 832
Membership: 89; Present: 76;
For: 74; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

697* LC077

Subject: Admission into the Church.
Petition: LC-10399-0218-D
Page in Advance DCA: 832
Membership: 89; Present: 73;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

698* LC079

Subject: Confirmation Classes: Duty of the Pastor.
Petition: LC-10036-0225-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1255
Membership: 89; Present: 73;
For: 70; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

699* LC080

Subject: Higher Education Training and Scholarships.
Petition: LC-10349-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 751
Membership: 89; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Delete para. five, six, and seven.

Change para. eight to read, "Be it therefore resolved that the General Conference:"

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

700* LC081

Subject: Special attention of the different groups of people.
Petition: LC-12437-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 89; Present: 77;
For: 75; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

701* LC083

Subject: The Administrative Conference.
Petition: LC-11443-0248-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1262
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

702* LC089

Subject: A New Form of Cooperative Parish Ministry.
Petition: LC-11726-0206-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1252
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 81; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

703* LC091

Subject: Inactive member category.
Petition: LC-11313-0228-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1256
Membership: 89; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

704* LC092

Subject: The Church's Moral and Spiritual Obligation to Care for its Members.
Petition: LC-10773-0228-D
Page in Advance DCA: 833
Membership: 89; Present: 73;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

705* LC097

Subject: Care of members.
Petition: LC-11579-0230-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1258
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

706* LC099

Subject: Removal of Names from Membership Role.
Petition: LC-10137-0230-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1257
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 72; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

707* LC100

Subject: Grace Period for Inactive Members of a Local UMC.
Petition: LC-10316-0230-D
Page in Advance DCA: 834
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 69; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

708* LC101

Subject: Membership Records and Reports.
Petition: LC-12037-0232-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1258
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

709* LC102

Subject: Care of Members.
Petition: LC-11872-0230-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1258
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 73; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

710* LC103

Subject: The Basic Membership Church Records.
Petition: LC-10915-0234-D
Page in Advance DCA: 834
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

711* LC104
Subject: Maintain Accurate Membership Rolls.
Petition: LC-12180-0232-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1258
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 74; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

712* LC105
Subject: Pastor's report at Charge Conference.
Petition: LC-11530-0233-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1259
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

713 LC107
Subject: Tenure of Office.
Petition: LC-12038-0251-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1263
Membership: 89; Present: 84;
For: 60; Against: 23; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

714* LC108
Subject: Lay Member of the Annual Conference.
Petition: LC-12229-0251-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1263
Membership: 89; Present: 85;
For: 80; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

715 LC109
Subject: No local pastor or spouse eligible as lay member or alternate.
Petition: LC-11393-0251-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1263
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 69; Against: 6; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

716* LC111
Subject: Responsibilities of the Lay Reader.
Petition: LC-12073-0251-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1263
Membership: 89; Present: 85;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

717 LC112
Subject: Local church lay leader.
Petition: LC-11392-0251-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1263
Membership: 89; Present: 85;
For: 77; Against: 8; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

718* LC113
Subject: Responsibilities of the Lay Leader and the PPR Committee.
Petition: LC-10139-0251-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1263
Membership: 89; Present: 85;
For: 84; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

719 LC114
Subject: Duties of a Lay Leader.
Petition: LC-10622-0251-D
Page in Advance DCA: 839
Membership: 89; Present: 80;
For: 71; Against: 7; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

720* LC116
Subject: Election of the Committee on Nomination and Personnel.
Petition: LC-10317-0249-D
Page in Advance DCA: 838
Membership: 89; Present: 83;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

721* LC118
Subject: Members at Large of the Administrative Board / Council.
Petition: LC-10069-0247-D
Page in Advance DCA: 837
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 73; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

722* LC119
Subject: Local church's right to set apportionment acceptance.
Petition: LC-11495-0247-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1261
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

723* LC120
Subject: Pastor's report to Charge Conference.
Petition: LC-11581-0247-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1261
Membership: 89; Present: 78;
For: 75; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

724* LC121
Subject: Promotion of policies relative to Socially Responsible Investments.
Petition: LC-11227-0247-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1261

Membership: 89; Present: 77;
For: 72; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

725* LC126

Subject: The Church Historian.
Petition: LC-12012-0247-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1260
Membership: 89; Present: 78;
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

726 LC129

Subject: World Service and Conference Benevolence. Amend para. 247.
Petition: LC-10010-0247-D
Page in Advance DCA: 836
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 69; Against: 6; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

727* LC132

Subject: Mandatory Church Historian.
Petition: LC-11532-0250-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1263
Membership: 89; Present: 83;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

728* LC133

Subject: The Purpose of the Administrative Board.
Petition: LC-10775-0253-D
Page in Advance DCA: 841
Membership: 89; Present: 85;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

729 LC135

Subject: Affiliate and Associate Members on Administrative Board.
Petition: LC-10073-0254-D
Page in Advance DCA: 841
Membership: 89; Present: 83;
For: 60; Against: 22; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

730* LC136

Subject: Local Church Offices and Chairpersonship.
Petition: LC-10138-0249-D
Page in Advance DCA: 837
Membership: 89; Present: 83;
For: 80; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend para. 249.8:

change the last line wording ~~"shall"~~ to **"may"**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

731* LC137

Subject: The Membership of the Administrative Board.
Petition: LC-10776-0254-D
Page in Advance DCA: 841
Membership: 89; Present: 84;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Delete ~~Coordinator of Scouting Ministries~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

732* LC138

Subject: Membership of the Administrative Board.
Petition: LC-11101-0254-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1265
Membership: 89; Present: 84;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

733* LC140

Subject: Annual Accessibility Audit.
Petition: LC-12158-0262-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1267
Membership: 89; Present: 77;
For: 76; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend Para. 262.2 (f) and shall **in cooperation with the Board of Trustees** conduct an annual audit...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

734* LC141

Subject: Study of local church potential.
Petition: LC-11446-2550-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1275
Membership: 89; Present: 78;
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

735* LC142

Subject: Study of Local Church Potential.
Petition: LC-11883-2550-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1275
Membership: 89; Present: 78;
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

736* LC143

Subject: To Permit the Local Coordinator of Communications to Record a Video History of the Congregation.
Petition: LC-12157-0262-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1267
Membership: 89; Present: 77;
For: 76; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

737* LC144
Subject: Interpreters for Persons with Handicapping Conditions.
Petition: LC-10319-0262-D
Page in Advance DCA: 844
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 73; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

738* LC146
Subject: Council on Ministries.
Petition: LC-12441-0257-D
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 89; Present: 78;
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

739* LC147
Subject: Work Area Chairperson.
Petition: LC-12442-0260-D
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 89; Present: 78;
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

740* LC148
Subject: Organization of the Administrative Board.
Petition: LC-11339-0255-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1265
Membership: 89; Present: 83;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

741* LC149
Subject: Organization of the Administrative Board.
Petition: LC-11627-0255-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1265
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

742* LC150
Subject: Organization of the Administrative Board.
Petition: LC-10777-0255-D
Page in Advance DCA: 841
Membership: 89; Present: 83;
For: 81; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Add after "The officers shall be lay persons **"In the case of immigrant churches, exceptions may be made with the authorization of the District Superintendent."**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

743* LC151
Subject: The Work Area on Evangelism.
Petition: LC-12013-0252-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1265
Membership: 89; Present: 85;
For: 84; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

744* LC152
Subject: Support Scouting Ministry.
Petition: LC-12281-0254-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1265
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 76; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

745* LC153
Subject: Responsibilities of the Administrative Board.
Petition: LC-11144-0256-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1266
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 81; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

746 LC154
Subject: The Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations.
Petition: LC-11146-0269-D$
Page in Advance DCA: 1269
Membership: 89; Present: 80;
For: 52; Against: 28; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend para. 269.2 to read as follows:

Only one person from an immediate family residing in one same household shall serve on the committee.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

747* LC155
Subject: The Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations.
Petition: LC-11145-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1269
Membership: 89; Present: 85;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

748 LC156
Subject: Committee on Nominations and Personnel. Amend para. 269.L.
Petition: LC-10037-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1268
Membership: 89; Present: 85;
For: 70; Against: 15; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

749* LC157
Subject: A Structure for the Class Meetings.
Petition: LC-10783-0268-D
Page in Advance DCA: 845
Membership: 89; Present: 85;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

750* LC158

Subject: Prison Ministry.
Petition: LC-11444-0263-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1268
Membership: 89; Present: 86;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Line 1: change "ahall" to "should"

Line 6: delete "living within the church community"

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

751* LC159

Subject: Program Agencies.
Petition: LC-12039-0263-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1268
Membership: 89; Present: 86;
For: 80; Against: 1; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

752* LC160

Subject: Coordinator of Scouting Ministry.
Petition: LC-12283-0263-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1268
Membership: 89; Present: 86;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

753* LC161

Subject: Responsibilities of the Health and Welfare Ministries Representative.
Petition: LC-10713-0262-D
Page in Advance DCA: 844
Membership: 89; Present: 86;
For: 84; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend para. 262.2 line 2: ~~especially support for World Division, National Division, and UMCOR Advance Specials related to health and welfare ministries;~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

754 LC162

Subject: The Church School.
Petition: LC-11936-0263-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1268
Membership: 89; Present: 83;
For: 77; Against: 6; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

755* LC163

Subject: Youth Ministry.
Petition: LC-10782-0263-D
Page in Advance DCA: 845
Membership: 89; Present: 86;
For: 79; Against: 1; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend para. 263.2 line 9: ...the local church may ~~also wish to~~...

Amend para. 263.2 line 13: ... would be responsible for upholding the quality of these programs.

Re-paragraph 263 as follows: 2. "Youth Ministry" - the term "youth ministry" is an inclusive title, encompassing all the concerns of the church and all activities by, with, and for youth. The youth ministry of the United Methodist Church shall include all persons from approximately 12 through 18 years of age (generally persons in the seventh grade through the twelfth grade, taking into account the grouping of youth in the local schools), who are currently associated with the church or any of its activities. Youth who are full members of the church have all rights and responsibilities of church membership except voting on matters prohibited by state law. (See Para. 226)

a) the coordinator of youth ministries and the Youth Council, when organized, shall be responsible for recommending to the Administrative Council or Council on Ministries activities, program emphases, and settings for youth. The coordinator and council shall use available resources and means to inform youth concerning the Youth Service Fund and shall cultivate its support: provided that prior to this cultivation or as part of it, the youth shall been challenged to assume their financial responsibilities in connection with the total program and budget of the local church.

b) The local church may designate one of its settings as the United Methodist Youth Fellowship.

c) The local church may designate the Scouting Ministry as one of its settings and elect a Coordinator of Scouting Ministry who would be responsible for upholding the quality of these programs.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

756* LC164

Subject: Pastor-Pariah Relations Committee.
Petition: LC-10075-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 846
Membership: 89; Present: 83;
For: 79; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

757* LC165

Subject: Committee on Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations.
Petition: LC-11148-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1270
Membership: 89; Present: 85;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

758 LC166

Subject: The composition of the Local Church Pastor-Parish Committee.
Petition: LC-11147-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1269
Membership: 89; Present: 85;
For: 69; Against: 16; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

759 LC167
Subject: Responsibility of local lay leader.
Petition: LC-10142-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 847
Membership: 89; Present: 80;
For: 71; Against: 7; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

760 LC168
Subject: The Committee on Pastor/Parish Relations.
Petition: LC-10232-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 846
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 71; Against: 10; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Delete all wording except the first sentence (to be inserted as third sentence of para.269e) with two word changes:

1) Change ~~"shall"~~ to **"should"**

2) Change ~~"minister"~~ to **"pastor"D**

The sentence would now read:

"To fulfill his/her obligation under ordination, his or her connectional responsibility under appointment, and his/her duty as a pastor, the pastor should be present at each meeting of the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations except where he/she voluntarily excuses himself/herself.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

761* LC170
Subject: The Church Historian.
Petition: LC-12439-0247-D
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 89; Present: 78;
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

762 MN006
Subject: Duties of the Jurisdictional Committees on Ordained Ministries.
Petition: MN-10457-0633-D
Page in Advance DCA: 913
Membership: 98; Present: 98;
For: 88; Against: 9; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

....Funding ~~will~~ **shall**....

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

763* MN008
Subject: Episcopal Supervision.
Petition: MN-11884-0052-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1278
Membership: 98; Present: 97;
For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

764 MN009
Subject: Episcopal Supervision.
Petition: MN-12056-0052-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1279
Membership: 98; Present: 97;
For: 48; Against: 40; Not Voting: 9;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

765* MN010
Subject: Update the language of the Constitution.
Petition: MN-11231-0053-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1279
Membership: 98; Present: 97;
For: 94; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

766 MN011
Subject: Limiting the bishop's tenure.
Petition: MN-11341-0053-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1279
Membership: 98; Present: 96;
For: 87; Against: 8; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

767* MN012
Subject: Episcopal Supervision.
Petition: MN-12057-0053-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1279
Membership: 98; Present: 96;
For: 92; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

768* MN013
Subject: Episcopal Supervision.
Petition: MN-12324-0053-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1279
Membership: 98; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

769* MN078
Subject: Responsibilities of the Division of Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-10270-1527-D
Page in Advance DCA: 919
Membership: 98; Present: 96;
For: 95; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

770 MN079
Subject: Laity to the Division of Ordained Ministry of the GBHE and Ministry.
Petition: MN-10271-1528-D
Page in Advance DCA: 919
Membership: 98; Present: 94;
For: 83; Against: 11; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

771 MN080

Subject: Addition of Laity to the Division of Ordained Ministry of the GBHEM.
Petition: MN-11750-1528-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1324
Membership: 98; Present: 95;
For: 72; Against: 18; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

772* MN081

Subject: Responsibilities of the Board of Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-11696-1529-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1324
Membership: 98; Present: 94;
For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

....continuing education **and spiritual growth opportunities** for all ordained ministers subsequent to ordination ~~and spiritual growth opportunities~~....

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

773* MN085

Subject: Board of Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-12079-0733-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1323
Membership: 98; Present: 98;
For: 97; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

774 MN086

Subject: Registrars Responsibility to Supervising Pastors.
Petition: MN-10173-0733-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1322
Membership: 98; Present: 98;
For: 73; Against: 25; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

775 MN087

Subject: The District Committee on Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-12049-0752-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1324
Membership: 98; Present: 98;
For: 90; Against: 7; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Add: **The Conference Board of Ordained Ministry shall provide orientation for new members, including distribution of any available written guidelines.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

776* MN088

Subject: Composition of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-10461-0752-D
Page in Advance DCA: 917
Membership: 98; Present: 98;
For: 94; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Delete all of Amend Para. 752.1

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

777* MN104

Subject: Composition of District Committee on Ordained Ministry.
Petitions: MN-10089-0752-D, MN-10090-0752-D, MN-10175-0752-D, MN-10266-0752-D, MN-10268-0752-D, MN-10327-0752-D, MN-10788-0752-D, MN-10993-0752-D, MN-11240-0752-D, MN-11988-0752-D, MN-12248-0752-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 916, 916, 916, 917, 917, 917, 917, 918, 1323, 1324, 1324.
Membership: 98; Present: 98;
For: 98; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

778* MN175

Subject: Responsibilities of the Division of Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-11502-1529-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1324
Membership: 98; Present: 95;
For: 93; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

779* MN176

Subject: The Division of Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-10716-1529-D
Page in Advance DCA: 919
Membership: 98; Present: 95;
For: 90; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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BISHOP GALVAN: Thank you. I now recognize the Committee on Agenda, Sarah Miller for a report, for tomorrow's agenda.

MILLER: I need to announce to those who have been nominated to the Judicial Council from the floor, that we need 100-word biographies, maximum of 100-word biographies, on them today, by 5 o'clock to the *DCA* office. Let me repeat that: biographical information on Judicial Council nominees, from the floor today, must be submitted to the *DCA* office by 5 p.m. today. The *Book of Discipline* mandates that we set on the day of nomination the day of election for members of the Judicial Council. So, in accordance with that par. 2601 of the *1988 Book of Discipline*, I move that the election of the members of the Judicial Council be held on Monday, May 11th.

BISHOP GALVAN: OK, the motion is before you. Are there any questions on the motion? Any discussion? All right, vote; please vote when the light appears.

BISHOP GALVAN: The motion is approved with 859 yes, 7 no, and 28 abstentions.

MILLER: I have announcements. I'd like to announce that the agenda for tomorrow, Saturday, May 9th, will include a variety of items related to the General Council on Ministries. Some of those have not been completed in time to have their calendar numbers printed in the *DCA* today. So I would like to move on behalf of the Agenda Committee the suspension of the rules, in order that we might consider tomorrow morning these following reports: reports on the quadrennial theme, on older adult ministries, on prison ministry, deaf ministries, and the National Hispanic Plan.

BISHOP GALVAN: Could the motion on this still suspend the rules? It requires two-thirds. Are we ready to act on it? Please vote when the lights appear. The motion is approved; 803 yes, 58 no, and 15 abstentions.

MILLER: That concludes our report sir.

BISHOP GALVAN: Thank you very much. There's a card in the back. Will you please go to microphone 12?

BILL HARVEY (East Ohio): Just a housekeeping question. We've received some, what we believe to be, unauthorized material distributed. One is an open letter to General Conference delegates from someone in Tennessee and then a lay nominee to the Judicial Council from NC. We're not sure how this got through here, but we wonder, is this legal for delegates to distribute these among the General Conference?

BISHOP GALVAN: There's a rule that pertains to it, and we're now seeking the rule to make sure that we're under the rules.

HARVEY: Thank you.

BISHOP GALVAN: The rule is on p. 94, rule 12. It's a short rule. Let me just read that: "After the first day, only the *DCA* shall be placed on desks of the members, with additional copies for the first ministerial and first lay reserve delegate from each delegation." That's the rule, they've said if there is any other kind of distribution made that it would be out of order. I recognize microphone no. 3, the person on microphone no. 3.

LARRY WILKINSON (Western North Carolina): I think the gentleman has referenced to some material that was distributed from the Western North Carolina Conference. I checked this with the pages. They assured me it was in order, and we've tried to concur with the direction of the General Conference, sir, and if we're in error, I certainly apologize.

BISHOP GALVAN: I believe that would be out of order. Microphone no. 7, the person seeking microphone no. 7.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): Some of the items in the Consent Calendar might be changes to the Constitution, and rather than going through the paper work, might we ask the chair, when the items are changes to the Constitution, can they be in the Consent Calendar or should they be voted by the General Conferences as a totality?

BISHOP GALVAN: This is your suggestion, right? OK, we have some who will be able to answer that question.

JOHN BRAUN (coordinator of the calendar): I have to apologize. We had a computer glitch last night and were here until about 1 in the morning, and this is my fault that those items have appeared on the Consent Calendar. I will remove them today, and they will not be on the Consent Calendar tomorrow, and in the future, items pertaining to the Constitution will not appear on the Consent Calendar. Please accept my apology.

BISHOP GALVAN: Thank you. I see several cards in the back. Microphone no. 1, no. 11, 2 1's.

SUSAN HASSINGER (Eastern Pennsylvania): A point of personal privilege.

BISHOP GALVAN: Go ahead.

HASSINGER: I'm very grateful for the worship that's been prepared for us each day and for the proclamation of the Word and the way that we join in song together; but I've noted that for three days, we have omitted the prayers of the people, and I would just like to request those who prepare and lead in worship if perhaps we could include our common intercessions as we prepare for the work of the day. Thank you.

BISHOP GALVAN: Thank you. We have arrived now to the order of the day to close this session, so I'm going to turn now to our secretary for some announcements, and then we will close our plenary this morning.

CAROLYN MARSHALL: I would remind you of action that was taken in our opening session regarding announcements. I quote, "I remind you that announcements are to be made through the *DCA*; oral or projected notices are to be limited to the official operation of the Conference, its administrative and legislative committees." You will note that announcements do appear in each *DCA*, and we will be adhering to that inasmuch as that was not called to our attention in specifics yesterday, and there were a couple of announcements made.

We will make 2 this morning. But from now on, we will be very strict in adhering to that action.

First one then for today is a request that all Black and African clergywomen meet in front of the reserved section at 12:30 for a luncheon meeting.

And secondly, the General Council on Finance and Administration will meet tonight at 6 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Again, I would remind all of us of the worship services this afternoon at 2:30.

BISHOP GALVAN: Thank you. I now call on Bishop Milhouse to offer the closing prayer of this plenary session.

BISHOP PAUL W. MILHOUSE:

(prayer)

BISHOP GALVAN: Amen.

Saturday Morning
May 9, 1992

Bishop Emerito Nacpil, presiding

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BISHOP EMERITO NACPIL: Thank you. Will you kindly now be seated? May I on your behalf express our gratitude to Bishop Minor? Brother Minor, we heard a word of the Lord from you this morning. And, Brother Puslecki, we thank you for representing our brothers in Poland in our worship this morning. We are grateful. May we now proceed to the business items. May I call on the chairperson of the Agenda Committee, Mr. Donald Ott.

DONALD OTT (Wisconsin): Bishop Nacpil, members of the conference, this is Saturday, May 9th. Your bodies are telling you that God has done a good thing in setting before us tomorrow, a day of rest and change. Let me encourage you and thank you. I've received word that as of yesterday morning, there were more calendar items processed into the *Daily Christian Advocate* office at this 1992 General Conference than any previous General Conference we're able to trace. You are doing good work. I would remind you that beginning in our plenaries today and days following, that the timer light will be on on all items, including the total amount allocated for report as in today's agenda, 90 minutes for General Council on Ministries related items. Also operative for all speakers.

I'm moving an agenda item, Bishop, which is revised from that which is printed on the front page of this morning's *DCA*. You may want to be alert to the changes that come with this motion to adopt the following agenda. I move that the agenda printed on the front page of today's *DCA* be adopted with the following revisions: Strike "other calendar items"; change plenary adjournment to 10:50 (ten five zero); set Legislative Committees for 11:00 a.m. Bishop, I move its adoption.

BISHOP NACPIL: All right, you have heard the revised agenda. You're ready to vote. Please. All right. Those . . . you'd better vote now when the light appears. Yes vote, 747 and the no vote, 9. The revised agenda is adopted.

OTT: I thank you. In light of that let me take a minute to explain the process which will be in effect this morning and for other times in the conference whenever there is a report from the General Council on Ministries or the General Council on Finance and Administration. This is a procedure of following the disciplinary statement that the general councils report direct to the conference. The general council will present a report. The legislative committee to which that report is related will present next its approval or amendment and move the relevant calendar item. There would then be floor debate. In cases were there are complex issues, the presiding officer may decide that there might be division of the report consideration, and that would vary with the complexities of the situation. After legislative committee amendments are considered, there would be further amendments from the floor in order. When the report is finally perfected, the General Council report would then be voted upon. Thank you, Bishop.

BISHOP NACPIL: Thank you. Will you allow the Chair a moment of privilege? You may want to know that Bishop Hancock of the Alabama-West Florida Area is at this very time undergoing bypass surgery. May we hold a moment of silence and offer prayer on his behalf.

(prayer)

BISHOP NACPIL: Then I now call the Calendar Committee chairpersons, Charles Jordan and Joan Brown. Yes, I recognize the lady in green. You may come to the nearest microphone. Microphone number 9.

MARGIE TURBYFILL (Virginia): Bishop Nacpil, I would like to move that Bishop Minor's sermon this morning be printed in the *DCA*.

BISHOP NACPIL: Is there a second to that? All right. Did you mention your name and conference? Will you kindly do that?

TURBYFILL: Margie Turbyfill, clergy member of the Virginia Annual Conference.

BISHOP NACPIL: Fine. Thank you. You still take a discussion on this? Yes? Microphone 5.

RON KOO (North Texas): I would amend the motion to include all the bishops' sermons in the *DCA*.

BISHOP NACPIL: Is there a second to that amendment? All right. You ready to vote on the amendment to the motion? The amendment is to include in the main motion all the sermons of the bishops preaching at the General Conference in the morning. Get ready to vote. Please vote when the light appears on the amendment. The yes vote is 684, and the no vote is 188, and the amendment is adopted. Be ready to take a vote now on the main motion. Those . . . please vote when the light appears.

BISHOP NACPIL: Yes vote is 731, and the no vote 120. That motion is adopted. The Calendar Committee?

CHARLES JORDAN (Northern Illinois): Bishop and members of this General Conference, I have three matters to bring to you this morning. Two of them require your immediate action, and they are the following:

I would call your attention to Consent Calendar No. 1, which is found on p. 166 in the *DCA*, and I would also ask you while you're doing that to refer to the calendar items which were removed from that Consent Calendar and are listed on p. 227 in the *DCA*. While you are finding those, Bishop, I would move the adoption of the Consent Calendar No. 1 as corrected by the removals.

BISHOP NACPIL: All right, are you ready to take your vote? No. 7. No.7, come to no. 7 mike, please.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): I'm very sorry to do this, Chuck, but I think 9, 10, 15, 16 might also be constitutionally related. 9, 10, 15, and 16.

BISHOP NACPIL: Well, if it is a constitutionally related item, it should not be included in the Consent Calendar. Can we get an answer to that?

JOHN BRAWN: I think I can provide an answer to that. John Brawn, Coordinator of the Calendar. Those particular items you just cited are recommended as nonconcurrence, and we got a ruling yesterday that because they are nonconcurrence, it won't have an effect on the Constitution and therefore it can appear on the Consent Calendar.

BISHOP NACPIL: All right, on that basis we include it in the Consent Calendar then. Please vote when the light appears on the Consent Calendar No. 1. The yes votes 790, the no votes 19. The Consent Calendar is adopted.

JORDAN: Another matter that I have is a request that the rules be suspended for consideration of an item that will appear on the Consent Calendar on Monday, not having had the required 24-hour period. This item refers to Judicial Council elections, and the Judicial Council elections are scheduled for Monday. These items may be found on p. 625 in the *Advance DCA*. The nos. are 10669 and 10670. Bishop, I would move suspension of the rules for consideration of these items following the report of the General Council on Ministry.

BISHOP NACPIL: You heard the motion for the suspension of the rules. Please vote when the light appears. The yes vote 793, the no vote 60. (Abstentions 20). More than 2/3. A suspension of the rules motion is adopted.

JORDAN: And now I would identify for you those calendar items which are a part of the General Council on Ministries Report. Don Ott shared with you the design of that report and these are the calendar items.

The first item would be calendar item no. 214 found on p. 237 in the *DCA*, and that is the report and recommendations for the 1993-96 quadrennial theme and three special programs.

The next item is found on . . . is calendar item no. 33, found on p. 168 in the *DCA*, and that is the report on Developing Congregations for Deaf Ministries.

The next item is calendar item 198, and that is found on p. 236 in the *DCA*. That is the report of the Advisory Coordinating Committee on Older Adult Ministries. And then the final item is calendar item 208, found on p. 237 in the *DCA*, and that is the Report on Prison Ministry and Prison Reform. These are the legislative items which will follow each of the reports that are given, and at this time we would be prepared to receive the report of the General Council on Ministries.

BISHOP NACPIL: All right, now, in accordance with the procedures that were announced to us this morning we shall hear the report of the General Council on Ministries. I will call on Bishop Felton May to present the report and following that report . . . yes? Microphone 7.

ARTURO FERNANDEZ (California-Nevada): Bishop, I would like to move the suspension of the rules in order that we may hear an additional item with the report of the General Council of Ministries. If I have a second, I'd like to speak to that. The report of the Committee to Develop a National Plan . . .

BISHOP NACPIL: Well, this is a undebatable motion, suspension of the rules, you either vote it up or down.

FERNANDEZ: May I proceed?

BISHOP NACPIL: No. I will put the matter to a vote now. Those who would suspend the rules, please vote when the light appears. Well, the yes vote is 473, the no vote is 398. That is less than 2/3.

FERNANDEZ: Bishop, I make the motion without the assembly knowing at all what the suspension referred to. It's not . . . when Charles Jordan made a motion for the suspension of rules he gave the reason why he was asking for that suspension. I didn't give the reason. This is an important item that was already scheduled.

BISHOP NACPIL: Well, you asked for the suspension of the rules in order that you want to hear a portion of the report of the Council on Ministries that was not scheduled in the agenda that was proposed to us.

FERNANDEZ: No, it was scheduled, Bishop. It was previously scheduled, but it was deleted from the *DCA* by mistake, and we needed to get it back on the agenda.

BISHOP NACPIL: The body understood what the purpose for the suspension of the rule was.

FERNANDEZ: We are dealing with the development of a National Plan for Hispanic Ministry. That was supposed to be on the calendar this morning, but it did not appear in the *DCA*, and so that is why we are moving for a suspension of the rules that this be considered as...

BISHOP NACPIL: The vote has already been taken. Yes? Microphone 9.

TOM MURPHY (Virginia): Is it in order to move reconsideration?

BISHOP NACPIL: It is in order.

MURPHY: I so move.

BISHOP NACPIL: Did you vote with those who voted for?

MURPHY: I did.

BISHOP NACPIL: All right. Is there a second? All right, those who would vote . . . Let me put it this way, please vote now for the reconsideration when the light appears. Yes?

BISHOP NACPIL: Let me remind you this will take 2/3 vote. All right. The yes is 78%, 709; the no vote 188, 20%. That is 2/3 in my judgment. Let's reconsider, right. Therefore, the matter is before us again. The agenda item. Oh, I see, that's right. The suspension of the rules is what is before us. You may give your reason now.

FERNANDEZ: The Legislative Committee. The General Board of Global Ministries completed its work and for some reason this report was not included in the *DCA* for this morning, and we are moving that we consider this report this morning. We will provide copies of the proposal, which is found on p. 715 of the red book, and the amendments that we're making to it will appear, to all, will be provided for all the delegates to consider this morning.

BISHOP NACPIL: All right. We, now vote on this motion to suspend the rules so that an agenda item in the report of the Council on Ministries may be included for this morning's consideration. Will you please vote when the light appears? The yes vote 725, the no vote 172. The rules are suspended. Well, you need to have a motion now to include that item in the agenda. Go ahead.

FERNANDEZ: I move that we add the report of the committee to develop a National Hispanic Plan to the agenda for this morning. To the . . . as a calendar item.

BISHOP NACPIL: Is there a second to it? All right. The motion is to include in the agenda for this morning the consideration of the National Plan for Hispanic Ministries. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the light appears. The yes vote 751, the no vote 152. That motion is adopted, and it'll become

a part of our agenda this morning. Bishop Felton May.

BISHOP FELTON E. MAY: Bishop and brothers and sisters of the General Conference, I apologize for wearing a hat on the podium, but there is a tremendous amount of cold air coming from above, and the part in my hair just cannot tolerate that. Someone said to me the other day after I had finished my sermon, if I would be just a little bit more enthusiastic I would get my point across. I promise to be just a little bit more enthusiastic this morning as I share the report of the General Council on Ministries. Paraphrasing an old- fashioned song, *Oh, what a beautiful morning, oh, what a beautiful day, I've got that wonderful feeling everything's going God's way.*

This is a marvelous time for the church in the world, and I am delighted that I am a part of that with you. As delegates to the 1992 General Conference, you have gathered to discern God's vision for the future of The United Methodist Church. But more than that, you are taking actions that will implement our shared vision and direct the future of United Methodism for many years to come. Seeking God's wisdom is often an uncertain task, and your service as delegates to the General Conference perhaps has convinced you that a single clear vision has not yet emerged among the people called United Methodist. With God, empowered by God's Holy Spirit, we will create our field of dreams. And when we create our field of dreams, people will come.

My experience as president of the General Council on Ministries in this quadrennium has provided sufficient opportunity for me to reflect on the tremendous responsibility of this council for development, implementation, and coordination of a shared vision for our denomination. Perhaps in these opening remarks, we can place before you a conceptual framework to guide us as we seek to discern God's vision. It will outline the broad strokes of the General Council on Ministries reports and recommendations. Together, all the recommendations which will come before you from the General Council on Ministries comprise the action of representatives from your annual conference and Central Conferences, as well as representatives of a Council of Bishops and colleagues from program agencies. Rather than merely seeing these items isolated or the property of several legislative committees, we would like for you to see them as a package--a collective response to 25 disciplinary responsibilities of the General Council on Ministries. Further, you will see the action by the Council on Ministries reporting on 30 additional matters referred to us by the 1988 General Conference.

The General Council on Ministries is recommending the continuation of the denominational theme, *Celebrate and Witness: Celebrate God's Grace, Witness for Jesus Christ* as a theological focus for our church. It captures the enthusiasm of the Council of Bishops' initiative *Vital Congregations and Faithful Disciples*, and supports the mission statement, *Grace upon Grace, God's Mission and Ours*, approved by the 1988 General Conference. It has been widely used across United Methodism over the past 4 years, and many of your annual conferences, as with mine, have already used this theme in exciting and creative ways. We believe that it can be a rallying point for the church as we move towards the 21st century.

Three special programs are being recommended by our council to focus our response to 3 urgent needs in the church: drugs and violence, peace with justice, and campus ministries. These reports deserve your careful review and can be found in the *Advance DCA*, pp. 512 and 591.

Another significant report of our council contains recommendations for a plan to carefully access the framework of our ministry, our ministry organization, and structures during the next quadrennium. Because of its review of connectional issues, the General Council on Ministries is calling for a thorough review of all approaches to resourcing our various ministries. This report as found on p. 535 of the *Advance DCA*, but let me hasten to say that we're not calling for restructuring to save a dollar for those who do not understand the scriptural understanding of what it means to be a good and faithful steward. Rather, we seek to design a global connectional movement to rescuing the perishing, to care for the dying all around the world. These are but 3 of the 43 reports which the General Council on Ministries will be presenting to you. They are illustrative of the scope and impact of the council's responsibilities to the church.

The last General Conference asked GCOM to assist the whole church by conducting studies. These included a comprehensive action plan for our ministries through the National Plan for Hispanic Ministries. This report makes clear the urgent response needed in the whole church for ministries among our Hispanic sisters and brothers.

The General Council on Ministries has led the church in our response to a new beginning; has provided a study of homosexuality for the church; has proposed coordinated ministries among older adults, those in prison, and the deaf. A study of sexual harassment in the church and society was completed at the request of the last General Conference. And GCOM has facilitated the small-membership church study and the goal to increase membership study.

I would want you to also know that the research conducted by this organization is widely recognized as some of the best and most timely, pointing us toward a vision and focus for our future. Each of you recently received a report of the Delphi research study called "Issues in Our Future."

In the past few days, you have witnessed the violence and unrest which erupted in Los Angeles and elsewhere. Did you not recall the results of this important Delphi study as it identified racism as the no. 1 issue facing society into the next century? It also cited cities in crisis, violence, crime, and drugs, and the gap in wealth between rich and poor, as the top 4 societal issues for the church to address.

Throughout this quadrennium, the members of GCOM have faithfully and thoroughly responded to the mandates of the General Conference and the *Book of Discipline*. Its responsibilities as the chief coordinating agency have given unnumbered opportunities to provide resourcing for local congregations, annual conferences, and agencies of our church.

I know firsthand how GCOM provided essential coordination for the episcopal initiatives on drugs, for it grew out of an executive committee of the General Council on Ministries that Bishop Craig moved that Dr. Lundquist and I should journey to Miami to see firsthand the riot-torn neighborhoods and the drug-infested neighborhoods of Miami city. It was there that my 247th conversion took hold of me, and when I

saw the hell in which persons were living, I then knew that God would indeed bring wholeness and healing to those persons through the church. So the initiative was born truly out of the innards of the General Council on Ministries. Without their assistance, together with the support of other general agencies, the drug initiative would not have been effective. In this effort, as in much of the work of the GCOM, it is skillfully completed by entrusted volunteers from all around the world and a dedicated staff, without making headlines. Perhaps GCOM is our best-kept secret. Its style is to serve and to resource others who provide effective front-line ministries. It is catalytic at best. Oh, this is not a new story. Were you aware that the General Council on Ministries has been the United Methodist denomination's response to similar organizational components in Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren denominations for more than 40 years?

The present list of 30 referrals from the last General Conference, together with its own ongoing list of 25 disciplinary responsibilities, indicates to the members of the General Council on Ministries that its coordinating, planning, evaluating, futuring, and visioning components of our denominational organization is crucial to the careful deployment of denominational resources for effective ministries. What you see amongst the several reports and recommendations of GCOM listed on pp. 265-281, 495-615, and 715-731 of the *Advance Daily Christian Advocate* are opportunities and challenges for a ministry faithfully developed by representatives from your annual conferences.

Brothers and sisters of the General Conference, we have our marching orders for the 21st century. Those marching orders can be scripturally grounded. One, to beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks and to study war no more in the world. We have our marching orders into the 21st century to let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We are indeed the people of God. An old cliche is, "Are we a people of faith or are we a people of fear?"

The General Council on Ministries has stepped out on faith to provide that which will galvanize this General Conference into a viable, Christ-centered expression of the ministry of Jesus in the world. It may be awesome; we may be fearful; but the word of St. Paul to the church at Rome paraphrased is a word that I would leave you with this morning. "If God is for us, then who can be against us? Who can separate us from the love of Christ?"

I am convinced--having been a part of GCOM for 8 years--I am convinced as one who has been born again in Christ, that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor anything in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. And your General Council on Ministries seeks to express that love through you into the world. Thank you.

BISHOP NACPIL: Thank you.

BISHOP MAY: The General Council on Ministries now, bishop, presents petition 10851, entitled, "Report and Recommendations for a 1993-96 Quadrennial Theme and Three Special Programs," found on p. 512 of the *Advance Advocate*. The legislative committee action on this item can be found in calendar item 214, p. 237 of the *DCA*.

This report contains information about work done by the GCOM in relation to an assignment given to it, along with a recommendation for action by this 1992 General Conference. This matter is therefore before the General Conference, and on behalf of the General Council on Ministries, I present it to be approved.

I am pleased now to present the Rev. Ms. Sharon Rader, who will speak concerning the content of this report. Following this report, the chairperson of the General Judicial Administration Legislative Commission will then present the action of the legislative committee on the calendar item.

BISHOP NACPIL: All right. Thank you. Sharon?

SHARON Z. RADER (West Michigan): Bishop Nacpil, delegates and friends, according to the *Discipline*, a theme is a theological focus, a missional emphasis, a prophetic statement, or a program catalyst for ministry. A theme enhances programs or ministries basic to the life of the church and serves as a rallying point for constituents involved in those programs. In 1988 I joined with about half of you as the General Conference of that year adopted for the first time ever a quadrennial theme, "Celebrate God's Grace, Witness for Jesus Christ," most often called "Celebrate and Witness." The theme was to provide theological focus, missional emphasis, prophetic statement, program catalyst.

Imagine my surprise when I went to the first charge conference that I was to conduct on the Grand Rapids District in 1989, and found that the congregation to which I journeyed had on their bulletin board a full display announcing "Celebrate and Witness." The pastor was preaching on the theme. The administrative board was studying the document and using the theme in its program-planning processes. The congregation was naming outreach and caring. And as I moved across the district over the succeeding months and asked each congregation where they were experiencing God's gracious action in their lives, and how they were working to convince the world of the reality of that grace, I was renewed over and over again in my excitement for the church's vital ministry.

In spite of the Gallup organization's recent report that 30% of United Methodists say that actions of the General Conference will affect their congregations not much at all, and 46% say they will affect them only somewhat, it seemed that "Celebrate and Witness" was impacting the folks, at least in West Michigan. Later in 1990, when the General Council on Ministries asked, through the *Interpreter* magazine, how many local congregations were using in some way the quadrennial theme, almost half of us--in fact 49.7% of United Methodist congregations--had used "Celebrate and Witness" for programs and other church activities.

Annual conferences, districts, special events all added to the groups using the theme in some way. And who knows how much church stationery from general agencies to local congregations has reminded and announced the biblical and theological concept, which has been essential in the elements of Christian faith for centuries? Celebrate and Witness.

Since the fall of 1988, the General Council on Ministries has done careful listening and work across the denomination, including regular consultation with the Council of Bishops

and particular, particularly with the 6 colleges of the council. Our task, together with the Council of Bishops, was to determine the need for and to develop plans for themes, missional priorities, and/or special programs for the ministry of the church in the coming quadrennium. Research was done asking United Methodists to name the most important issues facing society and the church. Membership growth and evangelism were the most frequently cited issues facing the denomination internally, we found. And there was a strong undercurrent of concern and support for the local church and its ministry.

Response to the question of critical issues in society to which the church must respond focused on current human suffering and issues with both immediate and long-term consequences. The most frequently cited issues, as Bishop May has indicated, included drugs and alcohol; the combined problems of hunger, homelessness, and poverty; and stewardship of the earth. Following extensive work to seek to know the will of the church regarding themes, missional priorities, and/or special programs, the General Council on Ministries adopted quadrennial theme and special programs you have now before you.

Beverly Abbott chaired the Future Directions Task Force on behalf of the division on research, planning, and futuring; and she will present the recommendation to you. Beverly.

BEVERLY ABBOTT (Maine): Bishop, and friends and members of the General Conference. Our theme for 19--for the next quadrennium--contains 4 components. The theological focus, missional emphasis, prophetic statement, and a program catalyst for ministry, "Celebrate and Witness: Celebrate God's Grace, Witness for Jesus Christ" is a theological premise for ministry as we seek to reclaim our Wesleyan heritage. It is more than a slogan or a logo. It is response to God's gift of grace.

The phrase *Celebrate God's Grace* identifies the theological undergirding in "Grace upon Grace, God's Mission and Ours," the mission statement of The United Methodist Church.

The other phrase of the theme, *Witness for Jesus Christ*, is intended as a response to God's gracious self-giving. We read in Acts where Jesus instructs the apostles, "You will be my disciples in Jerusalem, in all of Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." This concept of witness is both the person who proclaims the message and the particular words of the proclamation.

These two phrases *Celebrate God's Grace, Witness for Jesus Christ*, identify a biblical and theological mandate for ministry in The United Methodist Church as we approach the 21st century.

The most significant aspect of the quadrennial theme is the invitation to local congregations to develop goala and strategies to be in vital ministries. The theme encourages congregational initiatives and invites engagement in the local and global context. The theme focus on congregational initiative is complemented by the episcopal initiative "Vital Congregations--Faithful Disciples."

As The United Methodist Church seeks to discern where God is leading, several important components of a vision begin to emerge. In careful listening to the church, it is evident constituents believe God is leading the denomination to focus on the vision of vital churches and the development of leadership for the future.

Reflection on the mission of the congregations and through needs assessment for local programming opportunities is also enhanced through the resources of "Celebrate and Witness: Celebrate God's Grace, Witness for Jesus Christ." On p. 516, you will note then, in order to accomplish these purposes, the General Council on Ministries is prepared to do the following 5 items:

(1) to coordinate, to accomplish, to continue the coordination of planning and implementation of the theme;

(2) to develop and distribute resources;

(3) to study the processes of the quadrennial cycle of denominational planning and implementation of several special emphases;

(4) to coordinate the development and implementation of denomination-wide emphases during this quadrennium; and

(5) to review the program-planning process of the denomination. Consult with the Council of Bishops regarding special emphases of the council which have potential program components.

The recommendation regarding the quadrennial theme, I present to you: The General Council on Ministries, in consultation with the Council of Bishops, recommends that "Celebrate and Witness: Celebrate God's Grace, Witness for Jesus Christ" be the theme of The United Methodist Church for the 1993-96 quadrennium. You will find on p. 516, the right-hand column, further recommendations related to the theme. These are recommendations to our congregationa, to our districts, to our annual conference council on ministries, to the Council of Bishops, and to our general agencies. On the top, on the right-hand column, on p. 517, you will find the budget recommendation to the theme. If you'll look on your *DCA*, today's on p. 237, you will see the budget recommendation for the quadrennial theme has been amended to read, $300,000.

Now if we can speak for a few minutes about special programs. The recommendation regarding special programs is found on 516. You will note at the top of the right-hand column the definition of a special program. A special program is a quadrennial emphasis approved by the General Conference and assigned to a general agency. Designed in response to a distinct opportunity or need in God's world which is evidenced by research or other supporting data and proposes achievable goals within the quadrennium. Following are the recommendations regarding special programs.

The first recommendation is a special program, "Campus Ministry: Mission at the Center," a special program of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. If you will note in your, on p. 237 in the *DCA*, there has been an amendment to this recommendation. The amendment is that this special program would be funded at $958,600--$500,000 through apportioned funds; $458,600 through a, through the agency's World Service allocation for, under a request for funding approval as a World Service Special Gift.

You will also note there is an amendment to the document concerning campus ministries, that is found on p. 521, so line 2 is an insertion, is on the right-hand column, under goals number 1. Number 1 goal will read, "We will have created a mission statement with broad consensus for the church's ministry, connectional and ecumenical, in higher education," and the sentence goes on as written.

The second recommendation for a special program is a program, "Peace with Justice." This special program is one of the General Board of Church and

Society. There is not a financial obligation with this; it will be funded through the Peace with Justice Sunday offering.

And the third special program that we are recommending is "Substances Abuse and Related Violence," a special program offered by the General Board of Global Ministries in collaboration with several agencies and in cooperation with the Council of Bishops. There is also, if you will look on p. 237, there is an amendment to this funding package.

It is recommended that the special program be funded at $2 million, from apportioned funds plus additional monies from the Advance. This is the recommendation in the program.

RADER: The Gallup survey of United Methodists, to which I referred earlier, indicated that a little over 1/4 of United Methodists in the United States feel the denomination's primary task should be to proclaim the gospel, while another 26% give top priority to the spiritual care of church members. Coupled with those important tasks, 34% said serving the community was critical. Now I think if you add all those figures together, it seems to mean that 75% of those surveyed do know who we are as John Wesley's descendants. We are a people claimed by God's grace in Jesus Christ, claimed to share good news to a hungering, hurting world. The recommendations in report no. 2 intend to strengthen us in our mission and in our ministry. It gives voice to our identity and our purpose. The report encourages us to grow in vitality and mission. The report is before you.

BISHOP NACPIL: All right. We shall now, in accordance with the process we have adopted, hear the response of the legislative committee. Walter Kimbrough?

WALTER KIMBROUGH (North Georgia): Bishop, you've heard in essence the response of the legislative committee as it relates to the amendments. The only thing you need to know now is the vote of the legislative committee on General and Judicial Administration. Sixty-nine persons voted concurrence, 1 person voted nonconcurrence, and 3 persons voted to abstain.

BISHOP NACPIL: That is to be found on . . . under the item 214. Now, my understanding is that the calendar item 214 is now an amendment to report and recommendations of the General Council on Ministries. Before we treat it as an amendment, I would like to ask the General Council whether to facilitate business, they would agree with this amendment. If they are acceptable, if not... you have not acted on it. All right. I shall then submit this response of the legislative committee 214 amending the figures, and those figures are there indicated for your consideration. Anybody? Yes, sir? Microphone 12 or 7, either one. Microphone 7.

THOMAS W. FLINN (Baltimore): It may appear obvious to us all, but I was wondering why the figure was changed from $1 million to $2 million. What planning has taken place since the original figure that was presented? I know all of us are aware of how serious the drug problem is, but was there just an underestimation at the beginning of the funds that would be needed?

BISHOP NACPIL: Brother Kimbrough, will you respond to the query?

KIMBROUGH: The feeling of the members of the legislative committee, after hearing the reports that had been made here in the plenary regarding the needs in the larger community, the sense of the legislative committee is that we would give ownership of this ministry to the church. The total figure has not changed, but instead of dividing it $1 million and $1 million, the recommendation was to put the $2 million under the apportioned funds, and then to turn to the Advance for any additional funds that could be secured. The needs in our community are great indeed, and the Delphi study that was conducted over a 2-year period of time indicated that as we move into the next century, this is one of the critical needs facing America and the world.

BISHOP NACPIL: Go ahead, over here. Microphone 2.

JAMES A. HARNISH (Florida): I would move that we table consideration of the budget items for the special programs until we receive the report from the General Council on Finance and Administration, and the Financial Administration Legislative Committee, and if there is a second, I'll speak to it. These are exciting programs, and I am deeply committed to each of them.

BISHOP NACPIL: Will you kindly please wait? You are asking for a motion to table the motion. This is undebatable.

HARNISH: I'm sorry.

BISHOP NACPIL: There's a motion to table this financial consideration until we hear a report from the GCFA. My understanding is that this will automatically go to GCFA just the same, and they will bring back a report on the matter in the process of the conference, and then we can make a final action, take a final action on the matter later.

HARNISH: OK. So in other words, we will not be voting on the financial considerations this morning then.

BISHOP NACPIL: Not finally in any case. You are voting tentative figures that will be submitted to GCFA, and the final figure will be brought to us by GCFA in its report.

HARNISH: Thank you

BISHOP NACPIL: Will you then withdraw your motion?

HARNISH: Sir, if the motion is in order, I would leave the motion and allow the house to determine it.

BISHOP NACPIL: Well, it's not in order. Yes, sir? Yes, sir? Microphone 8, no. 8. Is it on? Well, will you move to another microphone? No. 3, over here.

BOB E. Waters (Texas): Does our passage of the financial items in this recommendation, even though sent to General Council on Finance and Administration, mean that GCFA, having seen them voted up by this morning's plenary, must report the amount at precisely the amounts that we have voted without regard to what they do to the total budget when that budget finally comes in?

BISHOP NACPIL: Not necessarily, that's my understanding. They may change the figures precisely in consideration of its effect on the total budget.

WATERS: You mean that even if we say we want a million dollars for campus ministry, GCFA may say in its ultimate report, no, we want a 1/2 million dollars for that item. That is correct?

BISHOP NACPIL: That is my understanding.

WATERS: Thank you, sir.

BISHOP NACPIL: Anybody else? I will put the matter to a vote now. What is before you is the amendment on GCOM's report on those 2 recommendations put before us coming from the legislative committee appearing in your *DCA*, calendar item 214. Those . . . will you kindly vote when the light appears now?

The yes vote is 696; the no vote is 218. (11 abstentions). What is proposed in calendar item 214 is thereby adopted.

Now, the whole report now is recommended as amended. Are you ready to take a vote on the whole report as amended? Vote as the light appears now. The vote is 786 yes and 139 no. (10 abstentions). You have just adopted our quadrennial theme plus the three special programs thereto attached.

BISHOP MAY: Bishop?

BISHOP NACPIL: Yes?

BISHOP MAY: I am pleased to present now petition 10867, entitled, "Report of the Committee to Develop a National Plan for Hispanic Ministry," found on p. 715 of the *Advance DCA*. The legislative committee action on this item is before us by our earlier action this morning with a suspension of the rules. This report contains information that has been done by us in relation to an assignment given to GCOM by the 1988 General Conference. This matter is, therefore, before this General Conference, and on behalf of GCOM, I present it to be approved. I am pleased to present Bishop Elias Galvan, who will speak concerning the content of this report on behalf of the General Council on Ministries. Bishop Galvan.

BISHOP NACPIL: Bishop Galvan?

BISHOP ELIAS G. GALVAN: Thank you, Bishop Nacpil. Members of the General Conference, guests and visitors, I will be assisted in our brief presentation in behalf of the Committee on the National Plan for Hispanic Ministries by the chairperson, Donna Atkinson, and the secretary, Joel Martinez, and we shall be brief.

First, let me state the obvious. The Committee on the National Plan for Hispanic Ministries is not a Hispanic group concerned with Hispanic ministries. It was created by the action of the 1988 General Conference, and its membership was carefully selected to represent the entire church. For 4 years the committee has worked to carry out faithfully the mandate it received. Its report is printed as has been mentioned in the advance edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, p. 715 through p. 728.

In the early phase of its work, the committee engaged in extensive research. It reviewed the U.S. census figures and the projections they made for Hispanic population in the near future. It sent a questionnaire to every Hispanic congregation to assess their needs and to hear about their dreams. It carefully reviewed the comprehensive plans on ethnic ministries which many annual conferences filed with the General Council on Ministries in previous years. It held a series of consultations in every jurisdiction in which most of the annual conferences participated. It interviewed a variety of persons in leadership positions across our church. It reviewed Hispanic work of all the denominations with a special attention to those who have been successful in reaching this minority. It held a series of meetings and interviews with the staff and directors of general agencies and program boards regarding the resources now available for Hispanic ministries.

Our research confirmed our initial assumption. There is a great interest and concern at every level of our church for Hispanic ministries, and the deep desire to find ways to expand our present ministry. Our church can trace its work among Hispanics to 1850 when Enoch Nicholson and Benigno Cardenas were assigned as the first missionaries to the Hispanic community of New Mexico. Today we can point with pride to many successful ministries in different parts of the U.S. which the committee affirms and celebrates.

But our research also revealed several struggling congregations and a great deal of frustration around Hispanic ministries. There has not been, in the history of our church, a national strategy to reach out to this minority. The lack of a national strategy has hindered our ministry among Hispanics, causing a duplication of resources, limited sharing of information about successful models, and discouragement where attempts to be a ministry with this minority have given limited results.

No other report calls for the development of a new way of doing ministry. The plan builds upon many elements and experiences of ministry that have been tested successfully in the past. It is firmly rooted in our Wesleyan heritage of the class meetings and the circuit riders. It borrows from the experiences of our sister churches, Methodist churches, in Latin America. It incorporates those elements which have proven successful in other denominations. Several components of the plan have been tested successfully in United Methodist churches in different parts of the U.S., but most recently in El Paso, and the *Colonias* in south Texas. We believe that the plan points the way as to how our church can address the challenge and opportunity before us.

DONNA ATKINSON: Thank you, Bishop Galvan, Bishop Nacpil, and delegates and friends. Five years ago in Northern Illinois Conference, the seeds were being planted for two new churches where there was no ministry to Hispanic people. Involving lay people from 2 of our Hispanic congregations, and the leadership of lay missioners under the direction of the local pastors, these faith communities first outgrew homes and are now outgrowing the small storefronts where they now meet.

Because Creciendo al Ritmo is a grassroots project, it has been able to reach out to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd generations of Hispanics. Evangelism has taken place on street corners, buses, and laundromats. Children and adults have been baptized, programs of outreach and empowerment have been established, and the church is growing. The faith communities are developing their own leadership, and the time will soon come for chartering. To worship and pray with them is to be infused with the vitality of spirit and to sense the Holy Spirit at work. Creciendo al Ritmo del Pueblo is one of the many examples of ministry taking place and models that are outlined in the plan.

On that first Pentecost, people from every nation heard the mighty works of God being proclaimed in their own language. Ours is a vision which, as on that first Pentecost, all can hear the wonders of God's grace and mercy in their own tongue, fulfilling the gospel mandate to proclaim the good news to all people.

Ours is a vision of a church firmly rooted in the Wesleyan tradition, combining a strong emphasis on evangelism, an evangelism that touches the hearts and souls of people, winning them to Christ, and a ministry filled with a passion for justice, seeking to provide equal access for all to quality health care, education, adequate food, housing, and so building a just society.

Ours is a vision of a dynamic, growing church, joyously sharing and bringing the good news of Jesus Christ in a multiplicity of places--urban, suburban, and rural--that recognizes the variety of cultural traditions within the Hispanic community.

Ours is a vision where the church at every level will be challenged to engage in ministry with Hispanics. Annual con-

ferences will be asked to develop comprehensive plans, train lay missioners, encourage local churches where demographics indicate to assess community needs. General boards and agencies will provide resources to equip the local church, clergy and lay, as they are in ministries.

Ours is a vision which empowers the laity to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, converting people and transforming society. Drawing from both Hispanic and non-Hispanic churches, lay missioners will be trained to establish new faith communities, revitalize existing congregations, develop church school extension programs, and begin new outreach ministries.

Bishop White in the Episcopal Address called for renewed vitality in the church. Others, as well as recent events, remind us that all too often we have abandoned the city, so much in need of God's healing grace.

This plan with its emphasis on strengthening the local church and empowering the laity for mission and ministry, will bring a new energy to The United Methodist Church. It will take the church back into the heart of the city so deeply wounded, and as well it will open the eyes of the church to the many places in rural and suburban ministry, suburban America, where there are fields ready for the harvest.

We have sought to present a plan that is faithful to the context, that will free local churches to be involved in evangelism and mission, rather than burdening them with heavy fixed costs. It is a plan that seeks to channel resources where needed, engaging laity and clergy in a mutuality of ministry. It has been a privilege for me to serve on this task force. Working on the plan has challenged me, as I am sure it will the whole church, to greater faithfulness in ministry.

JOEL MARTINEZ (Rio Grande): *Buenos dias,* good morning.

BISHOP NACPIL: Good morning.

MARTINEZ: This is a serious evangelistic plan. Unapologetically so. Today's data and the trends point us forcefully in that direction. You need to know that the United States is already the 3rd largest Hispanic nation in the hemisphere.

You also need to know that every census projection in the last 20 years has been exceeded in the actual count. A combination of the birth rate and the immigration flow have always exceeded the projections of the Census Bureau. You also need to know that scarcely 4 General Conferences from today, 11 annual conferences in the connection will have Hispanic populations exceeding a million within their bounds. Several of these conferences will have populations exceeding 3 million within their bounds. An additional 5 annual conferences will have Hispanic population presence of between half a million and 900,000.

It is our judgment that we either equip the church for mission with this community today, or we risk becoming a marginal institution tomorrow by writing off a significant sector of our diverse national community. The goals of the plan, then, are focused on gathering our people around the baptismal font, the holy Scriptures, and the holy meal, as communities of faith, witness, and service. These goals are measurable and, we believe, achievable if all the energies and the prayers of the church will unite behind this effort.

Our soundings both before coming to General Conference and while walking the halls and visiting the legislative committees during this week indicate that that support is there. Mission evangelism in the United Methodist heritage has always been, if you will, staffed by the laity from Wesley's days until now. So our goals of recruiting and training and placing 2,000 lay missioners to be in witness and service in our communities, in the *barrios*, the *colonias*, and the rural countryside, is the beginning and indeed the heart of the plan.

We want to organize a thousand faith communities throughout the connection. We want to challenge local churches to reach out with 3,000 ministries of outreach, and to help us organize 500 extension church schools. And out of these efforts in vital and growing groups, we want to move toward organizing 100 new Hispanic congregations and revitalizing 100 existing local churches. This is everyone's calling, and you will find those goals on p. 721 of your *Advance DCA*. Thank you very much.

BISHOP NACPIL: Bishop Galvan.

BISHOP GALVAN: In behalf of the committee, let me express our appreciation to all of you and the entire church for the very positive way in which the plan has been received. A special word of thanks to every annual conference for the careful way in which they answer our inquiries and share information with us. We're also grateful to the general agencies and program boards for their assistance during our research, for their helpful and insightful feedback. To the General Council on Ministries, our profound gratitude for their support and guidance and for the sharing of their staff, Dr. David Lindquist and especially Dr. Mearle Griffith, whose assistance to the committee has proven invaluable.

Finally, my own appreciation to the members of the committee of the national plan. Some of the members are here on the stage, and I want them to stand. Others are delegates on the floor. The majority of them are home praying for you and me at this moment. Bishop, I will want you to recognize the chair of the legislative committee to make the presentation.

BISHOP NACPIL: Fine. Bishop Galvan is very sure that you will approve this plan.

TWICK C. MORRISON (Mississippi): Bishop Nacpil, the action of the Global Ministries Legislative Committee on the National Plan for Hispanic Ministries is for concurrence as amended. You had the piece passed out to you; it's a separate sheet that will indicate the 2 amendments. The vote, you will note, was a unanimous vote. One person was not voting. The 2 amendments: the 1st deals with adding a provision for this committee to report back to the next General Conference, and the 2nd amendment dealt with the funding. If you will listen carefully, the funding as requested was not changed, $3. million for this Hispanic ministry and the source of funding to be taken from general funds, which means in essence it would be through World Service apportioned funds. Bishop, I yield for the presentation to Arturo Fernandez, who chaired the subcommittee to present the work of the legislative committee.

BISHOP NACPIL: All right. Brother Fernandez.

FERNANDEZ: Bishop and members, delegates of this great general assembly, I would like to give an opportunity for 4 members of the committee that worked so hard, and so represent the excitement and joy of our committee that I can't do that for them, and I would like for them to come and give us about a 1-minute presentation each.

BISHOP NACPIL: Fine, go ahead.

JEANNIE TREVINO-TEDDLIE (Central Texas): A keystone to this plan is the lay missioners for Hispanic ministries which has already been described, and you can find that on p. 722 of the *Advance DCA*.

But I wanted to give you just a real quick example of how this can work. I know a layperson from a small central Texas town, and that town has a population of under 15,000, and several years ago she recognized the opportunity that her church had for ministry with Hispanics. She is an Anglo teacher who teaches English as a second language to Hispanic adults. And she realized that in order to maximize the participation of her students, they needed to have child care, and working with her pastor she got her congregation to provide child care and tutoring for her students.

Again, working with her pastor and her church, they became very intentional about involving the Hispanic children in vacation Bible school, and many did participate. Now the children are incorporated into the life of that church. Every Sunday morning she picks up the children, and they participate in the Sunday school program, in worship, in the children's choir, and also as acolytes. Some of the Hispanic parents of these children are now attending that congregation.

With the passage of this plan, she could be provided with the training that's being proposed that would help further her ministry with Hispanics. She would also be provided with the opportunity to become one of the 2,000 lay missioners, trained and in service, by the end of the quadrennium. The next person is Jack Hooper from San Antonio.

D. JACK HOOPER (Southwest Texas): Dear friends, it's an exciting moment for this native Texan that I have lived to see our great church finally get serious about Hispanic ministries. It's clear, to me at least, that the future of The United Methodist Church is directly related to our success in ministry to this our fastest-growing segment in our population. Let me touch briefly on the highlights of 2 components of this plan.

First, the local congregation. All congregations, and let me stress all, Hispanic and non-Hispanic congregations, are asked to identify specific needs of specific Hispanic groups in their community, such as women and children, and also specific community challenges such as school dropouts, substance abuse, etc. Congregations will also, across the church, and will also access, or assess, excuse me, assess their church in their community for resources that could be employed in meeting these needs and challenges. And then on the basis of these assessments, congregations will set their own goals and make their own plans for Hispanic ministries in their communities, reaching out from 3 to 5 years with specific annual objectives leading to the accomplishment of their goals. Of course, materials to guide the congregation in this task of assessing will be provided by the general board.

One final note: the congregation's mission plan will also explore the possibilities of starting new faith communities in places where there is potential for Hispanic ministries. In all of these tasks, lay missioners will be utilized to the fullest measure. Now finally, what is the role of the annual conference? Each annual conference is to determine where new Hispanic work needs to begin. The annual conference will also develop training opportunities to:

1) provide the required leadership for initiating and expanding Hispanic ministries;

2) sensitize the entire church to these needs.

These training opportunities include:

1) training of lay missioners for Hispanic ministry;

2) training for clergy persons to help them understand the Hispanic community and how they can be in partnership with the laity in such ministry.

[Audio-tape not clear] training to sensitize non-Hispanic persons, lay and ordained, to the needs of Hispanic ministry.

And finally, each annual conference will be asked to make funds available for the development of new Hispanic churches. Let me remind you that I've only touched on the highlights in these two components of the plan. If you really want to get excited about the future of The United Methodist Church and Hispanic ministries, and they will, in my estimation rise or fall together, then read the plan in your *DCA*. Thank you. The next speaker is Earl Bledsoe, who will speak on the role of the general boards.

W. EARL BLEDSOE (Texas): First of all, let me say that I'm excited and very supportive of this Comprehensive Plan on Hispanic Ministries. This is my first opportunity at General Conference to be able to witness the launching of a great ministry, not to, not for, but with my brothers and sisters that are in our very midst, especially in the state of Texas. I'm grateful and excited about this opportunity. As you've read the plan on pp. 726-727, you'll find that it's not only comprehensive, but it's also interconnected. That is, that our boards and our agencies will be working together in the direction, in collaboration with the National Committee on Hispanic Ministries, and we'll be doing things in terms of supporting this plan, not only the Board of Global Ministries but also the Board of Church and Society, the Board of Discipleship, and the Board of Higher Education and Ministry. I'm excited, and I pray that we, on this one, will go with God.

HAE-JONG KIM (Northern New Jersey): Good morning, I am an Asian-American sidekick in support of Hispanic-American brothers and sisters, not only supporting Hispanic-Americans, but I think this is a good plan for our United Methodist Church.

I'm excited about it because, as a Korean-American, I know what it means to have a special-language ministry. Because, you see, it is in incarnational ministry that the language of the people and the culture of the people are so important. The gospel of Jesus Christ must be incarnate, must be preached in the language of the people, and this is one of such programs, and I'm excited about it. Having chaired the task force to quadrennial goal of the Korean-American ministries, I know this is a good structure and good plan.

There seems to be some anxiety around the price tag of $3.1 million, but really it is a bargain because, you see, this is nickel and dime stuff. Because you break it down, $3 million dollars into 4 years, and then into 9 million United Methodists, it'll cost you less than a dime a year. So, what a bargain. This is a wonderful program. This is EMLC incarnate. Let this General Conference be incarnated into this type of program to preach the gospel. Let us make this General Conference to be remembered not as a place where our hearts were strangely chilled, but they're strangely

warmed; that this is a place where we set, not as a thermostat, but be a thermometer where we set the temperature; that we are not a meteorologist but . . . [microphone lost power]. Bear with us. Bear with us, friends. The connection is being checked.

(Congregation singing while waiting for microphone to be fixed.)

BISHOP NACPIL: We're OK. You may continue.

KIM: Yes, I just have a last sentence. That we should not be a meteorologist but a rainmaker.

FERNANDEZ: Sisters and brothers, James 1:17 reminds us that every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes from God. The Hispanic National Plan is about sharing the perfect gift, Jesus Christ, who has come into this world. It is about discovering the hidden Christ that is in the midst of human brokenness and suffering. Some time in the early '70s, a U.S. tour missionary by the name of Judy Webster from Thousand Oaks, CA, came to work with me in the inner city of Houston.

Among the many families we served, one stands out across the years. Gualalupe and her 4 children had been deserted by her husband. We found a home for them, and one day Judy was invited by Gualalupe to come and share a meal with them. Judy accepted, after hesitating for fear of taking something of the little that they had. After finishing the humble meal of beans and tortillas, Judy stayed awhile and played with the 4 children.

When Judy announced she was ready to leave, Lupe, who was about 8 years old, told her, "Wait a minute, I want to give you something," and she ran to her room. When she came back, she announced to Judy, "I want to give you my best thing." She asked Judy to stretch out her hand and to close her eyes. And then, Lupe proceeded to place her gift on Judy's hand. When Judy opened her eyes, what she saw in her hands was Lupe's beautiful rosary.

Judy's immediate response was to tell Lupe that she could not accept her gift. When Lupe's mother, Gualalupe heard Judy say that, she said, "Judy, take the gift, it is her best thing."

Gualalupe taught Judy a lesson that day that she has never forgotten. The greatness of the Hispanic National Plan is in helping the church to reach out to people with the perfect gift, Jesus Christ. That is our mission. But just as important, Gualalupe teaches us even today that there are gifts of love and other signs of God's presence to be found and received from among the poorest of God's people. Bishop, I move the acceptance of the National Plan for Hispanic Ministries as in p. 715--since we don't have it as a calendar item in the regular way, no. 10867-3000--on p. 715 of the *Advance DCA*, and as amended by the legislative committee, and that amendment is on your tables.

BISHOP NACPIL: All right. My dear friends, what is before you is the main motion to adopt the Hispanic plan and the amendments being proposed by the legislative committee. Are you ready to vote on the amendment? Yes, over here. Microphone 2.

BARBARA WILLIAMS RIDDLE (Florida): I'd like to make an amendment to the amendment.

BISHOP NACPIL: Fine, it's in order.

RIDDLE: The amendment would be that our General Conference indicate by our vote that it is our clear understanding that these financial figures voting in this exciting, yet additional ministries, are not binding on GCFA and are subject to review and final recommendation to the General Conference by the Financial Administration Legislative Committee. If I get a second, I'll speak to it.

BISHOP NACPIL: Well, that is already our rule, although there is no amendment coming from the legislative committee on the figure recommended by GCOM on the matter. These figures still go to GCFA, and it will come back to you for action.

RIDDLE: All right, I guess I'm requesting that we as a General Conference put that in writing so that we all have a clear understanding of that, and I'm requesting . . . .

BISHOP NACPIL: It is part of our rules, and it's in writing.

RIDDLE: All right, thank you.

BISHOP NACPIL: Yes, sir, over here. Microphone no. 6.

TEX SAMPLE (Missouri West): I just don't want to rain on this parade. We, for the past year in a committee in Kansas City, worked on the planning and research for 2 new Hispanic congregations, 2 annual conferences, 3 districts in The United Methodist Church in our area. We had been working about 7 months when we were fortunate enough to have an early draft of this National Plan. It was so extremely valuable to us on the local level. I hope we take this home and don't see this only as a national program; though that's desperately important, it works locally. It saved us from making some serious errors and really helped a bunch of us Anglos get in touch with some things. Let's not rain on this parade; let's sing in the rain.

BISHOP NACPIL: All right. We are ready to vote on the amendment. Please vote when the light appears, on the amendments.

The vote on the amendment is 857 yes, 61 no. The amendments are adopted; therefore, the whole report is now amended in terms of these amendments. Are you ready to take a vote on the whole report? Please vote when the lights are on. Go ahead. You are about to adopt a very important piece of legislation. Let us celebrate, 892 for, 54 against.

(song)

BISHOP NACPIL: Thank you. May I now call on Brother Kimbrough to bring a calendar item to us on the Judicial Council?

KIMBROUGH: Bishop, I had asked Carolyn Johnson, who is the vice chairperson of our legislative committee, to make this recommendation. She's on her way. I want to call your attention to the *Advance DCA*, to p. 625. Deals with para. 2601, petition no. 10669, entitled Membership Guidelines for the Judicial Council. Carolyn Johnson is here now, and I defer to her.

CAROLYN D. JOHNSON (North Indiana): Bishop, and members and friends of the General Conference, on behalf of Legislative Group 6, I would move concurrence with amendment for petition item no. 10669, with the amendment as follows: "This paragraph shall become effective immediately upon passage by the General Conference."

BISHOP NACPIL: All right. You have the amendment. Any discussion? Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the light appears. 832 for and 75 against. That amendment is adopted.

JOHNSON: Thank you, bishop. Likewise, on calendar item 227, Alternative Membership of the Judicial Council. For petition no. 10670, I would move concurrence with the amendment:

"This paragraph shall become effective immediately upon passage by the General Conference."

BISHOP NACPIL: All right. The motion is for concurrence. You may vote when the light appears. The vote is 851 yes, 58 no. The amendment is adopted.

JOHNSON: Thank you, bishop.

BISHOP NACPIL: May I now call on Brother Ott for agenda items and then Vance Summers for presiding officers?

OTT: Bishop, members of the conference, it's time to hear the tentative agenda planned for Monday. We will convene here, 8:30 for worship; 9:00 elections, Judicial Council, Commission on the General Conference; 9:20 the General Council on Ministries for the Advance; 9:50 calendar items; 10:15 break; 10:30 calendar items; 12:30 recess; 2:30 General Council on Ministries, the homosexuality study; 4:30 act of covenant recognition; 5:00 recess; 7:30 in the evening, calendar items; 9:30 adjournment.

BISHOP NACPIL: All right, you heard the agenda for our session on Monday. Please vote when the light appears. The vote is 915 yes, and 14 no. That agenda is adopted for Monday. May I now hear the report from the Presiding Officers Committee?

VANCE SUMMERS (West Ohio): I am Vance Summers, vice chairperson of the Presiding Officers Committee. Our chairperson is away today. Bishop Nacpil, members of General Conference and friends, on behalf of the Committee on the Presiding Officers, I wish to announce the presiding officers for Monday. Bishop Woodrow Hearn of the Nebraska Area will preside on Monday morning. Bishop David Lawson of the Wisconsin Area will preside on Monday afternoon, and Bishop George Bashore of the Pittsburgh Area will preside on Monday evening.

BISHOP NACPIL: Thank you. Now, we will be dismissed to our legislative committees following prayer, to be given to us by Bishop Scott Allen; but, before we do that, we will hear some announcements from our secretary.

CAROLYN MARSHALL: There will be a meeting of the Higher Education and Chaplaincy Legislative Committee in room 211 following this morning's plenary session to consider referred petitions. I refer you to the *DCA* of today, on p. 214. The request was made yesterday morning for the current data on the Judicial Council. There is one correction to make in that; and that is, in the class of 1996, there are 2 lay and 2 clergy instead of 3 and 1 as printed.

And also, it has been brought to our attention, on p. 215 there was a request made that there be a report of general agency staff attendance at this 1992 General Conference. The General Board of Discipleship has 12 persons present rather than 2, as reported there. That was correct in their report, and it is simply a printing error.

Two other items for our guidance during this session: One, the process for lifting items from the consent calendar. The process for that has been brought to the attention of this conference and that is that there is a specific form on which this is to be done. It is located in the secretary's office, room 103. Those of you wanting to remove items from the calendar, please pick up that form, complete it, and return it according to the instructions.

And then lastly, but certainly one of great import to all of us as we operate in this arena: On p. 96, rule 11.3, states, "Only delegates within the area of the conference when the vote is taken shall be entitled to vote. No delegate shall cast a vote in place of any other person." We need to emphasize that last sentence, "No delegate shall cast a vote in place of any other person," for there are instances that continue even after it has been brought to the attention of persons involved, that persons are casting 2 and 3 votes on the machines. Please be guided by our own rules as well of those of common courtesy and Christian commitment.

BISHOP NACPIL: Dear friends, I did not expect to be put on this hot seat, but you kept your cool and you made me comfortable. Thank you. Let's have the prayer.

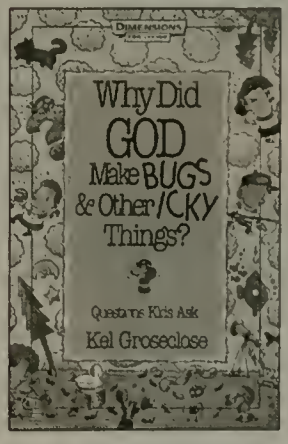
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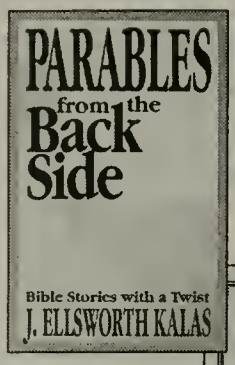
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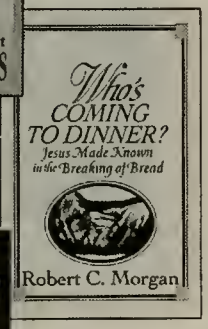
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Delegates Affirm 20-Year Stance on Homosexuality

A 17-word phrase first heard in a General Conference in 1972 was overwhelmingly reaffirmed Monday as the controversial keystone of The United Methodist Church's stance toward homosexuality. In another vote, the bulk of a four-year task force report was received and referred to the churches for study.

By a vote of 710 to 238, the delegates reaffirmed the Social Principles statement that the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. The phrase originally came into the church's official pronouncements when it was added from the floor during the General Conference in Atlanta.

The action rejects a majority of a four-year study committee ordered by the 1988 General Conference. By a margin of 17-4 that panel said that the present state of knowledge and insight in the biblical, theological, ethical, biological, psychological, and sociological fields does not provide a satisfactory basis upon which the church can responsibly maintain the condemnation of all homosexual practice.

Adopted instead was the view of the minority on the study committee that cited the same factors as the majority, but said they did not provide a satisfactory basis for "responsibly" altering the church's position. The majority of a legislative committee earlier in the meetings in Louisville had agreed with the study panel minority.

In a separate action Monday, the General Conference by a vote of 767 to 190 adopted, with a handful of amendments, all of the study committee report except for the key, 17-word "incompatible" phrase.

Included in the part of the report that was approved is a section saying that "certain basic human rights and civil liberties are due all persons....(and) We are committed to support these rights and liberties for homosexual persons" as "a clear issue of simple justice."

The conference directed that the full report of the study of homosexuality be made available for "study and use across the whole church." Included in the report are listings of points the church can and cannot "responsibly teach" concerning homosexuality and "implications for the life and ministry of the church."

Early in the floor debate a demonstration broke out as about 20 persons carrying a banner reading "The Stones Will Cry Out" pushed past marshals, took a stance in front of the platform, and remained there for the remainder of the afternoon's discussion. Various points during the debate were accompanied by stamping of feet by some of the approximately 2,000 persons in the visitors galleries.

The Rev. Nancy Yamasaki of Seattle, who chaired the task force, and seven members of the panel led the delegates through the document highlighting its various components.

The study committee did not deal with portions of church law prohibiting ordination or appointment of "self avowed practicing homosexuals," or the use of general church funds to promote acceptance of homosexuality.

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Agenda

Tuesday, May 12

8:30	a.m.	Worship with Offering
9:00	a.m.	Committee on Agenda
9:05	a.m.	Presentation of Ecumenical Representatives
9:20	a.m.	General Council on Ministries
10:15	a.m.	Break
10:30	a.m.	General Council on Ministries continues
11:00	a.m.	Calendar Items with Financial Implications
12:30	p.m.	Recess
2:30	p.m.	Calendar Items
5:00	p.m.	Recess
7:30	p.m.	Calendar Items
9:25	p.m.	Committee on Agenda Committee on Presiding Officers Announcements
9:30	p.m.	Adjournment

Estonian Choir To Lead Tuesday Services

Singing in today's worship service is "Credo," a youth choir from Estonia, a part of the former Soviet Union. The choir will sing at 8:15 a.m. before the 8:30 service in the convention center and at 2 p.m. before the 2:30 service at Trinity United Methodist Church. The choir's appearances at General Conference are sponsored by the Mississippi Conference.

Bishop Robert C. Morgan, Jackson (Miss.) Area, has visited Estonia. Bishop Morgan and Bishop Hans Vixby, Estonia, have traveled and visited together in Northern Europe and the United States.

"Credo" singers, ranging in age from 19 to 28, will tour in Georgia and Mississippi as part of their trip to the United States. They will sing this evening at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Louisville.

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"Credo," a youth choir from Estonia, will present concerts and help lead worship today.

Preaching in the ecumenical worship service this morning is Bishop Vinton R. Anderson, who presides over the Fifth Episcopal District (the 14 states west of the Mississippi River) of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Organist is Sam Batt Owens, director of music at the Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville.

In the afternoon service the Rev. Mark Trotter, senior pastor of the First United Methodist Church, San Diego, Calif., brings the message. Liturgist is Lois Seifert, diaconal minister and consultant in church program ministries from Claremont, Calif. Organist is Florence Pilkington, organist/choir director at Crescent Hill United Methodist Church, Louisville.

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A number of other major actions were taken Monday as the 998 delegates moved through their first full day of plenary sessions. They were told at one point that at their present rate of progress, the conference would continue until June 12. The established adjournment time is 10 p.m. May 15.

The delegates greeted with applause and singing the final approval for the Puerto Rico Annual Conference to become an affiliated autonomous church. The move first was authorized in 1972, but only now have all the arrangements been worked out.

Earlier Monday, the conference approved a "message to the nation" concerning issues raised by the Rodney King trial verdict in Los Angeles and its aftermath. "For too many years our lips have uttered the right words while our hearts and bodies have lacked the courage to back them up....People see each other not as neighbors, but as strangers, competitors, and enemies, based upon the color of their skin, their national origin, and how much money they earn."

The conference began a busy Monday by hearing a captivating report on the Advance program of second-mile, designated giving.

—Robert Lear

Bits 'n Pieces

These items are in the "Did you know?" department. If you have interesting tidbits to share about delegates or doings, please jot them down and bring them to Barbara Dunlap-Berg at the *DCA* office on the lower level of the convention center.

Mary J. Judd, local volunteer recorder for the Higher Education and Chaplaincy Committee, has an interesting tie to the history of United Methodism. Through her husband, Marcus Judd, she is great-granddaughter-in-law of Nathan Judd, who was ordained an elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South in 1849 by Bishop Joshua Soule, one of the bishops who presided over the 1845 conference in Louisville where the Methodist Episcopal Church, South was organized.

General Conference is a family affair for Barbara Blackstone, fifth-time lay delegate from Western Pennsylvania Conference, and her daughter, Carlen Blackstone, first-time lay delegate from Eastern Pennsylvania Conference; Bishop William W. Dew Jr., Portland (Ore.) Area; his wife, Mitzie; and their daughter, Linda Dew-Hiersoux, a page from Oakland, Calif.; Alfred Rhonemus, a lay delegate, and the Rev. Sharon A. Rhonemus Hausman, both from the West Ohio Conference.

Congratulations to Wanda Hays Eichler, Pigeon, Mich., a reserve delegate from the Detroit Conference, and Dale L. Fooshee, Garnett, Kan., a lay delegate from the Kansas East Conference, recently elected United Methodist Rural Fellowship president and vice president respectively.

It may be a first. Two children and two bishops cast votes on the General Conference floor. The historic event occurred when Dr. DeWayne S. Woodring, executive director of the Commission on the General Conference, needed to test a new computer program. In order to check the voting machines, he recruited all available personnel—including Bishop Paul L. A. Granadosin of the Philippines, Bishop J. Woodrow Hearn of the Nebraska Area, and the Boston-Kemple family, parents Karen and Tom, and daughters Gretchen, 8, and Fawn, 6, of Germantown, Ohio. Gretchen was especially enthusiastic. "You mean we can even use double-digit numbers?" she asked excitedly. The test went off without a hitch.

Mark Wharff, assisted by Joann "Pep" Cooke and D. Scott Johnson, is busy coordinating the work of pages and marshals. Among the volunteer marshals is Aurora S. Cudal, Philippines Conference lay leader and world secretary of the World Federation of Methodist Women.

Three members of the East Ohio delegation are from Church of the Savior United Methodist Church, Canton. They are the Rev. William R. Harvey, senior pastor; the Rev. Benita Rollins, associate pastor (reserve); and Jean Thompson, a homemaker and full-time volunteer.

Bishop Roy Short's wife of 65 years, Louise, is here with him, as is their son, Riley. She makes sure he gets to the Council of Bishops meetings.

The organ being used in the convention center during General Conference and in the Sunday program at the Macauley Theater is a Rodgers 730. It was installed by Jane Miller, church music consultant for the local Rodgers dealer, Conrad Music Co. of Louisville. Conrad Music also provided the Yamaha Clavinova at the convention center and the Yamaha grand piano at the Macauley Theater.

Herman Will, who was on the staff of the General Board of Church and Society and its predecessor agencies for 38 years and who is now retired, is attending General Conference as a visitor. He recently underwent a "directional coronary atherectomy," a new procedure for opening blocked coronary arteries. One of his sons is the president and chief executive officer of the firm that produces, sells, and offers training for the use of this new device.

Four of the 16 delegates from the Central Illinois Conference are related to Grace United Methodist Church, Decatur, Ill. They include the Rev. Vernie T. Barnett, the Rev. Donald J. Jones, Jimmy Sober, and Porter J. Womeldorff.



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To celebrate this new freedom, United Methodist Communications, the General Board of Global Ministries, and the Louisiana Area broadcast live two simultaneous and identical worship services from Moscow, Russia, and Shreveport, La. With Bishop Ruediger Minor in Moscow and Bishop William B. Oden in Shreveport, the historic service included children's and adult choirs from both locations.

Lydia Istomina, lay pastor of a new United Methodist church in Russia, and the Rev. W. Dwight Ramsey, Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Shreveport, preached from the pulpit in Moscow.

This worship service was broadcast Easter morning on the Vision Interfaith Satellite Network (VISN).

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Africa University:

A Vision ...



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Becoming Reality



These Africa University buildings were built by Volunteers in Mission. Left to right are the dining hall, faculty offices, and outdoor study pavilion. Photo furnished by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, used courtesy of the Rev. Ken Jones of Gaithersburg, Md., who worked on these buildings.

The Church in the Midst of Turmoil

Sierra Leone

"My wife and I were ready to go out on a walk when we heard the shooting in the streets," recalled the Rev. Joseph J.K. Renner, describing the outbreak of a military coup in Freetown, Sierra Leone. The coup, which took place during the past two weeks, toppled the civilian government of this West African nation of 2.2 million persons.

Automatic gunfire interrupted their planned stroll.

"It was almost a 'bloodless coup' with only a few killed and wounded among the soldiers guarding the State House," Renner continued. "Within three days all the shooting had stopped and there was dancing in the streets on Saturday," he said. However, six missionaries from the western church were evacuated as a precaution and the United Methodist delegation was delayed in arriving in Louisville.

Currently serving as conference secretary and chair of the General Conference delegation, Renner is also a local church pastor. Early in his ministry he was secretary to the president of Sierra Leone and headed several different departments in government social service agencies.

Over the last decade, the civilian government, although democratically elected, became very corrupt. Services deteriorated, the cost-of-living skyrocketed, and government payrolls lagged as state officials "selfishly amassed wealth," Renner noted. In recent years, the Sierra Leone Central Conference repeatedly expressed through resolutions its "concerns about inadequacies and corruption" in the government, he said.

"This coup will not adversely affect the church," Renner speculated. "On the contrary, the coup will give leaders of the church an opportunity to help the new regime establish a better situation."

Some United Methodists, many of whom are already key community leaders, will be invited to participate in this reorganization, Kenner explained. Although the military junta has suspended the constitution and is ruling by decree, it has declared as priorities the securing of the border against marauding Liberian raiders and then the establishment of a broad-based community committee to organize the election of a multi-party government.

United Methodism in Sierra Leone now includes a growing membership of about 70,000 persons in more than 100 established congregations. There are also about 200 preaching centers and a number of educational and health-care institutions located primarily in rural areas. Rooted in a 120-year-old United Brethren tradition, United Methodist ministry today closely cooperates with British Methodism.

Bishop Minor Stresses 'Mutual Encouragement'

Calling for remembrance of suffering pioneers, the sharing of a common faith, and cooperative efforts, Bishop Ruediger R. Minor yesterday presented members of the Global Ministries Legislative Committee with a glimpse of United Methodist activities and opportunities in the former Soviet Union.

The suffering and faithful witness of the martyrs and "misused" have "plowed the field for the new seed we are privileged to sow today," said the present episcopal leader of the Germany East Conference. Following the proposed reunification of all German conferences, Bishop Minor is slated to assume episcopal leadership of United Methodism in the new Commonwealth of Independent States.

He cited the internment and eventual murder of a former Estonian superintendent in a Siberian forced labor camp shortly after World War II. He told about the 20-year imprisonment of the founder of Methodism in Estonia. Others in the Estonian church, he said, have experienced "mishandled trust" and misuse at the hands of oppressive political leaders.

"The church is growing in Russia," Bishop Minor reported. "There are a lot of new initiatives, and we have real reason to celebrate!"

He cited United Methodist congregations in Samara on the Volga river, the Ukraine, and Moscow. Many United Methodist churches in the United States provide foodstuffs, resources, and other support. He said he thought an old story of hate was giving way to a new "love story."

Bishop Minor believes his new role, as well as the role of the connectional church in Russia, should be based on Romans 1:11-12: "For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."

"We need each other," Bishop Minor concluded. "The more we work together, the more we follow the Lord together, the more we will build the temple for his kingdom."

—Tom Potter

Historian Compares Two Louisville General Conferences

During the 1989-92 quadrennium, when mentioning Louisville as the 1992 General Conference site, history-minded United Methodists have been quick to recall that the last time General Conference was here was in 1874.

The Rev. Charles W. Brockwell Jr., ordained United Methodist minister, church historian, and history professor at the University of Louisville, compared the two General Conferences.

"In 1874," he said, Methodist Episcopal Church, South delegates "were interested in unity, and so are we." Then, as now, people on both sides of issues cared "about unity and about winning with integrity."

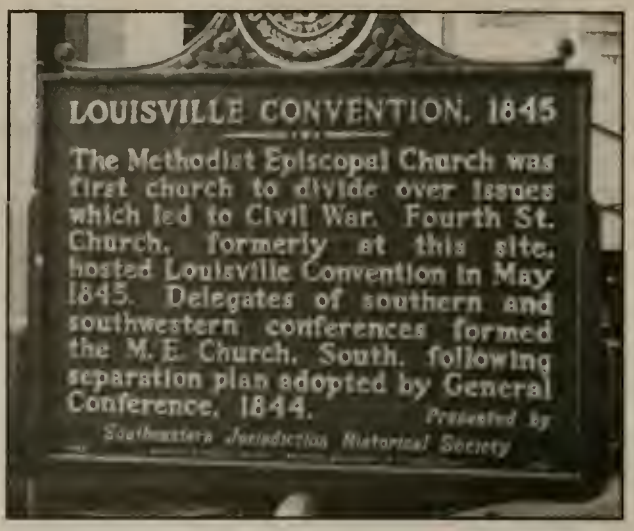
The 1874 attitude sharply contrasted with the 1845 Louisville Convention, at which delegates made functional the split in the Methodist Episcopal Church by inaugurating the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

According to Brockwell, the 1874 General Conference met about two blocks from the Commonwealth Convention Center. About 200 delegates attended, compared with this year's delegation of almost 1,000.

In 1874, Brockwell said, "the most outstanding achievement was the beginning of the healing between the northern and southern Methodist churches."

Two years earlier, the Methodist Episcopal Church had appointed several persons to serve as messengers of goodwill. One of the lay members of the Fraternal Messengers was former Union Army General Clinton B. Fisk for whom Fisk University was named.

"The General Conference of the southern church accepted the messengers and their message and responded by suggesting a joint conference," Brockwell said, noting that the August 1876 meeeting of the two churches at Cape May, N.J., marked the beginning of "a new era" where people "agreed not to hate each other anymore."



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This sign reminds visitors of the 1845 Louisville Convention. You'll find it right outside the convention center on Fourth Avenue.

It was 1939, however, before official unification marked what began with the Cape May Statement.

Brockwell sees several issues as threats to United Methodist unity today. He expressed hope that these issues can be faced and moved beyond without loss of integrity.

—Wilma DeSpain

Ecumenical Representatives 1992 General Conference

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	Dr. Donald B. Manworren
Evangelical Luthern Church in America	The Rev. Dr. William G. Rusch
National Conference of Catholic Bishops	The Most Rev. Thomas Kelly
The Orthodox Church in America	The Very Rev. Leonid Kishkovsky
United Church of Christ	The Rev. Robert Keller
Church of the Nazarene	Jack Stone
World Council of Churches	The Rev. Donald Black
The Reformed Church in America	The Rev. Gordon Van Wyk
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	The Rev. James E. Andrews
African Methodist Episcopal Zion	The Rev. James M. Sloan
The Episcopal Church	The Rt. Rev. David B. Reed
The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America	The Rev. Fr. Gregory C. Wingenbach
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.	The Rev. Sygnman Rhee, President

Announcements

The Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision is now located in Room 101.

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Checks for the Albany Area Challenge will be received through Thursday. The challenge supports *equally* the Los Angeles Relief Advance *and* local relief for the 11,000 homeless of Louisville, our host city! Checks should be made out to the "Albany Area Challenge" and delivered to Bill Barney B-7-1 or Dorothy Earl B-3-1. Thanks to those who have supported the challenge.

Tuesday, May 12

The Tennessee Conference dinner is scheduled for 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 12 at the Days Inn - Downtown, 101 E. Jefferson. Bishop and Mrs. Ernest Newman will be guests of honor. Contact Ben R. Alford for more information, room 1509, Galt House.

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The Rio Grande and Southwest Texas Conference delegations will meet for dinner with Bishop and Mrs. Ernest T. Dixon Jr. Tuesday, May 12, at 5:45 p.m., Keeneland Room, mezzanine, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Cost: $18 per person.

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The Detroit Conference and West Michigan members will meet Tuesday, May 12, after the evening session in rooms 218 and 219 at the convention center.

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The three Illinois conferences invite persons interested in looking at ways to combat gambling in Illinois to meet Tuesday, May 12, at 1:45 p.m. in the bleachers in back of Section A. Mary Akers, Chicago, NIL, Sec. B, Row 19.

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Delegates of the European Central Conferences are invited to meet Tuesday, May 12, at 9:30 p.m. in room 203 of the convention center. Bishop W. Klaibeu.

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"An Unexpected Journey," a new video from Denver Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, will be shown in the Affirmation/Reconciling Congregation Program Hospitality Suite today at 12:45 p.m. The video shows families dealing with the "coming out" of loved ones; the pain of lesbians, gay men, and their family members, as well as the joy of reconciliation. A lunch will be available for $5.

Wednesday, May 13

There will be a meeting of the General Board of Publication (and former board members) Wednesday evening, May 13, in room 115 at the conclusion of the plenary session.

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The Native American Recognition and Healing Worship Service will be held on Wednesday morning, May 13, at 8:30 a.m. Songs will be used out of the new Native American hymns and worship resource, *Voices*. Anyone may purchase this worship resource from Cokesbury for $9.95.

Thursday, May 14

The North Texas Conference delegation will honor Bishop and Mrs. Bruce Blake, with a dinner on Thursday, May 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency. Call Barbara Marcum at the Seelbach, 585-3200, or Judy Gilhealth at the Galt House East, 1198, for information and reservations.

LOST - Minolta 35mm camera in convention center. Several important photos already taken. If found, please contact Brad Kisner, General Conference director of music.

Corrections to *DCA* (Other Than Proceedings)

Daily Edition, p. 157, col. 2, **Higher Education and Chaplaincy** report line 32—Substitute "Assistant" for "Associate."

Daily Edition, p. 253, col. 1, par. 4—Substitute "Wilma" for "Sara." His daughter is Sara.

Daily Edition, p. 253, col. 1, par. 10—Substitute "2,000" for "20,000."

Daily Edition, p. 275, col. 1, item 428, line 4—Substitute "For: 0; Against: 90" for "For: 90; Against: 0." Line 6—Substitute "nonconcurrence" for "concurrence."

Seeing Double?

In an unusual "double bill," two sets of twins are among the 998 delegates to the 1992 General Conference.

Identical twins James A. Harnish of the Florida Conference and John E. "Jack" Harnish of the Detroit Conference are enjoying a family reunion of sorts in Louisville. And it's not the first time. Both were delegates to the 1988 General Conference in St. Louis and alternate delegates to the 1984 General Conference in Baltimore.

The Harnish twins have a long list of similarities. On the day of their *DCA* interview, for example, both just happened to dress in identical khaki suits, blue oxford shirts, brown socks, and tasseled loafers. The only difference was the conservative, small-print tie worn by James and the wild safari print tie Jack sported.



JOHN GOODWIN PHOTO

Twins James A. Harnish (Florida) and John E. Harnish (Detroit) are interviewed by Jane Dennis, editor of the *Arkansas United Methodist*.

But the gregarious pair also like to point out the many ways they differ. Originally from western Pennsylvania, the brothers attended the same seminary, married, and then headed in opposite directions. Jack, pastor of Court Street United Methodist Church, Flint, Mich., is very involved in conference programs and ministries. Meanwhile, James is pastor of St. Luke United Methodist Church, Orlando, Fla., and the author of six books.

"We're ministering in very different worlds," Jack said. His church is located in the "rust belt" and strives to be "a sign of hope in the downtown of an old, dying city." Jim, on the other hand, leads a church in the more lively "urban south Sunbelt."

They also have distinctly different preaching styles. "Jack is more dramatic," James said. "I'm more conversational in style, with a heavier content."

But despite the differences, both admit their sense of "what the church is all about" is very similar.



CYNTHIA ASTLE PHOTO

Twins Richard Stockton (Western North Carolina) and Thomas B. Stockton (Richmond Episcopal Area) are both present at this conference.

Double takes are also directed to Bishop Thomas Stockton of the Richmond Area and his identical twin brother Richard "Dick" Stockton, a lay delegate from the Western North Carolina Conference. While Bishop Stockton is a veteran of such church gatherings, this is the first General Conference experience for his brother, a businessman from Winston-Salem, N.C.

"I keep trying to tell Dick how to vote, but he never listens to me," joked Bishop Stockton.It seems the bishop's brother and mirror image is even stealing some of his thunder while in Louisville: "He's been getting some of the hugs I'm supposed to get!" Bishop Stockton said in mock jealously.

The Stockton twins are old hands at handling the looks of surprise and confusion often prompted by their uncanny resemblance. "We have a feeling when people are looking at us and aren't sure who's who," Dick Stockton said. In order to avoid further confusion, "I make sure when I'm on [Dick's] turf that I speak to everybody and introduce myself," the bishop added.

The Stocktons were reared in Winston-Salem, "in a fine Christian home, by church-oriented parents," Bishop Stockton noted. He "felt the pull to the ordained ministry," while brother Dick followed in his father's footsteps and entered the world of retail business.

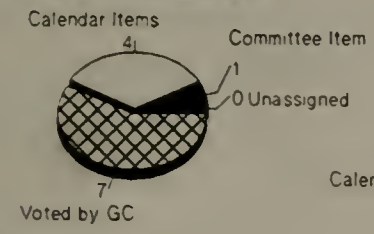
Despite their different career paths, the Stocktons share a mutual love for the church.

"Dick is a dedicated layman who can do as much good for Christ as I can," Bishop Stockton remarked.

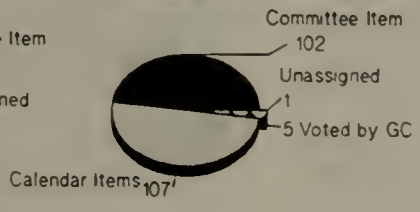
—Jane Dennis

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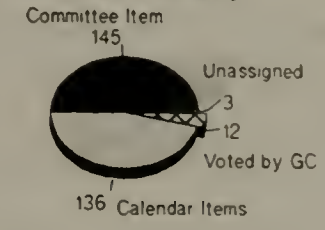
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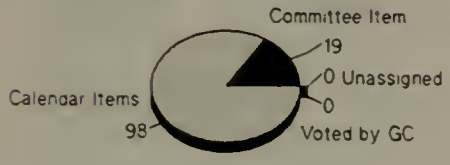
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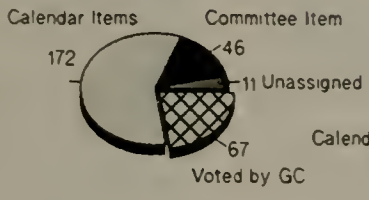
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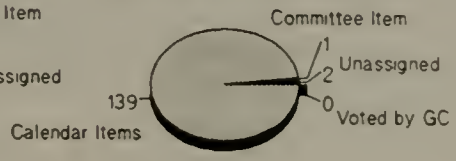
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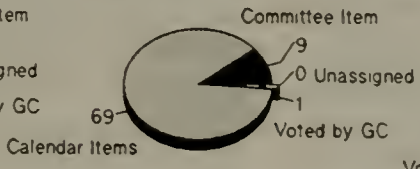
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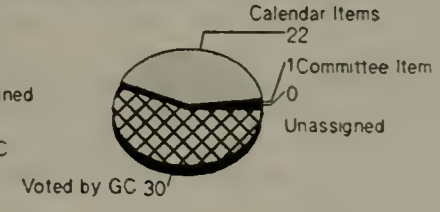
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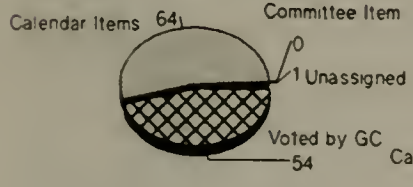
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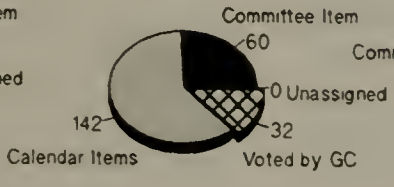
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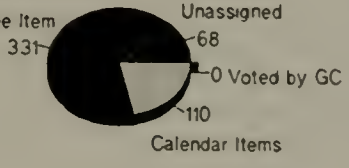
Independent Commissions



Local Church



Ordained and Diaconal Ministry



Data for 5/11/92 Midnight

These charts picture the work done by each legislative committee. "Unassigned" shows the number of petitions that the committee has not yet addresssed. "Committee Items" records the number of petitions being worked on somewhere in the committee. "Calendar Items" indicates the number of petitions voted on and released by the committee. "Voted by GC" shows the number of calendar items that have been voted on by the General conference plenary. GRAPHS COURTESY OF JOHN AND MEL BRAWN.

Legislative Committee Reports

Church and Society

The committee concurred with petitions that would:

- retain only basic paragraphs of the lengthy "Opposition to a Call for a Constitutional Convention" (pp. 458-62, *Book of Resolutions*);
- revise the Social Principles statements on collective bargaining, work and leisure, and consumption (par. 73. B, C, and D);
- amend paragraphs in the *Discipline* dealing with responsibilities of the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS), its executive and nominating committees, the GBCS organization, and the conference Board of Church and Society;
- place in the *Book of Resolutions* a comprehensive statement on "Understanding Living and Dying as Faithful Christians," emphasizing dying with dignity and urging churches to promote mercy and justice enhancing "holy dying";
- add to the Social Principles statement on tobacco (par. 72.J) support for restricting smoking in public places;
- insert a new Social Principles paragraph on adoption that supports "the use of proper legal procedures" and decries actions "tantamount to the marketing of children";
- amend the Social Principles statement on "Single Persons" (71.E), changing the word "unmarried" to "single";
- add to Social Principles paragraph 71 a statement on "The Scientific Community" that encourages dialogue and involvement between theological and scientific communities to help "enable humanity to sustain life on earth";
- amend Social Principles paragraph 74.A to note that "the form and leaders of government" are determined by citizens' voting;
- amend the Social Principles paragraph on gambling (73.G) to emphasize that the church deplores public lotteries;
- direct the GBCS to provide to every Native American United Methodist Church consultation to empower congregations to engage in social witness;
- direct the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) and the National United Methodist Native American Center to develop "culturally relevant" materials on AIDS, and call a national consultation on pastoral care and AIDS;
- provide information to the church on the Native American Religious Freedom Act of 1978, and have the church support legal actions and legislation related to the act;
- speak about the long-term changes in Europe and call for church actions that will help bring a Europe "at peace with justice";
- call for increased commitment to end world hunger and poverty that would involved United Nations agencies and members in public policy and community action efforts;
- initiate a comprehensive study (by GBCS) on "low-intensity conflict," followed by educational materials and advocacy activities on the issue;
- amend the church's resolution on "Nuclear Safety in the United States" (*Book of Resolutions,* pp. 59-66) to include an urging to close down the Rocky Flats Plutonium Processing Plant;
- ask local churches to "develop a climate of support" for legislation to ban all nuclear weapons testing and send communications carrying the concern to the President and other government officials;
- call on nations having nuclear weapons to increase efforts on nuclear arms reduction, to halt testing of nuclear warheads, to move toward closing weapons production facilities, to disband efforts on a strategic defense system, and to carry out other related actions;
- replace several resolutions on Central America in the present *Book of Resolutions,* and call for actions by the U.S. government, the United Nations, and United Methodist Church (including study, interaction with Central American churches, and prayer);
- voice concern about and urge action on Israel's refusal to grant a visa to the Rev. Alex Awad, Palestinian-American commissioned as a U.M. missionary;
- amend "Our Social Creed" (Social Principles par. 76) to include a dedication to "individual freedom for all people of the world";
- instruct the GBCS to initiate a number of actions related to El Salvador and human rights violations there;
- involve church bodies and individual members in discussion and advocacy efforts urging General Electric Co. to end nuclear weapons production.

—Lee Ranck (May 11, 2 p.m.)

Conferences

The committee voted concurrence on petitions:

- that changed the term "Executive Session" to "Clergy Session";
- that require annual conferences to provide time in their sessions for an address or report by the conference lay leader;
- that permit elected lay member observers of the board of ordained ministry to attend the clergy sessions with voice. Only the ordained ministers in full connection may vote. Others may be admitted by express actions of the clergy session, but have no voice unless by actions of the clergy session (vote 41-14-0);
- that add Central Conferences to the episcopal nomination and election process;
- that allow bishops to serve a third quadrennium in the same episcopal area when recommended by the jurisdictional committee on episcopacy with two-

thirds vote of jurisdictional conference (effective 1992 General Conference);
- that recognize the interjurisdictional committee on episcopacy as the official body through which cross-jurisdictional transfers shall be arranged;
- that fill vacancies in the annual conferences' elected representation on jurisdictional committees on episcopacy by nominees of the annual conference delegations who serve until elected by the jurisdictional conference;
- that provide for establishment of full ministerial membership of indigenous people in missionary conferences;
- that recommend (in light of new General Conference formula) that delegations shall have twice as many delegates at jurisdictional conferences as at General Conference;
- that establish a new formula for determining number of delegates from an annual conference to General Conference, using the most current lay and clergy membership figures combined.

The committee had to reconsider a petition regarding par. 505, Bishops in Jurisdictions. It changed the language from earlier action on par. 505.1 about "fulfilling the mission of the church...[as the] basis in determining the number of bishops." The subcommittee reported that the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) said mission cannot determine number of bishops in each jurisdiction; the number must be determined by a formula according to the Constitution (see par. 15.10). The committee added 505.2, stating missional needs shall determine number of bishops in Central Conferences (recommended to take effect at end of 1992 General Conference).

The committee voted concurrence on resolutions and other petitions:
- encouraging the inclusiveness of General and jurisdictional conference delegations;
- prohibiting delegates from receiving expense money from the general church or its boards and agencies in addition to *per diem* payments.

The committee voted nonconcurrence on several petitions:
- on term of bishops in an episcopal area;
- on jurisdictional and interjurisdictional committees on episcopacy;
- on prohibiting a general church agency or staff member, when representing any church agency, from issuing a public policy statement contrary to a position of the General Conference;
- on recording and publishing General Conference individual delegate votes;
- on child care provided for delegates to 1996 General Conference.

The committee concluded its work.

—Dan Gangler, Jane Dennis (May 9, 11:45 p.m.).

General and Judicial Administration

The committee concurred with petitions:
- on fair process of trials and appeals by reversing numbered paragraphs 2 and 3 for clarity (GJ 10684-2620-D);
- on chargeable offenses of clergy after amending by adding an additional offense—misrepresentation of credentials;
- to strengthen the Black church for the 21st century;
- on defining when and how an annual conference may challenge the actions of general, central, or jurisdictional bodies;
- on the presidential duties of bishops after amending to change the words "due process" to "fair process";
- on requiring local clergy to obtain consent from the appointed "clergy or local pastor" before holding a religious service within the bounds of the pastoral charge;
- on involuntary retirement of clergy (10664-451-D);
- on grievance procedures after amending the petition to remove the statute of limitations in cases of sexual and child abuse (10665-453-D).

The committee completed its business.

—Linda Green, Ralph E. Baker (May 9, 11:08 p.m.)

Local Church

The committee reconsidered a petition on which it had earlier voted nonconcurrence. It voted concurrence as amended, spelling out duties of the charge conference and deleting a sentence that states: "The charge conference shall determine the amount accepted for World Service and Conference Benevolences."

The committee removed from the table a petition concerning local church property proposed for sale, and inserted certain language currently in the *Discipline,* par. 2539, with amendments.

The committee voted concurrence with petitions which:
- state that in a charge conference that involves more than one church, the secretary of the administrative council/board of one of the churches shall be elected recording secretary;
- encourage that churches use denominational standards for computer information data and information as local church standards;
- list duties of administrative council/board chairperson;
- specifically include interpretation of appointment of women as a duty of pastor-parish relations committee;
- encourage churches to establish a policy that pastor-parish relations committee members not succeed themselves;
- state that a lay member of annual conference be a member of the pastor-parish relations committee, in addition to the regular five to nine persons, unless the lay member is ineligible to serve on the committee;
- include spiritual renewal among those matters about which the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee is to consult with the staff.

The committee also voted concurrence with amendments that:

- specify that in giving due notice of charge conference meetings, two or more means of notification be used;
- include directions to administrative board to evaluate effectiveness of goals;
- add to duties of administrative board to "embrace tithing as a minimum standard of giving, embrace regular worship attendance, and embrace regular attendance at church school and/or Bible study classes;
- include a statement that housing provision for clergy meet annual conference housing standards, and that housing shall not be considered as renumeration;
- state that the council on ministries shall have responsibility for "programs related to the church's primary mission";
- specify that any staff member under consideration by employing agency shall be notified prior to a meeting where his/her employment is discussed and be brought into consultation immediately thereafter;
- outline of a process for adding members to a pastor-parish relations committee where there are special multi-language needs in the congregation.

—Kathy Kruger Noble, Rayford Woodrick (May 9, 9:30 p.m.)

Ordained and Diaconal Ministry

The committee concurred with petitions to:

- establish guidelines for family leave for ordained ministers when an immediate family member needs full-time care;
- require that ordained ministers' compensation be maintained for no less than the first eight weeks of maternity/paternity leave;
- establish procedures for readmission of clergy members of an annual conference after involuntary retirement, amended to require two years of service as a local pastor prior to readmission to conference membership;
- establish guidelines for completion of candidacy for deacons, including requirements for educational preparation and minimum years in candidacy;
- require deacons on leave to report to the charge conference and conference board of deacons;
- define the responsibilities of bishops regarding deacon's assignments, transfers, and reporting responsibilities;
- define, as amended, the conference relationship for the order of deacon as clergy members of the annual conference;
- define how bishops will work and relate with deacons, e.g., annual meetings, arrangements for service asssignments, transfers, reports;
- outline the process of initiating, reviewing, and approving the service assignments of deacons;
- change the word "guaranteed" to "annual" appointment;
- establish the educational requirements of elders, which includes the two track system recommended by the Commission to Study the Ministry, and the steps into full conference membership;
- grant local pastors under full-time appointment the voting privileges of clergy members of the annual conference with the traditional exceptions noted;
- require that the ordination liturgy text and rubrics be used in all annual conferences as approved by the General Conference (see the new *Book of Worship*);
- establish the rights of deacons in the annual conference, e.g., voice and vote, service on boards as clergy members, eligibility to election to General Conference.

The committee voted nonconcurrence to call upon the bishops to appoint U.M. clergy to serve under the assignment of the Mission Society for United Methodists (vote 74-3-1). The committee also rejected changes to par. 402.2 such as removal of "self-avowed practicing homosexuals" to "persons practicing homosexuality" (44-18-2). It voted nonconcurrence on a petition that would reject clergy candidates "who promote homosexuality as a Christian lifestyle" (67-0-1). Also, the committee rejected changes to par. 304.1 that presently demands "fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness" of clergy to "fidelity in relationships" (53-18-0).

The committee was alerted to the possibility that the legislation which provides for a new order of ordained deacon might not be in conformity with the Constitution. In that event, amendments are being explored.

—Laura Okumu, Keith Pohl (May 10, 9:15 p.m.)

The following legislative committees have completed their business (May 11, 5 p.m.):

Central Conference
Conferences
Discipleship
Faith and Mission
Finance and Administration
General and Judicial Administration
Global Ministries
Higher Education and Chaplaincy
Independent Commissions
Local Church

Petitions Referred

FROM	PET#	PAR.#	TO	PET.#	PAR.#
CO	10511	0701D	MN	10511	0701D

Report of the General Council on Finance and Administration on Petitions Now in Process With Financial Implications

The 1988 General Conference adopted a motion from the floor which asked GCFA to list in one place in the *Daily Christian Advocate* all petitions with financial requests of $25,000 or more.

The Council has identified the following such petitions (all amounts shown are on a quadrennial basis):

Petitions for which a Legislative Committee "concurrence" recommendation has been printed in the DCA:

Task Force on Feasibility of Relocating GBGM, FA-10513-3000-S$: $100,000 (Calendar #154, p. 232).

Special Program: Campus Ministry, GJ-10851-3000-A$: $500,000 (apportioned) (Calendar #214, p. 237).

Special Program: Substance Abuse, GJ-10851-3000-A$: $2,000,000 (apportioned) (Calendar #214, p. 237).

1993-1996 Quadrennial Theme, GJ-10851-3000-A$: $300,000 (Calendar #214, p. 237).

Committee on Older Adult Ministries, GJ-10861-3000-A$: $100,000 (Calendar #198, p. 236).

Developing Congregations for Deaf Ministries, GJ-10863-3000-A$: $104,500 (Calendar #33, p. 168).

National Plan for Hispanic Ministry, GM-10867-3000-A$: $3,100,000 (Calendar #581, p. 289).

Native American Comprehensive Plan, GM-11024-3000-R$, $1,200,000 (Calendar #570, p. 287).

Shared Financial Support for Native American Center, GM-11406-3000-R$, $800,000 (Calendar #572, pp. 287-288).

Increase Number of Bishops in Northern Europe Central Conference, CC-12445-3000-M$: $512,000 (Calendar #101, p. 227).

The following are petitions for which Legislative Committee recommendations have not been printed in the DCA; information as to Legislative Committee action has not been formally reported to GCFA. Legislative committees may have already acted with either a "concurrence," "nonconcurrence," or "referral" recommendation:

Stewardship Initiative in the 1993-1996 Quadrennium, DI-11428-3000- R$, $2,900,000.

Zimbabwe Annual Conference Pension Fund, FA-11039-3000-R$, $300,000.

Resources for Healing Ministries with Homosexuals, FM-12288-3000- R$, $100,000.

Establishment of a General Board of Evangelism, GJ-11055-3000-R$, $12,000,000.

Task Force for Creation of General Board of Evangelism and Church Development, GJ-11847-3000-M$, $50,000.

Educational Responsibilities Concerning Native American Cultural Traditions, GM-12145-3000-R$, $25,000.

Study of Episcopal Tenure, MN-11752-3000-M$, $175,000.

Not included in this report are a number of petitions which originally had financial implications, but which, because of legislative committee amendments or nonconcurrence recommendations, no longer have such implications.

GCFA is also monitoring other petitions which potentially have financial implications, but for which no dollar amount estimates have been supplied, and which therefore cannot be appropriately included in this listing at this time.



KEITH KENDALL PHOTO

Bishop Joel Ajo Fernandez from Cuba accepts copies of *Vida Nueve en Cristo Jesús* from Duane Ewers, editor of Church School Publications. A shipment of this curriculum will be sent to Cuba to help children, youth, and adults grow in Christian faith. Ewers also presented a check for $150 to help with shipping costs.

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Removal from Consent Calendar

Delegates have requested these calendar items to be removed from Consent Calendar No. 4. 474, 515, 662, 663, 668, 734.

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Calendar items printed with an * after the calendar number will automatically be placed on the Consent Calendar. If any five delegates wish to remove an item from the Consent Calendar for plenary consideration, the delegates shall complete the approved form in Room 102 by 3 p.m. on the day the calendar item first appears in the DCA. Calendar items which contain a minority report will be indicated by the initials "MR" in parentheses.

Corrections to Calendar

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321 **CO010**
Subject: Clergy Membership of Annual Conference. amend para. 701.1
Petition: CO-10003-0701-D
Page in Advance DCA: 211
Membership; 79; Present 70;
For: 58, Against; 10; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as substituted and amended:

Amend Para. 701.1 from the *Discipline*

701.1 The clergy membership of an Annual Conference shall consist of members in full connection, probationary members, associate members, affiliate members, and local pastors under full-time appointment to a pastoral charge.

(a)....remain as is

(b)....substitute **lay** for "clergy" before 'delegates'

(c)....Associate ~~and affiliate clergy~~ members shall have the right to vote in the Annual Conference on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of **lay** delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conerences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.

(d) Local pastors under full-time appointment to a pastoral charge shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of **lay** delegates to General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.

(e) substitute: **Affiliate clergy members shall have the right to vote in the Annual Conference on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of delegates to the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conerences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.**

Minority Report

Amend Para. 701.1 from the *Discipline*

701.1 The clergy membership of an Annual Conference shall consist of members in full connection, probationary members, associate members, affiliate members, and **all** local pastors ~~under full-time appointment to a pastoral charge.~~

(a)....remain as is

(b)....remain as is

(c)....remain as is

(d) **All** local pastors shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of delegates to General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.

(e) delete
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347 **CO081**
Subject: Membership of Conference Committees, task Forces, and Consultations.
Petition: CO-10817-0726-D
Page in Advance DCA: 217
Membership: 79; Present: 60;
For: 57; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended:

a) Committee on Ethnic Local church Concerns. There shall be organized in each Annual Conference a Committee on Ethnic Local Church Concerns. It shall relate to all conference agencies to enable the incorporation of the work and concerns of the ethnic local church in the agencies' agenda, programs, budgets, and assist in the implementation of the conference's Comprehensive Plan for the continued development and strengthening of the ethnic local church. **The Committee shall have representation on the Conference Council on Ministries. It shall develop criteria for use in evaluating racial/ethnic projects and programs within the conference and in reporting on its work to the Council on Ministries.** It is recommended that the Committee be comprised of one-third laywomen, one-third laymen, and one-third clergy. It is further recommended that **two youth be included and** at least one-half of this committee shall be racial/ethnic, where feasible. **Consideration should be given for representation from each district.** It shall also include a cabinet representative.

The committee's findings will be referred to the Conference Commission on Religion and Race. It will cooperate with the commission's efforts to monitor the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and the racial inclusiveness of the conference as it develops and supports the various ministries.

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Calendar #450. The correct ADCA page for petition # FA-10388-0737-D is 377 not 747.

Calendar #329. Remove Petition CO-10097-0505-D.

End of Calendar Corrections

780* CO027
Subject: Business of the Conference
Petition: CO-11285-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1104
Membership: 79; Present: 67;
For: 63; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

1. Line 6 delete **more**

2. Last para...the physically challenged **be considered for representation at all conferences within...**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

781* CO028
Subject: The Laity address to Annual Conference.
Petitions: CO-10380-0704-D, CO-11244-0704-D, CO-11347-0704-D, CO-11458-0704-D, CO-11548-0704-D, CO-11959-0704-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 214, 1100, 1101, 1100, 1101, 1101.
Membership: 79; Present: 65;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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782* CO032
Subject: An Expression of appreciation to Dr. Carlton R. Young for his ministry to the Church
Petition: CO-11038-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 218
Membership: 79; Present: 63;
For: 63; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

add after **hymnals for Methodists, and United Methodists;**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

783* CO033
Subject: Composition and Character of the Clergy Membership of an Annual Conference.
Petition: CO-10700-0701-D
Page in Advance DCA: 213
Membership: 79; Present: 62;
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

delete "deaconesses and"

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

784 CO044$
Subject: Delegates Expenses to General Conference
Petition: CO-10601-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 219
Membership: 79; Present: 52;
For: 51; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

785* CO045
Subject: Terms used in the Book of Discipline.
Petition: CO-11459-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1106
Membership: 79; Present: 55;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

786* CO050
Subject: Business of the Annual Conference.
Petition: CO-10814-0704-D
Page in Advance DCA: 214
Membership: 79; Present: 53;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Replace:

Add to Para 704.3 after 1st para:

Attention shall be given to inclusiveness (para 103) and new (para 113)

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

787 CO051
Subject: Election of Bishops.
Petitions: CO-11047-0506-D, CO-11116-0506-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 207, 1088.
Membership: 79; Present: 65;
For: 56; Against: 6; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

788* CO061

Subject: Bishops in Jurisdictions.
Petition: CO-10808-0700-D
Page in Advance DCA: 218
Membership: 79; Present: 66;
For: 63; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

789* CO063

Subject: Assignment and termination of Bishops.
Petition: CO-11506-0507-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1089
Membership: 79; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

790 CO065

Subject: Term of service for Bishops in their area.
Petitions: CO-11455-0507-D, CO-11595-0507-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1089, 1090.
Membership: 79; Present: 57;
For: 50; Against: 6; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

791 CO074 (MR)

Subject: Assignment Process of Bishop.
Petition: CO-10099-0507-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1090
Membership: 79; Present: 57;
For: 52; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

. . . A bishop may be recommended for assignment to the same residence for a third or fourth quadrennia only if the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy on a two-thirds vote and the Jurisdictional Conference by a two-thirds vote determines such assignment to be in the best interest of the jurisdiction. This legislation is to be effective at the close of the 1992 General Conference.

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792 CO078$ (MR)

Subject: Conference Agency Membership.
Petition: CO-10048-0706-D
Page in Advance DCA: 215
Membership: 79; Present: 68;
For: 38; Against: 19; Not Voting: 11;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

1. by Substitute; Attached

Replace 706.1 Delete present 1st section of Par. 706.1

Substitute for 10599

An Annual Conference shall provide for the functions and general conference connections of all boards and agencies required by the Discipline.

In doing this the Annual Conference may utilize structures unique to regional aspects of its mission, other mandated structures not withstanding.

2. Minority Report Attached

Minority Report

We, the undersigned present a minority report to the action taken on Petition No. CO-10048-706-D

We propose the following as a replacement which will retain Par. 706.1 in its entirety.

1. The Annual Conference shall structure itself for effective mission in any mode deemed appropriate. In each Annual Conference, there may be conference program boards related to the general program boards organized as the Annual Conference shall determine. The Annual Conference shall provide for the connectional relationship between the general program boards and the conference, districts, and local churches, and shall specifically assign the program responsibilities related to the objectives and scope of the general program boards to agencies of the Annual Conference.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

793* CO089

Subject: Conference Council Staff Selection
Petition: CO-11809-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1107
Membership: 79; Present: 64;
For: 63; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Replace **Insure** with **Recommend**

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794* CO092

Subject: Episcopal nomination and election.
Petition: CO-11001-0506-D
Page in Advance DCA: 207
Membership: 79; Present: 61;
For: 60; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

795* CO093

Subject: The Jurisdictional Conference.
Petition: CO-12252-0611-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1094
Membership: 79; Present: 56;
For: 55; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Paragraph 3, Line 8 Add **next** after the word **year** .

Paragraph 3, Line 13 Add **sending and receiving**...Jurisdictional Conferences

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796* CO102

Subject: Episcopal search committee in each Jurisdiction.
Petition: CO-11241-0506-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1088
Membership: 79; Present: 60;
For: 60; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

797* CO111

Subject: Jurisdictional Committees on Episcopacy.
Petition: CO-10113-0623-D
Page in Advance DCA: 210
Membership: 79; Present: 57;
For: 54; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

798* CO120

Subject: Organizations of a Missionary Conference.
Petition: CO-10598-0660-D
Page in Advance DCA: 210
Membership: 79; Present: 56;
For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Substitute: **A missionary Conference that has not established the right of full ministerial membership may ordain indigenous racial and ethnic persons as deacons who, although they are not associate members, shall be accorded all the rights and privileges of associate membership in the Missionary Conference except the right of guaranteed appointment, provided that they have completed all of the necessary requirements for candidacy and such other requirements the Missionary Conference may establish.**

Further, these persons have the right to pursue transfer of their ministerial relationship to another annual conference as an associate member and pursue a relationship of full connection under the guidance of that annual conference.

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799* CO128

Subject: Individual Delegate Votes at General Conference to be Recorded and Published.
Petition: CO-11598-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1105
Membership: 79; Present: 53;
For: 52; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

800 CO129

Subject: On-Site Child Care at the 1996 General Conference.
Petition: CO-11671-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1105
Membership: 79; Present: 55;
For: 47; Against: 8; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

801* CO130

Subject: Matters at General Conference.
Petition: CO-11811-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1105
Membership: 79; Present: 55;
For: 53; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

802* CS022

Subject: Task Force to Study the Church's Teaching on Abortion.
Petition: CS-12303-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1040
Membership: 99; Present: 97;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

803* CS025

Subject: Boards and agencies regarding abortion.
Petition: CS-12427-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1052
Membership: 99; Present: 97;
For: 96; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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804* CS026

Subject: Take a stronger stand against abortion.
Petition: CS-12422-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1051
Membership: 99; Present: 97;
For: 97; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

805* CS031

Subject: The Scientific Community.
Petition: CS-11920-0071-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1027
Membership: 99; Present: 93;
For: 90; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Delete paragraphs 1,2,3, and 4 (pages 1027-1028)

Fourth line from the bottom of page 1028:

the command to participate in taking care **of** and enhancing

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

806* CS032

Subject: Rights of racial and ethnic persons.
Petition: CS-11426-0072-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1028
Membership: 99; Present: 92;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

807* CS067

Subject: Abstinence of gambling.
Petition: CS-11354-0073-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1031
Membership: 99; Present: 93;
For: 88; Against: 3; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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808 CS083
Subject: Terrorism.
Petition: CS-12210-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1080
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 70; Against: 11; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

After line 3: ~~hopeless~~**hopelessness,**

Point #3: Urge the President **of the United States**

Point #5: line #3: racism~~,~~ **and** anti-Semitism.

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809* CS122
Subject: Alternatives for abortion.
Petitions: CS-10016-0071-D, CS-10039-0071-D, CS-10050-0071-D, CS-10053-0071-D, CS-10194-0071-D, CS-10195-0071-D, CS-11049-0071-D, CS-11154-0071-D, CS-11246-0071-D, CS-12301-0071-D, CS-12304-0071-D, CS-12305-0071-D, CS-12401-0071-D, CS-12402-0071-D, CS-12403-0071-D, CS-12404-0071-D, CS-12405-0071-D, CS-12406-0071-D, CS-12407-0071-D, CS-12408-0071-D, CS-12409-0071-D, CS-12410-0071-D, CS-12412-0071-D, CS-12413-0071-D, CS-12414-0071-D, CS-12415-0071-D, CS-12416-0071-D, CS-12417-0071-D.
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Membership: 99; Present: 90;
For: 89; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

810* CS123
Subject: Retain the present statement regarding abortion.
Petition: CS-11153-0071-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1022
Membership: 99; Present: 88;
For: 85; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 1022-23, paragraph 71G, line 17:

...abortion. **We call for the church to provide nurturing ministries to those persons who terminate a pregnancy. We encourage the church to provide nurturing ministries to those who give birth.**

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811* CS144
Subject: Rights of the unborn.
Petition: CS-11473-0072-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1029
Membership: 99; Present: 96;
For: 95; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

812 CS186
Subject: The Economic Community Collective Bargaining and Consumption.
Petition: CS-11992-0073-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1032
Membership: 99; Present: 86;
For: 69; Against: 9; Not Voting: 8;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

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Paragraph 1, line 3:

social cost of doing business, such as ~~employment~~**unemployment and**

Under B: last line:

~~the process of~~ **collective bargaining or any labor management disagreement. We likewise reject the permanent replacement of a worker who engages in a lawful strike.**

Under D: line 3:

organize to achieve these goals~~. As consumers we recognize the power that we can exercise in encouraging manufacturers and producers to support television and radio programming which deals most sensitively with Christian issues and lifestyles. Further, this power can be extended to coerce businesses to remove displayed materials which are offensive to the Christian community. Therefore, we support organized efforts of consumers to achieve these objectives.~~ **and to express dissatisfaction with harmful economic practices through such appropriate methods as boycott, letter writing, corporate resolution, and advertisement. For example, these methods can be used to influence better television and radio programing.**

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813* CS190
Subject: The political community and government leaders.
Petition: CS-11249-0074-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1032
Membership: 99; Present: 93;
For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

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Page 1032, second paragraph,line 1:

The form and the leaders of **all** governments ~~shall~~ **should** be...

line 3:

guaranteed **to** all adult citizens.

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814* CS194
Subject: Adoption and the Social Principles.
Petition: CS-11672-0071-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1023
Membership: 99; Present: 93;
For: 89; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

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~~entire document.~~

Children are a gift from God to be welcomed and received. We recognize that some circumstances of birth make the rearing of a child difficult. We affirm and support the birth parent(s) whose choice it is to allow the child to be adopted. We recognize the agony, strength, and courage of the birth parent(s) who choose(s) in hope, love, and prayer to offer the child for adop-

tion. In addition, we affirm the receiving parent(s) desiring an adopted child. When circumstances warrant adoption, we support the use of proper legal procedures. We commend the birth parent(s), the receiving parent(s), the child to the care of the church, that grief might be shared, joy might be celebrated, and the child might be nurtured in a community of Christian love.

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815* CS195

Subject: Death with dignity.
Petition: CS-11352-0071-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1027
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

816* CS196

Subject: Holy Living/Holy Dying.
Petition: CS-10730-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 143
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

817* CS197

Subject: Abstinence from the use of tobacco.
Petition: CS-11157-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1063
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

818* CS198

Subject: Single persons.
Petition: CS-11552-0071-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1022
Membership: 99; Present: 93;
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

819* CS199

Subject: The Social Community and Tobacco.
Petition: CS-11991-0072-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1031
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 1031, last line:

restriction of smoking in public places **and work places** .

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820* CS205

Subject: Death with dignity.
Petition: CS-11510-0071-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1027
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

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821* CS206

Subject: Death With Dignity.
Petition: CS-11990-0071-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1028
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

822* CS207

Subject: Decision concerning divorce.
Petition: CS-11152-0071-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1021
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 81; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

823* CS208

Subject: The nurturing community and divorce.
Petition: CS-11551-0071-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1021
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 81; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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824 CS209

Subject: Covenant Relationship.
Petition: CS-12198-0071-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1022
Membership: 99; Present: 93;
For: 79; Against: 11; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

825* CS211

Subject: All UM Agencies cease Housing and Support of Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights.
Petition: CS-11295-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1049
Membership: 99; Present: 97;
For: 97; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

826* CS213

Subject: Association with, and support to, the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights.
Petition: CS-11130-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1050
Membership: 99; Present: 97;
For: 97; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

827* CS215

Subject: Oppose support for and membership in the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights.
Petition: CS-11066-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1050

Membership: 99; Present: 97;
For: 97; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

828* CS217

Subject: Organization of General Board Church and Society.
Petition: CS-11798-1106-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1036
Membership: 99; Present: 86;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

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Page 1036, Column 2, Organization of General Board Church and Society:

with the addition of three Central Conference members--one clergy, one layman, and one laywoman--to be elected by the ~~Commission on Central Conference Affairs~~ Council of Bishops upon nomination by the Central Conference College of Bishops.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

829* CS218

Subject: Capital Punishments.
Petition: CS-10282-0074-D
Page in Advance DCA: 182
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 82; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

830 CS219

Subject: Boycott of motion pictures and T.V. programs that show violence.
Petition: CS-11556-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1047
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 76; Against: 6; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

831* CS220

Subject: Criminal justice and the political community.
Petition: CS-11355-0074-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1032
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 83; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

832* CS221

Subject: Oppose Capital punishment.
Petition: CS-11255-0074-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1032
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 82; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

833* CS222

Subject: Promote campaign of disapproval of careless and open displays of violence.
Petition: CS-11252-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1054
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

834* CS223

Subject: The Social Community.
Petition: CS-11247-0072-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1028
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 81; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

835* CS225

Subject: Responsibilities of the General Board of Church and Society.
Petition: CS-11127-1104-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1035
Membership: 99; Present: 82;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

836* CS229

Subject: Conference Board of Church and Society.
Petition: CS-11194-0728-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1035
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

837* CS230

Subject: Oppose the violence and profanity displayed on television.
Petition: CS-11251-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1053
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

838* CS232

Subject: Responsibilities of the GBCS.
Petition: CS-12087-1104-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1036
Membership: 99; Present: 82;
For: 79; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

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Page 1036, column 2

~~In response to the call by the 1988 General Conference to promote a ministry of conflict resolution (Book of Resolutions, SP72),~~ **In cooperation with other appropriate boards and agencies,** the board shall **encourage** and promote **ministries and models of** ~~the development of centers for~~ meditation and conflict resolution both ecumenically and within the agencies and institutions of the United Methodist Church.

Additional Amend - In cooperation with **ecumenical agencies and** other appropriate

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839* CS240

Subject: Pastoral Care and the Aids Epidemic in Native American Communities.
Petition: CS-12147-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 1223
Membership: 99; Present: 93;
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 1223, paragraph 5:

Therefore, be it resolved, that ~~the 1992 General Conference direct~~ the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the National United Methodist Native American Center **continue** to develop...

Paragraph 6, line 1:

..., that General Conference ~~direct~~ **encourage the National...**

Line 6:

...this curriculum., **consistent with the availability of independent funding.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

840* CS260

Subject: Parental Family Responsibility.
Petitions: CS-10020-3000-R, CS-10021-3000-R.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1048, 1048.
Membership: 99; Present: 88;
For: 86; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

841 DI001

Subject: Oppose "Green Corn Ceremony" in the Book of Worship.
Petition: DI-11363-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1121
Membership: 107; Present: 98;
For: 85; Against: 11; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Whereas, a "green corn ceremony" has been proposed for the new Book of Worship, and

Whereas, inclusion of this ceremony has been opposed by the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and the Native American International Causus,

Therefore, be it resolved that the "green corn ceremony" not be included in the Book of Worship of The United Methodist Church.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

842 DI002

Subject: United Methodist Book of Worship.
Petition: DI-10176-3000-S
Page in Advance DCA: 251
Membership: 107; Present: 95;
For: 94; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 25, ~~Responses may include one or more of the following:~~"

Responses should include an Invitation to Christian Discipleship, followed by a hymn of invitation (UMH 337 - 50); or by a baptismal, confirmation, or reaffirmation hymn (UMH 604-11); or by one of the hymns listed under Commitment in UMH 939; or by another hymn that is an appropriate response to the sermon. Responses may include:

Renumber beginning with Item 2

1) A first commitment to Christ,...

2) A Reaffirmation of Faith (see 000-000)

3) Appropriate portions of the Baptismal Covenant:

a) Holy Baptism (see 000-000)

b) Confirmation (see 000-000)

c) Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant (see 000-000)

d) Reception into The United Methodist Church of those not already United

Methodists (see 000-000)

e) Reception into the Local Congregation (see 000-000)

4) Installation and recognition...workers, or groups (see 000-000)

5) Other acts of worship...

6) Consecration or dedication...

7) Congregational or individual commitment to specific actions such as mission, **reconciliation and others...**

8) A time of...

9) The Apostles' Creed...

We Believe in...99 My Tribute

Page 102: All on Pages 99 - 100 under "Commendation and Welcome" except the last 3 italics lines of rubrics, to be inserted on Page 102 between "Commendation and Welcome" and the 3 lines of italics rubrics

Page 130: DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE: The wife and husband...on their joined hands **or wrap a stole around.**

Page 132: A SERVICE FOR THE RECOGNITION ~~OF A MARRIAGE~~ OR THE BLESSING OF A CIVIL MARRIAGE

Page 135, Line 20: ~~Husband(s) to wife (wives)~~ **Husband to wife (husbands to wives)**

Page 135, Line 31: ~~Wife (Wives) to husband(s)~~ **Wife to husband (wives to husbands)**

Page 135, Lines 20 & 31: (In both the husband and wife's vows) In the name of God, ~~I reaffirm that~~ **and with a thankful heart, I once again declare that...**

Page 170: Line 6 of text: When all else fails, you still are God.... **We thank you for the life and hope you give through the Resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ.**

Page 184, Prayer of Wisdom music: Following "WORDS and MUSIC: Steve Garnaas-Holmes" **(Proverbs 9:1-6)**,provided the composer agrees with this addition.

Page 250: A clearer symbol of Alpha and Omega is needed.

Page 257, Par. 4, line 2:...and the Imposition of Ashes ~~is~~ **can be** a powerful...

Page 299: Include scripture references in prayers. Light - Psalm 27:1; Beauty -

Psalm 27:4; Rest - Matthew 11:29; Bread - John 6:35; Milk - I Peter 2:2; Honey - Ezekiel 3:3; Rainbow - Revelation 4:3; Dove - Mark 1:10; Promised Land - Psalm 119: 57; Shepherd - John 10:11; Gate - John 10:9; Lamb - John 1:36; Grove - Ezekiel 47:12; Lover - Isaiah 5:1; Well - John 4:14; Sovereign - Psalm 8:1, Psalm 99:1; Banquet - Isaiah 25:6; Crown - Isaiah 28:5; Holy One - Psalm 71:22; Altar - Psalm 43:4; Cloud - Exodus 16:10

Pages 306 - 310: Delete A NATIVE AMERICAN SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

Page 314: "Commemoration of Native American Thanksgiving," shared by members of the Native American Caucus, has been referred to the Editorial Committee of the Book of Worship to incorporate some of the material into the included of the Native American Awareness Sunday.

Page 319, Line 4: Under "Prayers," "Have mercy on your Church, troubled and divided." The "C" in church is being dropped to lower case. Do not capitalize.

Page 330, Par. 1 (new): **Through prayer the Holy Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. The Holy Spirit enables our prayers. "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." (Romans 8:26)** Note: Existing paragraphs become #2 and #3.

Page 330, Par. 2 (new):...avoid lengthy discourses. ~~by a single person.~~ Silent prayers,...

Page 337, 2nd Prayer: ~~Bakerwoman God~~, Replace with: God, like a bakerwoman, You bring...

Page 363, In Bold Section: ~~O Mother God~~, Replace with: O Creator God, may the waters...

Page 367: ~~For Those Who Work~~, Replace with: For Disciples In The Marketplace

Page 367: Add, FOR THOSE WHO WORK: O Living Word, by whom all things are created, bless all who work daily, in home, field, and marketplace. Labor with them until the creation of the new heaven and earth. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Page 367: Add, FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED: O God of the vineyard, you call us all to productive labor, to employ our gifts and talents for you. We pray for those who are unemployed. Strengthen their weak knees, and lift up their drooping hands, until all be employed for the common good and we all share fully in our true work of praising you with heart and mind and soul forever. Amen.

Page 402, Bold Type, Line 2: in ministry ~~to~~ **with** the people...

Page 421: ~~CONSECRATION OF THE HOME~~ **CONSECRATION OF A PARSONAGE**

Page 421:...we consecrate ~~this home committing to God's love and care all (the one) who dwell(s) therein.~~ **this home for the pastors (diaconal ministers) of Name of Church and their families.**

Page 421: Eternal God, bless this home **, provided as a parsonage to assure the domestic comfort of those called of God and appointed by the Bishop to serve this congregation.**

Page 421: May ~~the members of this...Jesus Christ our Lord.~~ **those who reside here experience the support of the congregation as very special persons in this family of God. Help us to love each other as you have loved us and help us all to live in the peace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Page 440, Line 9: "You are God's Temple~~?~~

Page 446, Line 3 from bottom of page: "Upon acquisition or completion of any church building ~~parsonage ..., or other church...~~" Add footnote: ~~"For dedication of a parsonage, see page 420."~~

Page 455, Par. 2 under "Presentation Of The Building":...and for service in the ~~enlightenment of God's people.~~ **the preparation of God's people for discipleship.**

Page 462, Line 4 of text not including rubrics: "It was God's gift for a season . **We are thankful for the many ways in which it has served the mission given to it by Jesus Christ.** ~~and~~ It has accomplished its purpose.

Page 463: - 524: The word "oversight" or "oversee" which occurs any place in the ordinal service be consistent with the action already taken by the Legislative Committee in the use of the words "supervision," or "supervise," or "support" and refer to the Editorial Committee for implementation. With the exception of those services referring to the Office of Bishop.

Page 469, Line 7 - 11: Delete these lines and substitute with lines 9 - 17 on Page 477

Page 469, Line 9: Insert "Through faith in Jesus Christ, and are the unique and authoritive standard for the Church's faith and life," Note: Current Line 11 remains as is.

Page 470, Line 7:...a diaconal minister **, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Page 477, Line 6 from the bottom of the page:...and ~~submitting to~~ **accepting the authority of** those who are appointed to ~~serve over you~~ **supervise your ministry?**;

Page 487, Line 16:...and ~~submitting to~~ **accepting the authority of** those who are appointed to ~~serve over you~~ **supervise your ministry?**

Page 494: Delete the opening paragraph, lines 4, 5, 6, 7. Replace with the following: This service is a combination of The Order for the Consecration of Diaconal Ministers, (000), The Order for the Ordination of Deacons, (000), and The Order for the Ordination of Elders (000). It is designed for use when these three events take place in one service. Worship planners will want to review the other services and introductory comments to select the appropriate service.

Page 502, Line 22:...minister in your Church **, in the name of the Father and Son and the Holy Spirit**

Page 503, Line 26:...and~~submitting to~~ **accepting the authority of** those who are appointed to ~~serve over you~~ **supervise your ministry?**

Page 506, Line 18:...and ~~submitting to~~ **accepting the authority of** those who are appointed to ~~serve over you~~ **supervise your ministry?**

Page 516, Line 16:...in your Church **, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

Page 525 - 554: The word "oversight" or "oversee" which occurs any place in the ordinal service be consistent with the action already taken by the Legislative

Committee in the use of the words "supervision," or "supervise," or "support" and refer to the Editorial Committee for implementation, with the exception of those services referring to the Office of Bishop.

Page 529: AN ORDER FOR ADMISSION OF ~~MINISTERIAL~~ CANDIDATES TO CLERGY MEMBERSHIP IN AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Page 534, Line 12:...and called to a special ministry of ~~oversight~~ **supervision and leadership.** You are called...

Page 534, Line 15:...and to ~~oversee~~ **supervise and support** the Church's life, work...

Page 534, Under Presentation of Signs of District Superintendency: Name, take this Bible, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word **, for the edification of believers and conversion of the world.**

Page 534, Under "The Covenant Service", Line 13: **You are called to guard the faith, to seek the unity and** to exercise **the** discipline of the church, and to oversee the Church's life, work and mission.

Page 536, Line 1 from the bottom of the page:

Who will present Bishop _____ for welcome to this area?

Name

Page 552, Line 20:...in the name of the ~~Creator,~~ **Father,** and of the ~~Christ,~~ **Son,** and of the ~~Holy Ghost,~~ **Holy Spirit.**

Page 554, Line 7:..in the name of the ~~Creator,~~ **Father,** and of the ~~Christ,~~ **Son,** and of the ~~Holy Ghost~~ **Holy Spirit.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

843* DI003
Subject: Support Adoption of Proposed Book of Worship.
Petition: DI-12098-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1127
Membership: 107; Present: 94;
For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

844* DI004
Subject: Service of Infant Dedication.
Petition: DI-11160-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1118
Membership: 107; Present: 98;
For: 98; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

845 DI005
Subject: Addition to the Proposed Book of Worship.
Petition: DI-12171-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1127
Membership: 107; Present: 98;
For: 57; Against: 35; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

846* DI006
Subject: The service of the dedication of infants.
Petition: DI-10992-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 249
Membership: 107; Present: 98;
For: 98; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

847* DI007
Subject: Establish preferred language to describe God.
Petition: DI-11158-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1118
Membership: 107; Present: 98;
For: 95; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

848* DI008
Subject: Inclusive language.
Petition: DI-11159-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1118
Membership: 107; Present: 98;
For: 97; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

849* DI009
Subject: Oppose the new "God Language."
Petition: DI-11260-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1120
Membership: 107; Present: 98;
For: 95; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

850* DI010
Subject: Establish Preferred Language to Describe God.
Petition: DI-11072-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1117
Membership: 107; Present: 98;
For: 97; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

851* DI011
Subject: Season after Pentecost and Kingdomtide Service.
Petition: DI-12311-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1114
Membership: 107; Present: 98;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

852* DI013
Subject: Support Present Language in the Book of Worship.
Petition: DI-10104-0729-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1111
Membership: 107; Present: 98;
For: 98; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

853* DI015
Subject: Relationships of the Curriculum Resource Committee.
Petition: DI-11027-1226-D
Page in Advance DCA: 248
Membership: 107; Present: 90;
For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

854* DI031
Subject: Worship Responsibilities of the General Board of Discipleship.
Petition: DI-11927-1214-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1114
Membership: 107; Present: 90;
For: 90; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

855* DI032
Subject: Amendments to the Proposed Book of Worship.
Petitions: DI-11515-3000-R, DI-11560-3000-M, DI-11604-3000-R, DI-11821-3000-R, DI-11822-3000-R, DI-12307-3000-R.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1124, 1124, 1124, 1126, 1126, 1128.
Membership: 107; Present: 94;
For: 90; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

856* DI034
Subject: General Board of Discipleship Responsibilities.
Petition: DI-11708-1201-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1112
Membership: 107; Present: 90;
For: 86; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Paragraph 1201.1: ...and local churches of all membership sizes ~~, including those of small membership,~~ in their efforts...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

857 DI035$
Subject: Stewardship Initiative in the 1993-96 quadrennium.
Petition: DI-11428-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 1121
Membership: 107; Present: 93;
For: 80; Against: 12; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

858* DI036
Subject: Stewardship of the General Board of Discipleship.
Petition: DI-10757-1215-D
Page in Advance DCA: 242
Membership: 107; Present: 93;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

859* DI037
Subject: Devotional Life Responsibilities of the General Board of Discipleship.
Petition: DI-11928-1216-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1115
Membership: 107; Present: 93;
For: 92; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

860* DI038
Subject: Devotional Life Responsibilities of the Upper Room.
Petition: DI-10758-1216-D
Page in Advance DCA: 243
Membership: 107; Present: 93;
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

861* DI039
Subject: The Mission Education Program of the General Board of Discipleship.
Petition: DI-10702-1210-D
Page in Advance DCA: 241
Membership: 107; Present: 93;
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

862* DI040
Subject: Educational Responsibilities of the General Board of Discipleship.
Petition: DI-11925-1207-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1114
Membership: 107; Present: 94;
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

863* DI041
Subject: Traditional Language in the Book of Worship.
Petitions: DI-11783-3000-R, DI-11801-3000-R.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1125, 1125.
Membership: 107; Present: 98;
For: 97; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

864* DI042
Subject: Christian Education and Age Level Ministries of the General Board of Discipleship.
Petition: DI-10753-1207-D
Page in Advance DCA: 241
Membership: 107; Present: 94;
For: 93; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

865* DI043
Subject: Responsibilities of the General Board of Discipleship/Evangelism.
Petition: DI-11926-1212-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1114
Membership: 107; Present: 94;
For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

866* DI044
Subject: Evangelism, the Responsibility of the General Board of Discipleship.
Petition: DI-10754-1212-D
Page in Advance DCA: 242
Membership: 107; Present: 94;
For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

867* DI045
Subject: Board of Evangelism.
Petition: DI-11559-1212-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1114
Membership: 107; Present: 94;
For: 91; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

868* DI046
Subject: Evangelism Responsibilities of the General Board of Discipleship.
Petition: DI-10755-1213-D
Page in Advance DCA: 242
Membership: 107; Present: 95;
For: 95; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

869* DI047
Subject: Adopt "Vision 2000."
Petition: DI-11820-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1126
Membership: 107; Present: 99;
For: 99; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Line 4: ...churches in crisis" as ~~the~~ **a** vehicle for growth...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

870 DI048
Subject: Make Evangelism the # 1 priority for the next quadrennium.
Petition: DI-11362-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1120
Membership: 107; Present: 99;
For: 87; Against: 7; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Line 1: ...become the #1 ~~Missional P~~ **priority** of The United Methodist Church...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

871 DI050$
Subject: Consultation/workshop to enhance the gifts and skills of spiritual directors.
Petition: DI-11073-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 1118
Membership: 107; Present: 99;
For: 99; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Paragraph 7, line 3: ...petition the General Conference to ~~instruct~~ **recommend that** The Upper Room...

Paragraph 8, line 2: ...the General Conference to further ~~instruct~~ **recommend that** The Upper Room...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

872* DI051$
Subject: Spiritual Directors Program.
Petition: DI-10346-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 250
Membership: 107; Present: 99;
For: 99; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

873* DI052
Subject: Study of the Holy Spirit.
Petition: DI-10696-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 250
Membership: 107; Present: 99;
For: 97; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Second paragraph: ...study of the Holy Spirit **including the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

874* DI054
Subject: Enlist and involve the youth in the life of the church.
Petition: DI-11364-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1121
Membership: 107; Present: 99;
For: 97; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 2, RESOLVED: Insert as 3): **That the General Conference urge that at least one half-time staff position be provided within each conference to work in connection with the Conference Council on Youth Ministries and that adequate funding be provided within each annual conference budget for youth ministry as outlined in the Book of Discipline.**

Old 3) becomes 4)

5) That the General Council on Ministries plan to recommend youth ministry as a program emphasis for the 1997-2000 quadrennium.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

875* DI055
Subject: United Methodist National Youth Ministry.
Petition: DI-11198-1305-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1117
Membership: 107; Present: 100;
For: 99; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

876* DI057
Subject: Membership of the NYMO Steering Committee.
Petition: DI-11603-1307-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1117
Membership: 107; Present: 100;
For: 98; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

877* DI058
Subject: Publish a Youth Devotional.
Petition: DI-12003-3000-M

Page in Advance DCA: 1127
Membership: 107; Present: 100;
For: 98; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Delete present petition and amend to read as follows:

Encourage the Board of Discipleship to consider development of a youth devotional, similar to The Upper Room, with input from CCYM's and NYMO.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

878* DI059$

Subject: Resources and Materials for Families of Incarcerated Persons.
Petition: DI-10367-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 249
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

879* DI060$

Subject: Native American School of Evangelism.
Petition: DI-12146-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 1223
Membership: 107; Present: 100;
For: 99; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

880* DI061

Subject: Conference Board of Discipleship.
Petition: DI-11199-0729-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1111
Membership: 107; Present: 99;
For: 96; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

881* DI062

Subject: Conference Board of Discipleship.
Petition: DI-12023-0729-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1111
Membership: 107; Present: 99;
For: 98; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

882* DI063

Subject: The Purpose of the General Board of Discipleship.
Petition: DI-11923-1201-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1112
Membership: 107; Present: 99;
For: 99; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

883* DI064

Subject: Adding Language to Paragraph 1202 which Indicates Responsibilities of the GBOD.
Petition: DI-11709-1202-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1113
Membership: 107; Present: 99;
For: 98; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

884* DI065

Subject: General Board of Discipleship.
Petition: DI-11197-1202-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1113
Membership: 107; Present: 99;
For: 96; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

885* DI066

Subject: Responsibilities of the General Board of Discipleship.
Petition: DI-11924-1202-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1113
Membership: 107; Present: 93;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

886* DI067

Subject: Responsibilities of the General Board of Discipline.
Petition: DI-10701-1202-D
Page in Advance DCA: 241
Membership: 107; Present: 84;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

887* DI068

Subject: Authority of the General Board of Discipleship.
Petition: DI-10751-1202-D
Page in Advance DCA: 241
Membership: 107; Present: 84;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

888* DI069

Subject: Conference Board of Discipleship.
Petition: DI-10745-0729-D
Page in Advance DCA: 237
Membership: 107; Present: 84;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

889* DI070

Subject: Renumber and Move Paragraphs.
Petition: DI-10790-1211-D
Page in Advance DCA: 242
Membership: 107; Present: 84;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

890* DI071

Subject: African American Family Life.
Petition: DI-10603-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 249
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Title: African American Family Life

1. Delete Para. 5, 6, 9(#2 at the bottom)

2. Delete in Para. 7 the word "finally"... "The California Nevada Conference petitions the General Conference to request..." the colon (:) after the word "the" at the end of line 1 in Para 7

3. Delete in Para 8 the number "1"

4. Join Paragraphs 7 and 8, making one paragraph

Delete the word "to" in Paragraph 8 following the words "General Board of Discipleship"

5. Add the word "mentoring," in para 8, Line 3, just before the word "counseling"

6. Add: the words "African American" before "Family Life"

"Be it resolved that the General Board of Discipleship identify or create resources and materials to assist local churches in developing a program of mentoring, counseling and referral which includes strategies to strengthen African American family life."

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

891* DI072

Subject: Age Level and Family Ministries.
Petition: DI-10609-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 249
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

892* DI073

Subject: Worship Responsibilities of the General Board of Discipleship.
Petition: DI-10756-1214-D
Page in Advance DCA: 242
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

893* DI074

Subject: Local Church Lay Speaker.
Petition: DI-10741-0277-D
Page in Advance DCA: 234
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

894* DI075

Subject: Lay speakers.
Petitions: DI-11513-0277-D, DI-11758-0277-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1109, 1109.
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

895* DI076

Subject: Local Church Lay Speaker.
Petition: DI-10742-0278-D
Page in Advance DCA: 235
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

896* DI077

Subject: The Certified Lay Speaker.
Petition: DI-10789-0278-D
Page in Advance DCA: 234
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

897* DI078

Subject: Certified Lay Speaker.
Petitions: DI-11759-0278-D, DI-11760-0278-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1109, 1110.
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

898* DI079

Subject: Renewal of Certificates of a Certifies Lay Speaker.
Petition: DI-10743-0279-D
Page in Advance DCA: 235
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

899* DI080

Subject: Church Lay Speaker.
Petition: DI-11761-0279-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1110
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

900 DI082

Subject: Lay Preachers. Recognize and Utilize the Office of Lay Preachers.
Petition: DI-10007-0280-D
Page in Advance DCA: 235
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 79; Against: 8; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

2. ...to a church or charge by ~~the~~ **a** district superintendent...

2. a) **The lay preacher may be utilized in charges or churches which are left "to be supplied" when it is impractical to serve such congregations with part-time local pastors, or ordained clergy.**

2. c) The lay preacher is to ~~serve under~~ **be supervised by a pastor-in-charge, who shall be named by the district superintendent** and to whom he/she is accountable...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

901* DI083

Subject: Lay Preachers for Assignment by District Superintendents.
Petition: DI-11707-0280-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1110
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;

Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

902* DI084

Subject: Jurisdictional Committee on United Methodist Men.
Petition: DI-10744-0635-D
Page in Advance DCA: 236
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 86; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

903* DI091

Subject: District Board of Laity.
Petition: DI-10739-0700-D
Page in Advance DCA: 239
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

904* DI092

Subject: Coordinating Committee on Lay Work.
Petition: DI-12025-0748-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1112
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 86; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

905* DI094

Subject: District Committee on Lay Speaking.
Petition: DI-10749-0753-D
Page in Advance DCA: 240
Membership: 107; Present: 89;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

906* DI095

Subject: District Level United Methodist Men Organization.
Petition: DI-10750-0756-D
Page in Advance DCA: 240
Membership: 107; Present: 89;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

907* DI096

Subject: Constitution of District United Methodist Men.
Petition: DI-12277-0755-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1209
Membership: 107; Present: 89;
For: 88; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

908* DI098

Subject: Jurisdictional Committee on United Methodist Men.
Petition: DI-12263-1204-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1113
Membership: 107; Present: 89;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

909* DI099

Subject: Heading Under Section V, Ministry of the Laity.
Petition: DI-10759-1217-D
Page in Advance DCA: 243
Membership: 107; Present: 89;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

910* DI101

Subject: Leadership and Ministry Development.
Petition: DI-12027-1218-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1115
Membership: 107; Present: 89;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

911* FA050

Subject: Responsibilities of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration.
Petition: FA-11200-0709-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1145
Membership: 93; Present: 58;
For: 55; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

912* FA059

Subject: Commission on Equitable Salary.
Petition: FA-11371-0722-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1149
Membership: 93; Present: 58;
For: 51; Against: 3; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Insert **"base"**immediately before the word "compensation" in all lower case references to "compensation".

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

913* FA065

Subject: Clergy Support.
Petition: FA-11368-0719-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1147
Membership: 93; Present: 58;
For: 54; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

add **"base compensation"** to lower case reference

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

914 FA066

Subject: Plan and method of clergy support.
Petition: FA-11367-0718-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1147
Membership: 93; Present: 56;
For: 48; Against: 7; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

In line 7:

based on the current **base** compensation paid to the . . .

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

915* FA067
Subject: Clergy support budgets.
Petition: FA-11366-0710-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1146
Membership: 93; Present: 58;
For: 53; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend Paragraph 710.1a to read: . . . including **base** compensation, . .

Amend Paragraph 710.1e to read: . . . Commission on Equitable Compensation to be used for compliance with the approved schedule of equitable **base** compensation for pastors.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

916* FA083$
Subject: Support Proposed Budget For 1993-96 With Annual Increase of 4.2%.
Petition: FA-12100-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1161
Membership: 93; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

917 FA112
Subject: Fiscal Responsibilities in Response to the HIV Crisis.
Petition: FA-10550-0906-D
Page in Advance DCA: 379
Membership: 93; Present: 74;
For: 66; Against: 6; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

918* FA119
Subject: Human Sexuality. Retain present stand on funding "gay" caucus or group.
Petition: FA-10116-0906-D
Page in Advance DCA: 379
Membership: 93; Present: 73;
For: 65; Against: 5; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence because of concurrence on FA-11202 which retains the existing language with one additional sentence

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

919* FA122
Subject: Episcopal Budget.
Petition: FA-10058-0925-D
Page in Advance DCA: 380
Membership: 93; Present: 59;
For: 55; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

920* FA154
Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration's Committee structure.
Petition: FA-11961-0905-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1151
Membership: 93; Present: 72;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

921 FA157
Subject: Real property held in trust by Annual Conference Board of Trustees.
Petition: FA-12329-2515-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1159
Membership: 93; Present: 67;
For: 51; Against: 15; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

922 FA158
Subject: District Parsonage and the Board of Trustees.
Petition: FA-12319-2517-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1159
Membership: 93; Present: 65;
For: 44; Against: 20; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

923* FA159
Subject: Board of Church Location and Building.
Petition: FA-11121-2518-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1159
Membership: 93; Present: 66;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

924* FA160
Subject: Authority of the Board of Church location and building.
Petition: FA-11301-2518-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1159
Membership: 93; Present: 66;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

925 FA161
Subject: Relocation Across District Boundaries.
Petition: FA-12029-2520-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1159
Membership: 93; Present: 59;
For: 52; Against: 6; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

926* FA170
Subject: Powers, Duties, and Responsibilities of the Annual Conference Board.
Petition: FA-10947-1606-D
Page in Advance DCA: 384
Membership: 93; Present: 74;
For: 69; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

In Para 1606.16 b, Line 3: (75% **or** 100% if elected by the applicable Conference) .....

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

927* FA171
Subject: Financial Responsibilities.

Petition: FA-12316-0906-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1153
Membership: 93; Present: 69;
For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

928 FA172

Subject: Responsibility of the General Council on Finance and Administration.
Petition: FA-12269-0906-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1153
Membership: 93; Present: 72;
For: 40; Against: 23; Not Voting: 9;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

929* FA173

Subject: Fiscal Responsibilities.
Petition: FA-11825-0906-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1152
Membership: 93; Present: 69;
For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

930* FA174

Subject: Fiscal responsibilities of the Council on Finance and Administration.
Petitions: FA-11374-0906-D, FA-11826-0906-D, FA-12268-0906-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1151, 1153, 1153.
Membership: 93; Present: 69;
For: 65; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

931 FA175

Subject: General Council on Finance and Administration.
Petition: FA-11204-0906-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1152
Membership: 93; Present: 69;
For: 61; Against: 7; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

932* FA177

Subject: Administrative Responsibility of the Council on Finance and Administration.
Petition: FA-10574-0907-D
Page in Advance DCA: 379
Membership: 93; Present: 68;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

933 FA178

Subject: Fiscal Responsibilities Regarding Abortion.
Petition: FA-10203-0906-D
Page in Advance DCA: 379
Membership: 93; Present: 68;
For: 44; Against: 20; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

934 FA185 (MR)

Subject: Denominational Health Care Plan.
Petition: FA-11477-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1170
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 43; Against: 38; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Minority Report

At any time during a five year phase-in period beginning January 1, 1994 and ending January 1, 1999 Annual Conferences may enter the denominational health plan, UMCare. This proposal would allow any Conference which chooses to do so to join the UMCare by January 1, 1994.

For those Conferences that need additional time or data to evaluate the effect of the plan on their Conference, the extension would grant them such time.

The extended entry dates would enable Conferences time to terminate their existing health insurance contracts and to make a smoother transition into UMCare.

William K Quick
William Carter Smallwood
Neil Gunn
Robert Oetjen
William R. Harvey
Phyllis R. Rodriguez
Herbert Sadler, Jr.
John A. Mason
June D. McCullough
Charles Eurey
Charles Lippse
James W. Ferree
Anita Billingsley
Benis Lutz

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

935* FA186

Subject: Denominational health care plan.
Petition: FA-10390-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 424
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 75; Against: 4; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

936 FA187

Subject: Table the Denominational Health Care Plan to the 1996 General Conference.
Petition: FA-11476-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1170
Membership: 93; Present: 81;
For: 60; Against: 17; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

937* FA209

Subject: Office location of general agencies, boards, commissions and organizations.
Petition: FA-11365-2400-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1145
Membership: 93; Present: 68;
For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

938* FA210
Subject: Self-Funded Health Insurance Program.
Petition: FA-12031-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1170
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends referral to the General Board of Pensions for action.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

939 FA211
Subject: Fiscal Responsibilities. Human Sexuality.
Petition: FA-12393-0906-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1154
Membership: 93; Present: 68;
For: 36; Against: 24; Not Voting: 8;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

940* FA217
Subject: Investment Ethics.
Petition: FA-10736-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 491
Membership: 93; Present: 57;
For: 52; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 492 DCA, second column, insert at the end of paragraph #1, before the colon "**within the parameters of legal and fiduciary responsibility:**"

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

941* FA218
Subject: Committee to study ways of providing housing for the retired pastors.
Petition: FA-11267-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1172
Membership: 93; Present: 74;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

942* FA219
Subject: Sale, Transfer, Lease, or Mortgage of District Property.
Petition: FA-10908-2523-D
Page in Advance DCA: 389
Membership: 93; Present: 75;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

943* FA221
Subject: Election of Membership by Jurisdictional Conferencea.
Petition: FA-10950-0805-D
Page in Advance DCA: 652
Membership: 93; Present: 75;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

944* FA222
Subject: Administrative General Agencies.
Petition: FA-10949-0803-D
Page in Advance DCA: 652
Membership: 93; Present: 75;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

945 FA223$
Subject: Zimbabwe Annual Conference Pension Fund.
Petition: FA-11039-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 494
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 74; Against: 5; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends referral to GCFA.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

946* FA224
Subject: Normal Retirement for all General Agency Staff Personnel.
Petition: FA-10911-0814-D
Page in Advance DCA: 655
Membership: 93; Present: 75;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

947* FA227
Subject: Trust clauses in deeds.
Petition: FA-11075-2503-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1158
Membership: 93; Present: 66;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

948* FA228
Subject: The Membership and Authority of Annual Conference Board of Trustees.
Petition: FA-10906-2512-D
Page in Advance DCA: 387
Membership: 93; Present: 67;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

On DCA 388, column 1, line 22, make the following addition:

whose properties are held **in their own name or in the name of** ~~by~~ their own duly . . . .

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

949* FA229
Subject: Episcopal residence.
Petition: FA-11474-2514-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1158
Membership: 93; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

950* FA230
Subject: Board of Church Location and Building.
Petition: FA-10907-2518-D
Page in Advance DCA: 389
Membership: 93; Present: 66;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

951 FA231

Subject: Approval of Construction Purchase or Remodeling Plans for Local Churches.
Petition: FA-10822-2520-D
Page in Advance DCA: 389
Membership: 93; Present: 61;
For: 43; Against: 17; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

At end of paragraph:

The design for renovation shall provide for equal access to persons with handicapping conditions ~~as provided by law~~ **where ready achievable and financially feasible.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

952* FA232

Subject: Pulpit supply and proposal for compensation.
Petition: FA-11396-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1271
Membership: 93; Present: 58;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Insert a "," after the word compensation

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953* FA233

Subject: Policies Relative to Socially Responsible Investments.
Petition: FA-10952-0816-D
Page in Advance DCA: 656
Membership: 93; Present: 59;
For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

954* FA236

Subject: Compensation of the pastor and other staff appointed by the bishop.
Petition: FA-11391-0247-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1261
Membership: 93; Present: 58;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

955* FM003

Subject: Human Sexuality. Amend 71F.
Petitions: FM-10018-0071-D, FM-10019-0071-D, FM-10040-0071-D, FM-10052-0071-D, FM-10092-0071-D, FM-10093-0071-D, FM-10094-0071-D, FM-10095-0071-D, FM-10098-0071-D, FM-10103-0072-D, FM-10196-0072-D, FM-10274-3000-R, FM-10285-3000-R, FM-10307-3000-R, FM-10597-0072-D, FM-10612-3000-R, FM-10824-0071-D, FM-11268-0071-D, FM-11305-0071-D, FM-12209-3000-R, FM-12288-3000-R$, FM-12312-3000-R, FM-12313-3000-R, FM-12328-3000-R, FM-12332-3000-R, FM-12334-3000-R, FM-12335-3000-R, FM-12336-3000-R, FM-12337-3000-R, FM-12340-0071-D, FM-12341-0071-D, FM-12342-0071-D, FM-12343-0072-D, FM-12344-0072-D, FM-12345-3000-R, FM-12350-0071-D, FM-12351-0071-D, FM-12352-0071-D, FM-12353-0071-D, FM-12354-3000-R, FM-12355-3000-R, FM-12356-0071-D, FM-12357-0071-D, FM-12358-3000-R, FM-12359-0071-R, FM-12360-0071-D, FM-12361-3000-R, FM-12362-0071-D, FM-12363-0071-D, FM-12364-0071-D, FM-12365-0071-D, FM-12366-0071-D, FM-12367-0071-D, FM-12368-0071-D, FM-12369-0071-D, FM-12370-3000-R, FM-12371-3000-R, FM-12372-0071-D, FM-12373-0071-D, FM-12374-0071-D, FM-12375-0071-D, FM-12377-0071-D, FM-12378-0071-D, FM-12386-3000-R, FM-12388-3000-R, FM-12389-3000-R, FM-12391-0071-D, FM-12394-3000-R, FM-12454-3000-R, FM-12456-3000-R, FM-12457-3000-R, FM-12458-3000-R, FM-12459-3000-R.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1131, 1131, 1133, 285, 285, 1134, 284, 284, 1131, 286, 286, 281, 150, 283, 281, 282, 285, 1131, 1045, 8 1140, 8 1140, 1131, 8 1140, 1141, 1141, 1141, 1141, 1142, 1132, 1132, 1132, 1136, 1136, 1142, 1132, 1132, 1133, 1133, 1142, 1142, 1133, 1133, 1143, 1134, 1134, 1143, 1134, 1134, 1134, 1134, 1134, 1135, 1135, 1135, 1143, 1143, 1135, 1135, 1135, 1143, 1133, 1136, 1143, 1144, 1144, 1144, 1144,
Membership: 97; Present: 86;
For: 86; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

956* GJ025

Subject: Reduce Number of Special Days with Offering.
Petition: GJ-12173-0274-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1179
Membership: 80; Present: 74;
For: 68; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

957* GJ027

Subject: Celebration of Ministry Day.
Petition: GJ-10372-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 673
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 68; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

In title, add: **Ordained and Diaconal** before Ministry Day

After "affirming", add: **ordained and diaconal** and after ministers, add **their**

After "affirmation of", add: **ordained and diaconal**

After "Celebration of", add: **Ordained and Diaconal**

Under (1) after "the", add **ordained and/or diaconal minister(s)**

Under (2) after "sent into the", add: **ordained and diaconal**

After "to have a 'Celebration of', add: **Ordained and Diaconal**

Add a first paragraph as follows: **Whereas all Christians are called to ministry**

In new second paragraph, line 2, delete ~~holy and~~

In line 4, delete ~~service to others~~ and replace with "in representative ministry"

In Para.2, remove the word "Christian" on line 1 and the words "in the Tennessee Conference" on line 2.

In para. 4, remove t he words "Tennessee Annual" and add the word "General" on line 1.

Between the words "all" and "local", add the words "United Methodist".

On line 2, remove the words "within the".

On line 3, remove the word "conference" and at ther end of the line add the word "each".

On line 4, remove the words "during the" and the dates "1991-1992".

On line 12, remove the word "especially" and put a period after the word "congregation".

On line 13, remove the words "the young people"

In para. 5, on line 1, remove the word "the" and replace it with the word "each"

On line 2, remove the word "the" and between the words "Conference" and "Diaconal", add the word "Board of".

On line 3, remove the word "Board"

On line 5, make the semi-colon a period.

Remove the last two paragraphs entirely.

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958* GJ032

Subject: Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act for Employers.
Petition: GJ-11045-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 670
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

959* GJ042

Subject: Prioritization of Funding Requests.
Petition: GJ-12221-1005-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1186
Membership: 80; Present: 70;
For: 64; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

960* GJ048

Subject: Discontinuance from Probationary Membership.
Petition: GJ-10425-0418-D
Page in Advance DCA: 893
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

961* GJ051

Subject: Prohibiting Private One-on-One Pastoral Care.
Petition: GJ-11416-0440-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1302
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

962* GJ052

Subject: Leave of Absence of Ordained Ministers.
Petition: GJ-12193-0448-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1306
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

963* GJ053

Subject: Leave of Absence for Ordained Ministers.
Petition: GJ-10440-0448-D
Page in Advance DCA: 902
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

964* GJ054

Subject: Clarification of the Leave of Absence.
Petition: GJ-11342-0448-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1305
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

965* GJ055

Subject: Leave of Abaence.
Petition: GJ-11587-0448-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1306
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 58; Againat: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

966* GJ056

Subject: Report on the World Service Special Gifts Program.
Petition: GJ-10860-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 548
Membership: 80; Present: 71;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

967* GJ057

Subject: Report on Task Force on Spanish Language Resources.
Petition: GJ-10859-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 548
Membership: 80; Present: 70;
For: 67; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

968* GJ058

Subject: Report on Monitoring of Groups.
Petition: GJ-10858-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 546
Membership: 80; Present: 70;
For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

969* GJ059

Subject: The Judicial Council.
Petition: GJ-11841-0059-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1178
Membership: 80; Present: 70;

For: 65; Against: 3; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

970* GJ067

Subject: Report of the GCOM Ethnic Local Church Concerns Committee.
Petition: GJ-10872-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 581
Membership: 80; Present: 71;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

971* GJ068

Subject: Report on Program Related Agencies, Commissions on Communications, Archives, and History.
Petition: GJ-10870-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 570
Membership: 80; Present: 71;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

972* GJ069

Subject: Report on Inter-agency Response to the Refugee Crisis.
Petition: GJ-10868-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 568
Membership: 80; Present: 71;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

973* GJ071

Subject: Report on the Evaluation of the General Council on Ministries.
Petition: GJ-10871-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 576
Membership: 80; Present: 71;
For: 68; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

On page 581 of Report No. 22, add the word **"Secretary"** following the word "Conference" on line 1 of recommendation 6.

In the last paragraph of the Recommendations on page 581, beginning "Assume a proactive role ..., after the words General Conference, add the word

"Secretary"

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

974 GJ076 (MR)

Subject: Report on the General Agency Headquarters/Staff Location.
Petition: GJ-10866-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 563
Membership: 80; Present: 75;
For: 56; Against: 18; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

Minority Report

Delete last two paragraphs of present Petition 10866.

Replace with: **A task force on relocation of Board of Global Ministries has been functioning for the past quadrennium to study this agency.**

We are aware that a serious examination of the remaining agencies of the church is needed. We recommend that this examination be done in the 1993-1996 quadrennium under the leadership of the General Council on Ministries, in cooperation with the Council on Bishops, the General Council on Finance and Administration, the Commission on Central Conference Affairs and other groups across the connection. We determine there is no need to duplicate the study of the task force and expend further monies for additional study of the Board of Global Ministries.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

975* GJ077

Subject: Retain the General Council on Ministries.
Petition: GJ-10369-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 672
Membership: 80; Present: 70;
For: 65; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

976* GJ078

Subject: Disbursement of General Funds by the Annual Conference.
Petition: GJ-10766-0818-D
Page in Advance DCA: 656
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

977* GJ079

Subject: Strengthen General Council on Ministries Supervisory Role.
Petition: GJ-11086-0802-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1181
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

978* GJ080

Subject: Organization of the General Council on Ministries.
Petition: GJ-11843-1007-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1187
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

979* GJ081

Subject: Responsibilities of the General Council on Ministries.
Petition: GJ-10837-1006-D
Page in Advance DCA: 658
Membership: 80; Present: 71;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

980* GJ082

Subject: Additional Representation on General Council on Ministries.
Petition: GJ-11844-1007-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1187
Membership: 80; Present: 69;

For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

981* GJ084

Subject: Study and Celebration of Native American people.
Petition: GJ-10974-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 673
Membership: 80; Present: 70;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

982* GJ085

Subject: Report on Native American Ministries Within the United Methodist Church.
Petition: GJ-10873-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 583
Membership: 80; Present: 71;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

983* GJ086

Subject: UMC Program and Fiscal Year.
Petition: GJ-10125-0820-D
Page in Advance DCA: 657
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 68; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

984* GJ089

Subject: Moratorium on Study Committees Through the 1993-96 Quadrennium.
Petition: GJ-11849-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1201
Membership: 80; Present: 73;
For: 67; Against: 5; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

985* GJ090

Subject: Recommendation to GCFA Regarding World Service Fund Allocation for the 1993-96 Quadrennium.
Petition: GJ-10889-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 611
Membership: 80; Present: 74;
For: 72; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

986* GJ091

Subject: Funding of New Study Committees.
Petition: GJ-11616-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1201
Membership: 80; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

987* GJ092

Subject: 1984 Goal for Doubling Membership by 1992.
Petition: GJ-12082-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1200
Membership: 80; Present: 73;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

988* GJ097

Subject: Adopt "Gospel Call to a New Beginning".
Petition: GJ-12222-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1205
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

989* GJ098

Subject: New Beginning.
Petition: GJ-11484-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1197
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

990* GJ102

Subject: Toward a New Beginning Beyond 1992.
Petition: GJ-10655-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 674
Membership: 80; Present: 71;
For: 68; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

991* GJ103

Subject: Gospel Call to a New Beginning.
Petition: GJ-10825-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 674
Membership: 80; Present: 71;
For: 68; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

992* GJ106

Subject: Mission and Aging of Global Population.
Petition: GJ-10723-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 664
Membership: 80; Present: 74;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

993* GJ108

Subject: Report on Goal to Increase Membership.
Petition: GJ-10887-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 598
Membership: 80; Present: 74;
For: 72; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

994* GJ109

Subject: Two-quadrennia (1992-2000) Emphasis on Building New Churches.

Petition: GJ-11088-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1200
Membership: 80; Present: 73;
For: 68; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

995 GJ113$

Subject: Committee to Study Expanding United Methodist Mission in Alaska.
Petition: GJ-11485-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1198
Membership: 80; Present: 74;
For: 58; Against: 15; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence amended as follows:

Amend last paragraph to read: "General Council on Ministries to study

the possibilities of expanding." Delete: "form a committee to".

Amend title by removing "Committee" and substituting **GCOM** to Study

Expanding United Methodist Mission and Ministry in Alaska."

Amend third line from end - Add after the word "mission" **"and ministry."**

In first paragraph , delete "at the center" and substitute"..at an important point.."

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996* GJ117

Subject: Quadrennial Report of the General Council on Ministries for the 1989-92 Quadrennium.
Petition: GJ-10850-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 498
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

997* GJ121

Subject: Report of the GCOM Task Force on Inclusiveness.
Petition: GJ-10874-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 583
Membership: 80; Present: 68;
For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

998* GJ123

Subject: Report on the Work of the Inter-agency Task Force on Legislation.
Petition: GJ-10878-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 590
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

999* GJ124

Subject: Report on the Training Events for New District Superintendents and Conference Council Directors.
Petition: GJ-10879-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 591
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 69; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1000* GJ126

Subject: Composition of the Membership of District Conference.
Petition: GJ-10828-0747-D
Page in Advance DCA: 652
Membership: 80; Present: 70;
For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1001* GJ127

Subject: Report Telecommunications.
Petition: GJ-10885-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 597
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1002* GJ128

Subject: Disability Leave for Clergy Persons.
Petition: GJ-10443-0450-D
Page in Advance DCA: 905
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1003* GJ129

Subject: Retired Ordained Ministers.
Petition: GJ-10664-0451-D
Page in Advance DCA: 622
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1004* GJ130

Subject: Recompense for a widow.
Petitions: GJ-11525-3000-R, GJ-11948-3000-R, GJ-11949-3000-R.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1198, 1199, 1199.
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1005* GJ131

Subject: Grievance Procedures.
Petition: GJ-10665-0453-D
Page in Advance DCA: 622
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Par. 453.1a. After "informed", insert **by the district superintendent**

or bishop.

Par. 453.1a. Following "toward," delete ~~a~~ and add **justice for and**

Par. 453.1a. Delete word ~~voluntary~~.

Par. 453.1b. Following "filing of the grievance," delete the period and add

except in the case of sexual or child abuse.

Par. 453.1b. Following "child abuse" insert **there shall be no limitation.** Delete the rest of the sentence (ending with "has occurred").

Par. 453.1b. First paragraph, following "sixty days," delete ~~without reflection on his/her character~~.

Par. 453.1c. Delete word "annually" twice in first sentence. Delete whole sentence beginning with "all shall be."

Par. 453.1c. Before "two alternates," add **One lay observer shall be appointed by the bishop annually.**

In the last sentence of the first paragraph following "all," insert **clergy members.** In the same sentence, following "elected" add **annually.**

At the end of Par. 453, add a new paragraph reading:

At the end of Par. 453, add a new paragraph reading:

This paragraph, as it relates to the process for nomination, appointment or election of individuals, officers, courts, administrative bodies, review bodies, or committees, shall become effective immediately upon the conclusion of the 1992 General Conference.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1006* GJ133

Subject: Grievance procedures.
Petitions: GJ-11422-0453-D, GJ-12245-0453-D, GJ-12430-0453-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1309, 1309, 1309.
Membership: 80; Present: 58;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1007* GJ135

Subject: Affirm Clearly the Right to Trial.
Petitions: GJ-11897-0453-D, GJ-11985-0453-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1313, 1313.
Membership: 80; Present: 58;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1008* GJ136

Subject: Recommendation to Administrative Location.
Petitions: GJ-10027-0453-D$, GJ-11343-0453-D, GJ-12046-0453-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1309, 1309, 1309.
Membership: 80; Present: 58;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1009* GJ137

Subject: Grievance Procedures and Complaints.
Petition: GJ-10254-0453-D
Page in Advance DCA: 907
Membership: 80; Present: 58;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1010* GJ138

Subject: Disability Leave.
Petition: GJ-10663-0450-D
Page in Advance DCA: 621
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1011* GJ139

Subject: Leave of Absence.
Petition: GJ-10662-0448-D
Page in Advance DCA: 620
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Par. 448.1., Line 14: Following "unless", insert **the eight year limit is**

Par. 448.1, Line 24: Replace ~~they~~ with **clergy members on leaves of absence** shall.....

Par. 448.1, Line 25: Following "agencies", add **and may not be elected or serve as delegates to General or Jurisdictional Conferences.**

Add new paragraph at end of petition as follows:

448.6. This paragraph, as it relates to the process for nomination, appointment or election of individuals, officers, courts, administrative bodies, review bodies, or committees, shall become effective immediately upon the conclusion of the 1992 General Conference.

Line 10, Delete ~~"before"~~ and add **"in session with"**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1012* GJ140

Subject: Conference Nominating Committee.
Petition: GJ-10122-0810-D
Page in Advance DCA: 654
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 54; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

In sentence beginning "Elected lay members..." delete "of the Division of Ordained Ministry" and "Ordained Ministries" so that the sentence reads: "Elected lay members of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry may serve....."

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1013* GJ141

Subject: Policies Relative to Socially Responsible Investments.
Petition: GJ-11212-0816-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1185
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1014* GJ142

Subject: Meetings of General Boards and Agencies.
Petition: GJ-11944-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1201
Membership: 80; Present: 67;

For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1015* GJ143

Subject: Management Consultant to Evaluate the General Boards and Agencies of the Church.
Petition: GJ-11947-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1201
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1016* GJ144

Subject: Organizational Meetings After the General Conference.
Petition: GJ-10910-0807-D
Page in Advance DCA: 654
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1017* GJ145

Subject: Mandatory Quotas on Boards, Agencies and Committees.
Petition: GJ-11091-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1204
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1018* GJ146

Subject: Non-Financial Consultation Needs of General Boards and Agencies.
Petition: GJ-11766-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1202
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Delete paragraph beginning "I want to petition...." and paragraph beginning "Our concern is..." and replace with

When a general board of agency needs a non-financial consultation, it is suggested that whenever possible a United Methodist university, college, or medical facility be contacted to see if it can meet the need.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1019* GJ147

Subject: Policies Relative to Socially Responsible Investments.
Petition: GJ-10577-0816-D
Page in Advance DCA: 656
Membership: 80; Present: 46;
For: 44; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Under Section 1. General Provisions, in line 6 following "educational

institutions", insert: **annual conferences** and in line 13

following "support racial discrimination", insert: **apartheid**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1020* GJ148

Subject: Policies Regarding Socially Responsible Investments.
Petition: GJ-12219-0816-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1185
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1021* GJ149

Subject: General Commission on the Status and Role of Conservatives.
Petition: GJ-11438-2352-D$
Page in Advance DCA: 1188
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1022* GJ150

Subject: Lay Representatives.
Petition: GJ-11850-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1203
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1023* GJ153

Subject: Eliminate the Organization and Responsibility of GCOM.
Petition: GJ-10022-1001-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1186
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1024* GJ154

Subject: General Program Boards Membership.
Petition: GJ-10121-0805-D
Page in Advance DCA: 653
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1025* GJ155

Subject: Inclusiveness of Membership on General Boards and Agencies.
Petition: GJ-10796-0805-D
Page in Advance DCA: 653
Membership: 80; Present: 46;
For: 44; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1026* GJ156

Subject: Membership on Program Boards.
Petition: GJ-10060-0805-D
Page in Advance DCA: 653
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1027* GJ157

Subject: General Program Board Additional Membership.
Petition: GJ-10062-0805-D
Page in Advance DCA: 653
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1028 GJ159

Subject: Report on the Referral Regarding the Size of General Agency Program Boards.
Petition: GJ-10856-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 541
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 62; Against: 8; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1029* GJ160

Subject: Committee to Nominate Additional Members to General Programs, Agencies, or Councils.
Petition: GJ-10831-0806-D
Page in Advance DCA: 654
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1030* GJ161

Subject: Election and Terms of Officers of Program Boards.
Petition: GJ-10833-0808-D
Page in Advance DCA: 654
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1031* GJ162

Subject: Organizational Meeting of General Program Agencies.
Petition: GJ-10832-0807-D
Page in Advance DCA: 654
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1032* GJ163

Subject: Nominations for Membership to General Agencies.
Petition: GJ-11005-0805-D
Page in Advance DCA: 653
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1033* GJ164

Subject: Report on the Study of the Connectional Principle.
Petition: GJ-10854-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 539
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1034* GJ165

Subject: Eliminate the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.
Petition: GJ-11611-0803-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1182
Membership: 80; Present: 68;
For: 64; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1035* GJ166

Subject: Task Force for Creation of General Board of Evangelism and Church Development.
Petition: GJ-11847-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1202
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1036* GJ167

Subject: Study to Merge the GBCS, GCRR, and GCSRW.
Petition: GJ-11617-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 1201
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1037* GJ168

Subject: Streamline Church Bureaucracy Place in Council of Bishops.
Petition: GJ-11687-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1200
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1038* GJ169

Subject: Reduce Administration of the United Methodist Church.
Petition: GJ-12094-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1200
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1039* GJ170

Subject: The Mission Society for United Methodist as a Mission Organization.
Petition: GJ-11569-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1199
Membership: 80; Present: 68;
For: 61; Against: 5; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1040* GJ171
Subject: National and General Agencies.
Petition: GJ-11521-0801-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1180
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1041* GJ172
Subject: Reorganizing and Streamlining Church.
Petition: GJ-12223-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1205
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1042 GJ173
Subject: Study to Streamline the Church Boards, Agencies and Committees.
Petition: GJ-11090-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1200
Membership: 80; Present: 68;
For: 59; Against: 6; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1043* GJ174
Subject: Restructuring Task Force for General Church.
Petition: GJ-10347-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 679
Membership: 80; Present: 68;
For: 64; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1044 GJ176
Subject: Establish General Board of Evangelism.
Petition: GJ-10697-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 670
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 54; Against: 12; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1045* GJ177
Subject: Constitutional Convention for Church Structure.
Petition: GJ-10348-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 666
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1046* GJ178
Subject: Continuation of the Incorporation of Ethnic Local Church Concerns in the Life of the Denomination.
Petition: GJ-11054-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 670
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1047 GJ179
Subject: Provisions Pertaining to Staff of General Agencies.
Petition: GJ-10765-0814-D
Page in Advance DCA: 655
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 57; Against: 8; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1048* GJ180
Subject: The Advance.
Petition: GJ-11651-0914-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1186
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1049* GJ181
Subject: Create Commission to Study Structure of Boards and Agencies.
Petition: GJ-11946-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1200
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1050* GJ182
Subject: General Council on Finance.
Petition: GJ-11654-0803-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1181
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1051* GJ183
Subject: The Advance Committee.
Petition: GJ-11660-1007-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1187
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1052* GJ184
Subject: Amenability and Accountability of the Board.
Petition: GJ-11661-1503-d
Page in Advance DCA: 1229
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1053* GJ185
Subject: Accountability and Evaluation of General Agencies.
Petition: GJ-11653-0802-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1284
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;

Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1054* GJ186

Subject: The General Secretary of Program Agencies.
Petition: GJ-11658-0813-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1184
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1055* GJ187

Subject: The Jurisdictional Pool.
Petition: GJ-11655-0805-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1183
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1056* GJ188

Subject: Eliminate General Council on Ministries.
Petition: GJ-11330-1001-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1186
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1057* GJ189

Subject: Responsibilities of Elected Staff.
Petition: GJ-11329-0814-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1185
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1058* GJ190

Subject: Representation on General Agencies.
Petition: GJ-11657-0810-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1184
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1059* GJ191

Subject: Committee to Study General Council on Ministries and Other Committees, Boards and Agencies.
Petition: GJ-11139-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1203
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1060* GJ194

Subject: World Service Special Gifts.
Petition: GJ-11650-0913-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1155
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1061* GJ195

Subject: General policies of the General Council on Finance and Administration.
Petition: GJ-11648-0911-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1155
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1062* GJ196

Subject: Administrative Responsibilities.
Petition: GJ-11647-0907-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1154
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1063* GJ197

Subject: Consultants to the Executive Committee.
Petition: GJ-11645-0905-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1151
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1064* GJ198

Subject: Membership of the Commission on Communication.
Petition: GJ-11663-1907-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1239
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1065* GJ199

Subject: Accountability and Reporting.
Petition: GJ-11662-1904-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1238
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1066* GJ200

Subject: Financial Needs of the Commission on Communication.
Petition: GJ-11664-1908-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1239
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1067* GJ201
Subject: Responsibilities of General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns.
Petition: GJ-11665-2003-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1240
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1068* GJ202
Subject: Authority and Powers.
Petition: GJ-11666-2204-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1242
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1069* GJ203
Subject: Staff of the Commission of the Status and Role of Women.
Petition: GJ-11667-2208-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1242
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1070* GJ204
Subject: Amenability of the General Council on Finance and Administration.
Petition: GJ-11644-0904-H
Page in Advance DCA: 1151
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1071* GJ206
Subject: Maximum Period of Membership on a General Agency to Three Consecutive Terms.
Petition: GJ-11965-0810-D
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1072* GJ207
Subject: General Agency Membership.
Petition: GJ-11481-0810-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1184
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1073* GJ209
Subject: Ethnic Membership on Boards and Agencies.
Petition: GJ-11914-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1203
Membership: 80; Present: 53;
For: 51; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1074* GJ210
Subject: Policies Relative to Socially Responsible Investments.
Petition: GJ-12033-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1201
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1075* GJ211
Subject: Study of the Jurisdictional System by the General Council on Ministries.
Petition: GJ-11967-1006-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1187
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 61; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1076* GJ212
Subject: Election of General Secretaries.
Petition: GJ-11214-1006-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1187
Membership: 80; Present: 68;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1077* GJ213
Subject: Institute "One Member, One Vote" Democracy for our Church.
Petition: GJ-11768-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1202
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1078* GJ214
Subject: General Council on Ministries.
Petition: GJ-11213-1006-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1187
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1079* GJ215
Subject: Racial Inclusiveness.
Petition: GJ-10124-0815-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1185
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1080* GJ216
Subject: Election of the General Secretary of each Board and Agency.
Petition: GJ-11211-0813-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1184
Membership: 80; Present: 67;

For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1081* GJ217

Subject: Eliminate Additional Membership to General Boards.
Petition: GJ-10023-0805-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1183
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 62; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1082 GJ218

Subject: Limit Membership of General Boards, Agencies, and Councils to 50.
Petition: GJ-12174-0805-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1183
Membership: 80; Present: 68;
For: 45; Against: 13; Not Voting: 10;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1083* GJ219

Subject: Budget recommendations.
Petition: GJ-11646-0906-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1152
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1084* GJ220

Subject: The World Service Fund.
Petition: GJ-11649-0912-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1155
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1085* GJ221

Subject: Committee to Nominate Additional Members.
Petition: GJ-10024-0806-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1184
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1086* GJ222

Subject: Board meetings of General Agencies and Executive Committees.
Petition: GJ-11964-0808-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1184
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1087* GJ223

Subject: Additional Members of Program Agencies.
Petition: GJ-11656-0806-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1184
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1088* GJ224

Subject: General Agency Membership.
Petition: GJ-11842-0805-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1182
Membership: 80; Present: 68;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1089* GJ225

Subject: Travel of Members of General Boards and Agencies.
Petition: GJ-11763-0804-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1182
Membership: 80; Present: 68;
For: 65; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1090* GJ226

Subject: Inclusiveness of the Church.
Petition: GJ-11269-0004-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1177
Membership: 80; Present: 68;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1091* GJ227

Subject: Policies Relative to Non-discrimination.
Petition: GJ-11381-0815-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1185
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1092* GJ228

Subject: Policies Relative to Non-Discrimination.
Petition: GJ-10123-0815-D
Page in Advance DCA: 656
Membership: 80; Present: 70;
For: 64; Against: 3; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1093* GJ229

Subject: Eligibility of all United Methodist Members to Vote in General and Special Elections.
Petition: GJ-11306-0000-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1177
Membership: 80; Present: 68;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1094* GJ230
Subject: Representation of Central Conferences on General Program Boards.
Petition: GJ-11963-0805-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1183
Membership: 80; Present: 68;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1095* GJ231
Subject: Additional Membership on General Program Boards.
Petition: GJ-11480-0805-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1183
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1096* GJ232
Subject: Nominations by Conferences to Jurisdictional Pool.
Petition: GJ-11612-0805-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1183
Membership: 80; Present: 68;
For: 65; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1097* GJ234
Subject: Small Membership Church Representation on General Church Boards and Agencies.
Petition: GJ-11714-0805-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1182
Membership: 80; Present: 68;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1098* GJ235
Subject: General Agency Membership.
Petition: GJ-11522-0805-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1182
Membership: 80; Present: 68;
For: 65; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1099* GJ236
Subject: Add Lesbians and Gay Men to Membership of Program Boards and Agencies.
Petition: GJ-11270-0805-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1182
Membership: 80; Present: 68;
For: 63; Against: 3; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1100* GJ237
Subject: Central Conferences Representation on Church Agencies.
Petition: GJ-10734-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 665
Membership: 80; Present: 68;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1101 GJ238
Subject: Responsibilities of the General Council on Ministries.
Petition: GJ-10384-1006-D
Page in Advance DCA: 659
Membership: 80; Present: 79;
For: 48; Against: 28; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1102* GJ239
Subject: Process for General Board Staff Positions.
Petition: GJ-11006-0814-D
Page in Advance DCA: 656
Membership: 80; Present: 70;
For: 67; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence amended as follows:

On line 3 after "the", add the word, **"General"**.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1103* GJ240
Subject: Stewardship of Time and Money of General Boards and Agencies Meeting.
Petition: GJ-10371-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 681
Membership: 80; Present: 68;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1104 GJ241
Subject: Update the Language of the Constitution.
Petition: GJ-11404-0061-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1178
Membership: 80; Present: 53;
For: 51; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1105* GJ242
Subject: Eliminate Structure of GCOM.
Petition: GJ-10210-1001-D
Page in Advance DCA: 658
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 62; Against: 4; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1106* GJ243
Subject: Duties of the General Secretary of General Council on Finance and Administration.
Petition: GJ-11659-0814-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1185
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 63; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1107* GJ244
Subject: Black Church Growth.
Petition: GJ-11913-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1203
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1108* GJ245
Subject: Advisory/Coordinating Committee on Older Adults.
Petition: GJ-11910-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1127
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1109 GJ246
Subject: Inclusiveness of the Church.
Petition: GJ-12443-0004-D
Page in Advance DCA: 4-127
Membership: 80; Present: 70;
For: 47; Against: 19; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1110* GJ247
Subject: Church-wide year of Remembrance, Repentance and Renewal.
Petition: GJ-10972-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 678
Membership: 80; Present: 58;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1111* GJ248
Subject: Adopt "Campus Ministry: Mission at the Center" Special Program for 1993-96.
Petition: GJ-10515-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 750
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1112* GJ249
Subject: Ethnic Local Church Concerns.
Petition: GJ-11915-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1203
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1113* GJ250
Subject: Program to emphasize inclusiveness in all dimensions of the church.
Petition: GJ-12309-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1206
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1114* GJ251
Subject: Meetings Open to News Media.
Petition: GJ-12220-0821-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1185
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1115* GJ252
Subject: Support to Strengthen Ethnic Minority Local Church.
Petition: GJ-11384-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1204
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1116* GJ253
Subject: Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century.
Petition: GJ-11916-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1204
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1117* GJ255
Subject: The Judicial Council.
Petition: GJ-10676-2612-D
Page in Advance DCA: 627
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1118* GJ256
Subject: Duties of the Judicial Council.
Petition: GJ-12176-2612-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1188
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1119* GJ257
Subject: Trial Court.
Petition: GJ-10678-2613-D
Page in Advance DCA: 627
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 54; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1120* GJ258
Subject: Opinion or Decision of a Committee on Appeals.
Petition: GJ-10679-2614-D
Page in Advance DCA: 627
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1121* GJ259
Subject: Power to review decisions of a committee on appeals of a Central Conference.
Petition: GJ-11969-2614-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1189
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1122* GJ260
Subject: Declaratory Decisions.
Petition: GJ-10680-2615-D
Page in Advance DCA: 628
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1123* GJ261
Subject: Report of the Task Force to Study Chapter VIII.
Petition: GJ-10692-3000-S
Page in Advance DCA: 616
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1124* GJ262
Subject: Involuntary Termination of Office.
Petition: GJ-10452-0513-D
Page in Advance DCA: 909
Membership: 80; Present: 58;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1125* GJ263
Subject: Membership of the Jurisdictional Review Committee.
Petition: GJ-10846-0513-D
Page in Advance DCA: 909
Membership: 80; Present: 58;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1126* GJ264
Subject: Review process in involuntary termination of office.
Petition: GJ-11022-0513-D
Page in Advance DCA: 909
Membership: 80; Present: 58;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1127* GJ265
Subject: Grievance Procedures Against Bishops.
Petition: GJ-11448-0513-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1315
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1128* GJ266
Subject: Presidential Duties of Bishops.
Petition: GJ-10666-0515-D
Page in Advance DCA: 624
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence amended as follows:

In the first sentence, change the word "due" to **"fair"**.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1129* GJ267
Subject: Confidentiality in the Interviewing and Reporting Process.
Petition: GJ-10667-0733-D
Page in Advance DCA: 624
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1130* GJ268
Subject: Duties and Responsibilities of the Judicial Council.
Petition: GJ-10668-2600-D
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1131* GJ269
Subject: Election of Judicial members.
Petition: GJ-11382-2601-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1188
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1132* GJ270
Subject: Filling Vacancies on the Judicial Council.
Petition: GJ-10671-2603-D
Page in Advance DCA: 626
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1133* GJ271
Subject: Judicial Council Members Right to Consult Outside on Cases Pending.
Petition: GJ-10308-2605-D
Page in Advance DCA: 659
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 54; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence amended as follows:

Following the word "session", add a new sentence:

"Questions of procedure may be raised with the presiding officer

or secretary of the Judicial Council.

Renumber the bold print as Paragraph 2606 and renumber the succeeding

paragraphs.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1134* GJ272

Subject: Membership in Judicial from a Central Conference.
Petition: GJ-10672-2605-D
Page in Advance DCA: 626
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1135* GJ273

Subject: Members of the Judicial Council.
Petition: GJ-11968-2605-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1188
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1136* GJ275

Subject: Responsibility of the Judicial Council.
Petition: GJ-12175-2607-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1188
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1137* GJ276

Subject: Defining Whose Action can be Heard by the Judicial Council.
Petition: GJ-10674-2609-D
Page in Advance DCA: 626
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 54; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1138* GJ277

Subject: Actions of the Judicial Council.
Petition: GJ-10675-2610-D
Page in Advance DCA: 627
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 54; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1139* GJ278

Subject: Hearing and Determination of Appeals on a Judicial Council.
Petition: GJ-10677-2611-D
Page in Advance DCA: 627
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1140* GJ279

Subject: Leave of Absence for Ordained Ministers.
Petition: GJ-10956-0448-D
Page in Advance DCA: 903
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1141* GJ280

Subject: Members in Full Connection.
Petition: GJ-10660-0422-D
Page in Advance DCA: 619
Membership: 80; Present: 55;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1142* GJ281

Subject: Election of General Secretaries by the Council of Bishops.
Petition: GJ-11238-0527-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1318
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1143* GJ282

Subject: Standards for Computer Information and Data.
Petition: GJ-10834-0822-D
Page in Advance DCA: 657
Membership: 80; Present: 55;
For: 51; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence amended as follows:

In the first paragraph, 3rd line: ... computerized information

and data which may need to be shared electronically with

other connected units shall attempt to use ...

Paragraph 2, line 3: ...shall consult with **and** provide an alternate

plan to the GCFA prior to implementing...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1144* GJ283

Subject: Access to Judicial Council.
Petitions: GJ-11087-2615-D, GJ-11845-2615-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1189, 1189.
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1145* GJ284

Subject: Confidentiality in the Judicial Process.
Petition: GJ-10681-2616-D
Page in Advance DCA: 628
Membership: 80; Present: 55;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1146* GJ286

Subject: Filing of Judicial Council Decisions.

Petition: GJ-10683-2619-D
Page in Advance DCA: 629
Membership: 80; Present: 55;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

In first paragraph, add **"bishop"** before the word "chancellor".

In 2619.1, following "ninety days", add**(90)**.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1147* GJ288

Subject: Annual Conference Judiciary Committee.
Petition: GJ-11331-2620-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1189
Membership: 80; Present: 55;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1148* GJ290

Subject: Additional chargeable offenses.
Petitions: GJ-12103-2621-D, GJ-12320-2621-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1193, 1193.
Membership: 80; Present: 56;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1149* GJ291

Subject: Chargeable Offenses.
Petitions: GJ-11614-2621-D, GJ-11846-2621-D, GJ-11970-2621-D, GJ-12272-2621-D, GJ-12273-2621-D, GJ-12274-2621-D, GJ-12275-2621-D, GJ-12429-2621-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1192, 1192, 1192, 1192, 1192, 1192, 1192, 1192.
Membership: 80; Present: 56;
For: 54; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1150* GJ292

Subject: Chargeable offenses.
Petitions: GJ-11483-2621-D, GJ-11523-2621-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1191, 1191.
Membership: 80; Present: 56;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1151* GJ293

Subject: Chargeable offenses.
Petitions: GJ-11137-2621-D, GJ-11271-2621-D, GJ-11482-2621-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1191, 1191, 1191.
Membership: 80; Present: 56;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1152* GJ294

Subject: Chargeable Offenses.
Petitions: GJ-10126-2621-D, GJ-10309-2621-D, GJ-10703-2621-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 659, 659, 659.
Membership: 80; Present: 56;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1153* GJ295

Subject: Guidelines on Charges.
Petition: GJ-10686-2622-D
Page in Advance DCA: 630
Membership: 80; Present: 55;
For: 52; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1154* GJ296

Subject: Requirement of a vote on specification.
Petitions: GJ-11383-2622-D, GJ-12104-2622-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1193, 1193.
Membership: 80; Present: 56;
For: 54; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1155* GJ298

Subject: Investigation Procedures.
Petition: GJ-12034-2623-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1194
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1156* GJ299

Subject: Investigative Procedures.
Petitions: GJ-11764-2623-D, GJ-12105-2623-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1193, 1193.
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1157* GJ301

Subject: Nomination of the Committee on Investigation.
Petition: GJ-10311-2623-D
Page in Advance DCA: 660
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1158* GJ302

Subject: Investigation Procedures.
Petitions: GJ-10211-2623-D, GJ-10310-2623-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 659, 659.
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1159* GJ303
Subject: Fundamental Principles and the Joint Review Process.
Petition: GJ-10688-2624-D
Page in Advance DCA: 633
Membership: 80; Present: 55;
For: 52; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence amended as follows:

Add numbers in parenthesis after each written number.

Example: (30).

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1160* GJ304
Subject: General Trial Procedures.
Petition: GJ-12035-2624-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1195
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1161* GJ305
Subject: Reporting an audit of all costs of trials.
Petitions: GJ-11332-2624-D, GJ-11439-2624-D, GJ-11524-2624-D, GJ-11971-2624-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1194, 1194, 1194, 1194.
Membership: 80; Present: 55;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1162 GJ306
Subject: Trial Procedures.
Petitions: GJ-10127-2624-D, GJ-10635-2624-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 660, 660.
Membership: 80; Present: 55;
For: 52; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1163* GJ308
Subject: General Appeal Procedures.
Petition: GJ-10914-2625-D
Page in Advance DCA: 660
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1164* GJ310
Subject: Miscellaneous Provisions.
Petition: GJ-10690-2626-D
Page in Advance DCA: 639
Membership: 80; Present: 55;
For: 52; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1165* GJ311
Subject: Financial responsibility of the conference upon acquittal of a pastor under charges.
Petition: GJ-11334-2627-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1196
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1166* GJ312
Subject: Impeachment of Judicial Council members.
Petition: GJ-11335-2628-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1196
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1167* GJ313
Subject: Establishment of an impartial panel to review personnel cases.
Petition: GJ-11526-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1199
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1168* GJ314
Subject: Judicial Administration and Procedures.
Petition: GJ-12251-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1331
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 54; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1169* GJ315
Subject: Membership of the National Youth Ministry Organization.
Petition: GJ-11643-1307-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1117
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 54; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1170* GJ316
Subject: Annual Conference journal.
Petition: GJ-11641-0705-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1101
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1171* GJ317
Subject: Council of Bishops.
Petition: GJ-11668-0527-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1318
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 52; Against: 3; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1172* GJ318
Subject: Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Organization Convocation.
Petition: GJ-11642-0632-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1110
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 53; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1173* GJ319
Subject: Removal of time dated material.
Petition: GJ-11640-0611-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1094
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 51; Against: 3; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1174* GJ320
Subject: Standards for Computer Information and Data.
Petition: GJ-10912-0821-D
Page in Advance DCA: 657
Membership: 80; Present: 55;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1175* GJ321
Subject: Inclusiveness of the Church
Petition: GJ-11328-0004-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1178
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1176* GJ322
Subject: Inclusiveness of the Church
Petition: GJ-12134-0004-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1178
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1177* GJ323
Subject: Miscellaneous Provisions.
Petition: GJ-10385-2626-D
Page in Advance DCA: 660
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1178* GM079
Subject: Objectives and Responsibilities of the United Methodist Committee on Relief Department.
Petition: GM-10712-1459-D
Page in Advance DCA: 737
Membership: 110; Present: 62;
For: 62; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1179 LC005
Subject: Called to Inclusiveness.
Petition: LC-10843-0113-D
Page in Advance DCA: 828
Membership: 89; Present: 83;
For: 70; Against: 8; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/6

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

amend para.113: The mark of an inclusive society is one in which all persons are open, welcoming, fully accepting, and supporting of all other...

In the United Methodist Church inclusiveness means the freedom for the total involvement of all persons who meet the requirements of the United Methodist Book of Discipline, in the membership and leadership of the church at any level and in every place.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1180* LC018
Subject: Election of local church historian.
Petition: LC-11309-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1249
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1181* LC021
Subject: Function of the Local Church.
Petitions: LC-10065-0202-D, LC-10216-0202-D, LC-10560-0202-D, LC-10578-0202-D, LC-10844-0202-D, LC-11935-0202-D, LC-12070-0202-D, LC-12111-0202-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 829, 829, 829, 829, 829, 1250, 1250, 1250.
Membership: 89; Present: 83;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1182 LC022
Subject: Membership in the UMC and in Racial and Ethnic Supremist Groups.
Petition: LC-10219-0208-D
Page in Advance DCA: 831
Membership: 89; Present: 80;
For: 40; Against: 38; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1183* LC024
Subject: Full membership in the United Methodist Church.
Petition: LC-11337-0208-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1253
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 79; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend Para. 208 to read: The United Methodist Church, a fellowship of

believers is a part of the Church Universal, **and celebrates its diversity**.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1184* LC029

Subject: "Evangelistic, Nurture and Witness" language which indicates basic responsibilities of UMCs.
Petition: LC-11724-0204-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1251
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend Para. 204 to read: Each local church shall have a definite evangelistic, nurture, and witness responsibility for its members...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1185* LC030

Subject: Pastoral Charge. Amend 205.1
Petition: LC-10280-0205-D
Page in Advance DCA: 830
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 77; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1186* LC031

Subject: The Pastoral Charge.
Petition: LC-11774-0205-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1251
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1187* LC034

Subject: Affirm the Churches Open to all Believers.
Petitions: LC-10134-0208-D, LC-10220-0208-D, LC-10221-0208-D, LC-12228-0208-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 831, 831, 831, 1253.
Membership: 89; Present: 73;
For: 70; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1188* LC036

Subject: Functions of the Local Church.
Petition: LC-10767-0202-D
Page in Advance DCA: 829
Membership: 89; Present: 83;
For: 80; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend Para. 202, Line 9: ~~the needs of~~

Line 11-12: ~~age groups, cultural groups, racial groups, ethnic groups, and groups with handicapping conditions~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1189* LC061

Subject: Unincorporated local church property
Petition: LC-11582-2539-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1274
Membership: 89; Present: 66;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend Para. 2539: Unincorporated Local Church Property - Sale, Transfer, Lease, or Mortgage.

...leased for a term ~~which exceeds five years~~ **of one year or more which shall include leases for less than one year if such a lease in consecutive with the same leasee to a non-United Methodist church or ministry, ...**

Amend Para 2539.3: Prior to consenting to ~~the~~ **any** proposed action **required under this paragraph involving** any United Methodist church property, the pastor, district superintendent, **and the district Board of Church Location and Building** shall insure that: (a) full investigation **shall** be made and, ~~if warranted~~ an appropriate plan of action shall be developed for the future missional needs of the community; (b) the transfer or encumbrance shall conform to the Discipline; and (c) the congregation, if no longer to continue as an organized United Methodist church, does not sell **but may transfer title of** its facilities to another United Methodist church **or agency.**

Delete whole petition para 25391 in Discipline Delete exceed 5 years and add one year or more. Amend 2539.3 in last sentence to any congregation.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1190* LC072

Subject: Admission into the Church.
Petition: LC-10398-0217-D
Page in Advance DCA: 832
Membership: 89; Present: 73;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1191* LC076

Subject: Vows Administered in Settings Different from a Local Church.
Petition: LC-10771-0217-D
Page in Advance DCA: 832
Membership: 89; Present: 73;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1192* LC078

Subject: Training for Children of the Church.
Petition: LC-10772-0225-D
Page in Advance DCA: 833
Membership: 89; Present: 73;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

line 3: church school, **all members of the church** to provide training...

amend para. 225 line 3: all members of the ~~church~~

congregation to provide training...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1193* LC084

Subject: The Church Conference.
Petition: LC-11123-0248-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1262

Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend Para. 248 as follows: ...The Church Conference shall be authorized by the district superintendent. It may be called at the discretion of the district superintendent or following a written request to the district superintendent by one of the following: the pastor, the Administrative Council, the Administrative Board, or 10 percent of the membership of the local church....

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1194* LC088

Subject: Affiliate and Associate Membership.
Petition: LC-10067-0227-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1255
Membership: 89; Present: 73;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1195* LC090

Subject: Affiliate and associate membership.
Petitions: LC-10066-0227-D, LC-10638-0227-D, LC-11141-0227-D, LC-11312-0227-D, LC-11871-0227-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 833, 833, 1255, 1256, 1256.
Membership: 89; Present: 73;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1196* LC095

Subject: Admission into the Church.
Petition: LC-11528-0217-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1254
Membership: 89; Present: 72;
For: 71; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Substitute Para. 217 with the following: **A duly appointed minister of the United Methodist Church while serving as a chaplain of any organization, institution, or military unit, or as a campus pastor, or while otherwise present where a local church is not available may receive a person into membership of the United Methodist Church when such a person shall have confessed faith in Christ and expressed a desire to live daily life as a disciple of Jesus Christ and agreed to assume the obligations of being a faithful member of the church. Where possible, before the vows of membership have been administered such appointed minister shall consult with the pastor of the local church of the choice of the person concerned, and upon agreement by the pastor, a statement of the vows of membership shall be issued and the pastor thereof on receiving such statement shall duly enroll that person as a member.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1197* LC098

Subject: Re-classification to a member to inactive.
Petition: LC-11390-0230-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1258
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1198* LC106

Subject: The Administrative Council as the Organizational Form.
Petition: LC-10802-0252-D
Page in Advance DCA: 839
Membership: 89; Present: 67;
For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1199* LC110

Subject: Definitions of the Chairman of the Administrative Board of Council.
Petition: LC-10229-0251-D
Page in Advance DCA: 838
Membership: 89; Present: 65;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1200 LC115

Subject: Duties of Church Lay Leader.
Petition: LC-10071-0251-D
Page in Advance DCA: DCA128
Membership: 89; Present: 80;
For: 54; Against: 25; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

...recommended that ~~the~~ **a** leader also serve as ~~the~~ **a** Lay Member of the Annual Conference.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1201* LC122

Subject: Administrative Board members at large.
Petition: LC-11143-0247-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1261
Membership: 89; Present: 65;
For: 62; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1202* LC124

Subject: Election of the Recording Secretary of Charge Conference.
Petition: LC-10774-0247-D
Page in Advance DCA: 837
Membership: 89; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1203* LC130

Subject: The Charge Conference.
Petition: LC-10917-0246-D
Page in Advance DCA: 836
Membership: 89; Present: 71;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend as follows...advance by two or more of the following: (except...provide) from the pulpit of the church, in its weekly bulletin, a local church publication or by mail.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1204* LC139

Subject: Annual accessibility audit.
Petition: LC-10141-0262-D
Page in Advance DCA: 844
Membership: 89; Present: 78;
For: 76; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

amend para. 262.2(f) line 1 by adding:

and shall **in cooperation with the Board of Trustees,** conduct

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1205* LC172

Subject: Local Church Property.
Petition: LC-11882-2540-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1274
Membership: 89; Present: 80;
For: 76; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend Para. 2540:...lease is consecutive with the same leasee) to a non-United Methodist church or ministry, ...

Amend Para. 2540.3: Prior to consenting to any proposed action required under this paragraph involving any United Methodist church property the pastor, district superintendent, and the district Board of Church Location and Building shall ensure that: (a) full investigation shall be made and, an appropriate plan of action shall be developed for the future missional needs of the community; (b) the transfer or encumbrance shall conform to the Discipline; and (c) the congregation, if no longer to continue as an organized United Methodist church, does not sell but may transfer title of its facilities to another United Methodist church or agency.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1206* LC175

Subject: Housing as Remuneration.
Petition: LC-10318-0256-D
Page in Advance DCA: 842
Membership: 89; Present: 72;
For: 71; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Review the recommendation of the P.P.R. Committee regarding provision of adequate housing for the pastor(s); and report the same to the Charge Conference for approval. Housing provisions shall comply with Annual Conference housing policy and parsonage standards. Housing shall not be considered as part of compensation or remuneration.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1207 LC177

Subject: Responsibilities of the Administrative Board.
Petition: LC-10778-0256-D
Page in Advance DCA: 842
Membership: 89; Present: 68;
For: 62; Against: 6; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend Para. 256.3(c): Delete ~~between session of the Charge Conference.~~

Add **d) Shall embrace tithing, regular worship attendance, regular church school and or Bible study attendance.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1208* LC185

Subject: Standards for Computer Information and Data.
Petition: LC-10916-0245-D
Page in Advance DCA: 836
Membership: 89; Present: 66;
For: 65; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend Para. 245: Entire paragraph should be in BOLD, beginning with **"and the operations and legal guidelines for church computer data established and maintained by the General Council on Finance and Administration.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1209* LC186

Subject: Responsibilities of The Council on Ministries.
Petition: LC-10779-0257-D
Page in Advance DCA: 842
Membership: 89; Present: 67;
For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend para. 257 line 2: church's primary ~~task~~ **mission**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1210* LC189

Subject: A New Local Church or Mission.
Petition: LC-12075-0270-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1272
Membership: 89; Present: 66;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend Para. 270.1 to read: "...with the consent of the Bishop in charge and ~~his/her~~ **the** Cabinet..."

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1211* LC191

Subject: The Administrative Council as the Basic Administrative Structure for UMC.
Petition: LC-11729-0252-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1264
Membership: 89; Present: 67;
For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend Para. 252.1 as follows:

The Administrative Council shall ~~be the basic organizational and the initial form of structure~~ **provide** for the planning and implementing of a program of nurture, outreach, ~~and~~ witness **and resources** in the local church, and for the administration of its organizational and temporal life. The council shall have all of the responsibilities of the Administrative Board (Paragraph 256)

and the Council on Ministries (Paragraph 257), **including evaluation, setting of goals, and developing strategies and plans of action for implementing its ministries.** The Administrative Council shall be amenable to and function as the executive agency of the Charge Conference (Paragraph 246). Its membership shall include the combined membership of those named to the Administrative Board and the Council on Ministries insofar as the officers, or combination of offices, listed in Paragraphs 254 and 258 exist within the local church or are otherwise provided for in this paragraph.

2. The administrative and program responsibilities of the Administrative Council may be carried out by as few as **eight** ~~nine~~ persons and the pastor. **According to the needs of the church, committees or task forces may be developed to work with the following leaders:**

a) The Chairperson of the Administrative Council who also may serve as the church lay leader and/or lay member to the annual conference.

b) The church Lay Leader who may also serve as chairperson of the Administrative Council, as a member of the pastoral charge's Pastor Parish Relations Committee (Paragraph 269.2), on the local church's Finance Committee (Paragraph 269.4), and shall carry out the responsibilities stated in Paragraph 251.

c) The Nurturing Ministries Chairperson, who shall give attention to educational, worship, and stewardship components of ministry, and who may also serve as the Sunday School Superintendent (Paragraph 262.1).

d) The Outreach Ministries Chairperson, who shall give attention to local and larger community ministries of compassion and advocacy, church and societal issues, global ministries concerns, health and welfare ministries, ~~and~~ Christian unity and interreligious concerns, **religion and race, and status and role of women.**

e) The Witness Ministries Chairperson, who shall give attention to evangelistic outreach to persons, membership care, **spiritual formation,** communications, lay speaking ministries, and witnessing through the sharing of personal and congregational stories of Christian experience, faith and service.

f) The Age-Level and Family Ministries Coordinator, who shall give attention to coordinating ministries for each age level and families.

g) The Finance Chairperson, who shall give attention to financial cultivation and stewardship concerns of the church, and to the support of the church's ministries (Paragraph 269.4).

h) The Board of Trustees Chairperson, who shall give attention to property, facilities, trustee and legal concerns (Paragraph 2532).

i) The Church Treasurer, who shall ~~maintain~~ **be responsible for maintenance of** financial records of income and disbursements, make financial reports to each Council meeting, and serve on the Finance Committee (Paragraph 269.4b).

j) The Pastor

k) Additional persons shall be named to the Council as needed to serve in designated leadership roles.

3. The Administrative Council shall authorize the addition of all positions to the Administrative Council; the Nominations and Personnel Committee (Paragraph 269.1) shall nominate persons to the positions to be filled; and the Charge Conference shall elect them to their offices.

4. Meetings. a) The Administrative Council shall meet at lease quarterly. Special meetings may be ordered and set by the Administrative Council, or called by the chairperson or pastor.

b) In order that the Administrative Council may give adequate consideration to the missional purpose of the local church, the first agenda item at each of its meetings shall be released to its ministries of nurture, outreach and witness. The administrative and supportive responsibilities of the church will then be given attention.

c) The Administrative Council shall meet annually for strategic planning concerning the congregation's future mission and ministry.

5. Quorum. The members present and voting at any duly announced meeting shall constitute a quorum.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1212* LC197

Subject: Committee and/or Employing Agency.
Petition: LC-12161-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1271
Membership: 89; Present: 66;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

amend para. 269.1 line 1:

~~any member of the staff~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1213* LC198

Subject: The Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations.
Petition: LC-10400-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 847
Membership: 89; Present: 65;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend para 269.2 sentence 4:

the committee shall meet only with the knowledge of the pastor and/or the district superintendent. It may meet with the district superintendent without the pastor being present; however, when the pastor is not present, the pastor, or any member of the staff under consideration, present or not present, shall be informed.

Until such a policy has been adopted, the committee and the pastor shall have the authority to hire, evaluate, promote, retire, and dismiss nonappointed personnel.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1214* MN018

Subject: Pastoral Appointment. Amend para. 436.
Petitions: MN-10038-0436-D, MN-11415-0436-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1296, 1296.
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1215* MN019

Subject: Clergy Appointment Designation.
Petition: MN-12120-0436-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1300
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1216* MN020

Subject: Appointments of Ministerial Members.
Petition: MN-10249-0436-D
Page in Advance DCA: 897
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1217* MN021

Subject: Appointment to Various Ministries.
Petition: MN-12243-0436-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1300
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1218* MN022

Subject: General Provisions for Clergy Members.
Petition: MN-12192-0436-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1300
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

General provisions--all clergy members who are in good standing in an annual conference and who are effective ~~and competent~~ in ministry...shall ~~be offered~~ **receive** annually an appointment...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1219 MN024 (MR)

Subject: The Nature of Diaconal Ministry.
Petition: MN-10463-0302-D
Page in Advance DCA: 869
Membership: 98; Present: 95;
For: 64; Against: 27; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Rename: The Nature of ~~Diaconal Ministry~~ **the Ministry of Deacon**

Line 3 to read: ....set apart **by ordination** to the order of deacon **for the ministry of liturgy and service.**

Minority Report

Legislative Committee #11, Ordained and Diaconal Ministry Committee Item Number 24: Petition #Mn-10463-302-D;CSMN

In barely three days a majority of the Legislative Committee on Ordained and Diaconal Ministry voted to recommend the establishment of a new order of ordained deacon in our denomination, a recommendation contrary to that of a study commission which, after four years of work, proposed a consecrated order of lay deacon. In a statement of April 18,1992 sent to delegates to the General Conference, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission For The Study Of Ministry gave the following rationale for consecration of a new order of lay deacon: "The Deacon should be consecrated ... Ordination and consecration have been used interchangeably. However, ordination is linked to the sacramental life of the church and the preaching of the Word. In the United Methodist tradition, ordination is also inseparably related to the privileges and responsibilies of itineration and annual conference appointment in a covenant relationship. Consecration clearly indicates a non-itinerating ministry and a non-sacramental ministry and is part of our on-going tradition."

The majority's proposal has far reaching consequences for the life of the church, especially in the light of important questions left unanswered. The Council of Bishops raised a number of these questions in its proposal for a "Sabbath of Prayer, listening, and reflection." The majority proposal does not address the concerns of our bishops, and it is important to apply some of these concerns to the majority recommendation.

1. Does the recommendation articulate a clear and consistent theology of mission and ministry which forms the basis for the recommended change?

2. Would not the creation of a new ordained order of deacon for liturgy and service confuse and devalue our understanding of the ministry of all baptized Christians? Specifically, what would a deacon be able to do by virtue of ordination to liturgy and service that a layperson does not do in the daily practice of her or his discipleship?

3. Would the recommended reordering allow ministry to function more faithfully and effectively?

4. Are we prepared to abandon our historic understanding of ordination which has been so clearly stated in the first paragraph of this report?

5. Does the recommendation erase United Methodism's historic inconsistencies, or does it merely confuse and enlarge them?

Additional implications growing out of the recommended new order of ordained deacon raise further concerns:

6. The majority proposal would provide for two covenants of ordained persons: the covenant of deacon ordained for liturgy and service, and the covenant of elder ordained for Word, Sacrament, and Order. The present linkage between the orders of deacon and elder would be broken. How would these orders, under the new proposal, relate to one another in the life of the church and the annual conference? Is there a clear theological basis for disrupting this linkage?

7. The proposed new order of deacon is defined as non-itinerant. If servanthood would be a major purpose of the new order, why would it center in personal initiative to seek one's place and nature of service through personal contacts and arrangements with only an "after the fact" approval by the bishop and cabinet? Why would not persons in this new order, like the elder, be committed to offering themselves without reserve to be appointed where the church that ordains them determines their gifts and grace are most needed to further the church's mission in the world?

8. With the redefining of the orders of deacon and elder, seminary education and the course of study program would

be made equal tracks toward ordination as an elder. Does not this proposal tend to dilute our commitment to seminary education as the preferred route in prepartion for ordained ministry?

Additional as-yet unclear implications of the majority proposal include: the meaning of conference membership for the new ordained deacon; complexities of relationships that would exist among diaconal ministers, local pastors, associate members, and the "traditional" ordained deacon, all of the which would continue for some time; and the implications of the proposal for our ecumenical relationships.

In the light of these concerns, we believe it unadvisable to take the action proposed by the majority for paragraph 302.

We thank God for the important ministry in and through the church by person whose calling is to a form of ministry different from that of ordained clergy as presently defined in the Book of Discipline. We believe it is imperative that the church continue in its commitment to authenticate the ministry of these persons alongside those in other categories of ministry within the church.

To that end we recommend to the 1992 General Conference:

1. that it affirm the call of the Council of Bishops for a "Sabbath of prayer, listening, and reflection" so "a new beginning toward a future ordering of ministry may emerge;"

2. that the majority proposal for paragraph 302 (along with all legislative proposals related to the Commission For The Study Of The Ministry report) be referred to the Council of Bishops for the purpose of perfecting the concept of the proposal, clarifying implications, and preparing appropriate, orderly, and consistent legislation for the 1996 General Conference, with the understanding that the Council of Bishops may call upon related appropriate persons and church agencies for consultation;

3. that the present disciplinary ordering of ministry be maintained during this time of listening, reflection, and prayer.

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( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1220* MN025

Subject: The nature of Diaconal Ministry.
Petition: MN-11097-0302-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1279
Membership: 98; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1221 MN026

Subject: Entrance into the Order of Deacon
Petition: MN-10464-0303-D
Page in Advance DCA: 869
Membership: 98; Present: 96;
For: 66; Against: 27; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Line 5:....elected by **deacons and elders of** the Annual Conference....

Line 6: ~~consecrated~~; **ordained**

Line 7: ~~as lay persons~~ **as ordained members of the Annual Conference.**

Line 10: ~~office~~ **order**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1222* MN033

Subject: Membership of Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-11987-0733-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1322
Membership: 98; Present: 98;
For: 97; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1223* MN034

Subject: Orientation for new Members of Board of Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-10265-0733-D
Page in Advance DCA: 914
Membership: 98; Present: 98;
For: 97; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1224* MN038

Subject: Ordained Associate Members as Observers of Board of Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-11747-0733-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1322
Membership: 98; Present: 98;
For: 93; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1225 MN047$

Subject: Appointments to Various Ministries.
Petition: MN-10641-0438-D
Page in Advance DCA: 899
Membership: 98; Present: 89;
For: 84; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1226* MN051

Subject: The Itinerant System.
Petitions: MN-10251-0437-D, MN-10252-0437-D, MN-11236-0437-D, MN-11739-0437-D, MN-12045-0437-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 898, 898, 1300, 1301, 1302.
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1227* MN052

Subject: Full-Time Service for Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-10434-0437-D
Page in Advance DCA: 898
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 87; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

....as defined by the District Superintendent in consultation with **Pastor and** PPRC....

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1228* MN053

Subject: The Itinerant System.
Petition: MN-10955-0437-D
Page in Advance DCA: 899
Membership: 98; Present: 89;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1229* MN059$

Subject: Support for ordained ministers appointed to a pastoral charge.
Petitions: MN-10084-0441-D, MN-11317-0441-D, MN-11692-0441-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1303, 1303, 1303.
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1230* MN060

Subject: Appointment beyond the local United Methodist Church.
Petition: MN-11543-0442-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1303
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1231* MN101

Subject: Membership of the Administrative Board.
Petition: MN-10501-0254-D
Page in Advance DCA: 879
Membership: 98; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Lines 2 & 3: ....or pastors; deacons; **diaconal ministers; deaconnesses; and home missionaries appointed to serve therein;**....

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1232 MN102

Subject: Responsibilities of Conference Board of Deacons
Petition: MN-10459-0734-D
Page in Advance DCA: 915
Membership: 98; Present: 76;
For: 53; Against: 22; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

734.1, line 3: ....a Board of ~~Diaconal Ministry~~ **Deacons**, consisting of not fewer than nine persons, of whom at least one-third shall be ~~clergy~~ **elders**, ~~two~~ **one**-thirds lay members, and ~~at least one-half of the lay members shall be in diaconal ministry careers, preferably diaconal ministry (See Paragraphs 303-317,)D~~ **one-third deacons.**

734.3a: To study ~~diaconal~~ ministry needs....

734.3m: To examine candidates who have completed their candidacy for ~~diaconal~~ **deacon** and to make recommendations to the ~~Annual Conference~~ **Deacons and Elders** for vote concerning their ~~consecration~~ **ordination.**

734.4b: ....recommend to the **Deacons and Elders of the** Annual Conference....

734.4e: ....administered by the Division of ~~Diaconal Ministry~~ **Deacons**....

Change the words diaconal ministry to **deacon** throughout, the words Board of Diaconal Ministry to **Board of Deacons, the words Division of Diaconal Ministry to Division of Deacons**, the words Board of Ordained Ministry to **Board of Elders.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1233* MN103

Subject: Membership of the Board of Deacons
Petition: MN-10460-0734-D
Page in Advance DCA: 915
Membership: 98; Present: 95;
For: 91; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

last line: ...and ~~racial~~ ethnic persons.

Throughout change Board of Diaconal Ministry to Board of Deacons and diaconal ministers to deacons

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1234 MN108

Subject: The Ministry of Deacons.
Petition: MN-10500-0109-D
Page in Advance DCA: 879
Membership: 98; Present: 76;
For: 48; Against: 27; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend 109 to read:

The Meaning of Ordination: Ordination is a gift of God, given in answer to the prayers of the Church to those authorized and empowered to be representative ministers, some to Word, Sacrament, and Order, and some to Liturgy and Service. It is the means through which persons from the general ministry are set apart for representative ministry for the purpose of perpetuating the Gospel and enabling the ministry of the whole Church. In ordination, the Church affirms and continues the apostolic ministry

which it authenticates through persons called and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Ordination marks them as persons who represent to the Church its own identity and mission in Jesus Christ. The ordained ministry of the United Methodist Church consists of deacons and elders. No designations are to be applied so as to deprive any person of any right or privilege permanently granted by the Methodist Church, the Evangelical United Brethren Church,. or the United Methodist Church.

Change former Para. 109 to 109.1, as follows:

~~Diaconal Ministry.~~ **Deacons.** ~~The diaconal ministers~~ **Deacons** are called to specialized ministries of ~~service, justice, and love~~ **liturgy and service**.... ~~Diaconal ministers~~ **Deacons** focus their service through....enabled especially, but not exclusively, ~~in diaconal ministry~~ **by the deacon.** ~~Diaconal ministry~~ **Deacons are called** to intensify and make more effective....

Change former Para. 110 to Para. 109.2, as follows:

~~Ordained Ministry~~ **Elders.** ~~The ordained ministers~~ **elders** are called to specialized ministries of Word, Sacrament, and order. Through these distinctive functions ~~ordained ministers~~ **elders** devote themselves....ends of the earth. The ~~ordained~~ ministry **of elder** is defined....

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1235* MN110

Subject: Appointments beyond the local United Methodist Church.
Petition: MN-11017-0442-D
Page in Advance DCA: 900
Membership: 98; Present: 90;
For: 85; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1236* MN111

Subject: Renewal Leave for ministers.
Petition: MN-11499-0446-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1305
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 87; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1237* MN113

Subject: Change of conference relationship for full, probationary, and associate members.
Petition: MN-11318-0447-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1305
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1238* MN114

Subject: Ordained Miniaters Seeking a Change in Conference Relationship.
Petition: MN-10495-0447-D
Page in Advance DCA: 878
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1239* MN115

Subject: Persons leave - eligible for Committee Membership.
Petitions: MN-10086-0448-D, MN-10168-0448-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 901, 901.
Membership: 98; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1240 MN142

Subject: Ministering to Persons with Handicapping Conditions.
Petition: MN-10165-0439-D
Page in Advance DCA: 899
Membership: 98; Present: 90;
For: 78; Against: 9; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

....in a ministry ~~with all Christians, including ministry~~ with persons with ~~the various~~ handicapping conditions~~, i.e., hearing, sight, mobility, mental and emotional impairments~~.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1241* MN144

Subject: Responsibilities and Duties of a Pastor.
Petition: MN-10804-0439-D
Page in Advance DCA: 900
Membership: 98; Present: 90;
For: 87; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Paragraph 439.1k: amended by deletion of proposed Paragraph 439.1k

Paragraph 439.1a: amended to read: To preach the word, ~~plan and lead worship~~ **oversee the worship life of the congregation**, read and ....

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1242* MN145

Subject: Responsibilities and Duties of a Pastor.
Petition: MN-10435-0439-D
Page in Advance DCA: 899
Membership: 98; Present: 89;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend Paragraph 439.1l: ...become so involved; **and to pray and labor for the unity of the Christian community.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1243* MN146

Subject: Responsibilities and Duties of a Pastor.
Petitions: MN-11740-0439-D, MN-12121-0439-D, MN-12122-0439-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1302, 1302, 1302.
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1244* MN148
Subject: Sabbatical leave for ordained ministers.
Petition: MN-11418-0446-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1305
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 87; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1245* MN149
Subject: Retirement of ordained ministers.
Petition: MN-11421-0451-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1308
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Note: Typographical error in line 2: ...~~church~~ **charge**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1246* MN150
Subject: Re-admission after surrender of ministerial office.
Petition: MN-11500-0456-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1313
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1247* MN160
Subject: Employed of Disabled Ordained Ministers.
Petition: MN-11998-0453-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1313
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1248* MN161
Subject: Maternity/Paternity leave.
Petitions: MN-11419-0449-D, MN-11636-0449-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1307, 1307.
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1249* MN163
Subject: Responsibilities and duties of a pastor.
Petition: MN-11316-0439-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1302
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1250* MN164
Subject: Responsibilities and duties of a pastor.
Petition: MN-11016-0439-D
Page in Advance DCA: 900
Membership: 98; Present: 85;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1251* MN165
Subject: Authority and Duties of Local Pastors.
Petitions: MN-10013-0406-D, MN-10159-0406-D, MN-11105-0406-D, MN-11178-0406-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1285, 1285, 1285, 1285.
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1252* MN169
Subject: Mediation as a process of reconciling.
Petition: MN-11398-0000-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1277
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1253* MN171
Subject: Authority and Duties of Local Pastors
Petitions: MN-10239-0406-D, MN-11011-0406-D, MN-11232-0406-D, MN-11951-0406-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 889, 890, 1285, 1286.
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1254 MN181
Subject: Authority and Duties of a Local Pastor.
Petition: MN-10417-0406-D
Page in Advance DCA: 889
Membership: 98; Present: 70;
For: 61; Against: 7; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1255* MN210
Subject: Rights and Responsibilities of Full Clergy Members.
Petition: MN-10428-0423-D
Page in Advance DCA: 894
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1256* MN224
Subject: Support for ordained ministers appointed to a pastoral charge.
Petition: MN-11417-0441-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1303
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 84; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1257 MN225
Subject: The Order of Elder
Petition: MN-10482-0433-D
Page in Advance DCA: 874
Membership: 98; Present: 95;

For: 55; Against: 37; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Lines 2 and 3: ....consists of elders **and deacons.**

Para. 435.3, line 6: ....be ~~consecrated~~ **ordained**....

Para. 435.5, line 5: ....deacon's orders, **as defined in Para. 434, 1988 Book of Discipline,** after December 31, 1992.

Para. 435.6: Include words deleted in petition to read: ....Order, **who has been received as a minister in full connection with an Annual Conference, and who has been ordained elder.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1258* MN236

Subject: The appointment making process.
Petition: MN-11533-0500-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1278
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1259* MN238

Subject: The Ordained Ministry - Tenure.
Petition: MN-12181-0400-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1278
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1260* MN244

Subject: Responsibilities and Duties of a Pastor.
Petition: MN-10166-0439-D
Page in Advance DCA: 899
Membership: 98; Present: 89;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1261* MN245

Subject: The Itinerant System.
Petition: MN-10803-0437-D
Page in Advance DCA: 899
Membership: 98; Present: 89;
For: 86; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1262* MN246

Subject: The Itinerant System.
Petition: MN-10250-0437-D
Page in Advance DCA: 897
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1263* MN247

Subject: Responsibilities and Duties of a Pastor.
Petition: MN-10642-0439-D
Page in Advance DCA: 899
Membership: 98; Present: 89;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1264* MN248

Subject: Clergy who fail to submit annual reports.
Petition: MN-11545-0452-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1308
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1265* MN249

Subject: Responsibilities and Duties of a Pastor.
Petition: MN-11634-0439-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1302
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1266* MN251

Subject: Duties of Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-10263-0733-D
Page in Advance DCA: 914
Membership: 98; Present: 98;
For: 94; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1267 MN257

Subject: Candidacy for Deacons
Petition: MN-10465-0304-D
Page in Advance DCA: 869
Membership: 98; Present: 84;
For: 55; Against: 16; Not Voting: 13;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

2. Persons set apart by the church for ~~consecration~~ **ordination** to the ministry of **liturgy and** service are required to maintain the highest standards represented by the practice of fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness. Since the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching, self-avowed practicing homosexuals are not to be accepted as candidates, ~~consecrated~~ **ordained** as Deacons or approved for service assignments.

[Renumber ~~following~~ **present** paragraphs under 304,**numbers 2-7 to 3-8**]

Add #9: **All persons entering into this process shall receive written communication about decisions made regarding their relationships with the Annual Conference.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1268* MN259

Subject: Ordination to the Order of Deacon.
Petitions: MN-10236-0307-D, MN-10404-0307-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 885, 885.
Membership: 98; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1269* MN269

Subject: Requirements for Ordination as a Deacon
Petition: MN-10403-0306-D
Page in Advance DCA: 885
Membership: 98; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1270 MN281

Subject: Deacon's Relationship to the Employing Agency.
Petition: MN-12184-0315-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1281
Membership: 98; Present: 78;
For: 59; Against: 13; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Line 4: ....contracts **and/or personnel policies**....

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1271 MN282

Subject: Termination Procedures for Deacons
Petition: MN-12185-0317-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1281
Membership: 98; Present: 79;
For: 54; Against: 17; Not Voting: 8;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Line 1: Since ~~diaconal ministers~~ **deacons**....

Line 4: ....in the written contract **and/or personnel policies**,....

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1272* MN285

Subject: Office of Deaconess.
Petition: MN-10474-0318-D
Page in Advance DCA: 872
Membership: 98; Present: 80;
For: 80; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence and referral to the General Board of Global Ministries.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1273* MN289

Subject: Conference relationship of Deacons
Petition: MN-12325-0313-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1281
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1274 MN295

Subject: Educational Requirements.
Petition: MN-10489-0400-D
Page in Advance DCA: 876
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 44; Against: 24; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1275* MN303

Subject: Rights and Responsibilities.
Petition: MN-10492-0423-D
Page in Advance DCA: 876
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1276 MN312

Subject: Ordination of Deacon.
Petition: MN-12017-0307-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1280
Membership: 98; Present: 74;
For: 50; Against: 24; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend Para. 307 to read:

~~Ordination~~ **Conference Relationship.**--The deacon's relationship ~~to~~ **as a clergy member in** the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church shall be conferred by the ~~act of ordination~~ **vote of the deacons and elders of the Annual Conference.** Ordination should take place in the Annual Conference where ~~local~~ membership is held. Ordination to the ~~office~~ **order** of deacon shall be at the Annual Conference session following the guidelines established by the Division of Deacons. The Services for Ordination of deacons and elders ~~may~~ **shall** be incorporated into one service. The bishop and secretary of the Annual Conference shall provide credentials to the deacon upon ordination.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

Proceedings of the 1992 General Conference of The United Methodist Church

Committee on Journal Report

The Committee on Journal hereby certifies as accurate, with the following corrections, the proceedings as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for Monday May 11, 1992.

Daily Edition, p. 308, col. 3, par. 2--Substitute "BRAWN" for "BRAUN."

Daily Edition, p. 309, col. 2, par. 3, line 16--Substitute "where" for "were." In cases where there are complex issues . . .

Daily Edition, p. 311, col. 3, par. 4, line 5--Capitalize "Study" in Delphi Study.

Daily Edition, p. 314, col. 2, par. 3, line 16--Capitalize "Study" in Delphi Study.

Daily Edition, p. 318, col. 1, line 5,--Immediately before "Bear with us." begin a new par. with the addition of "BISHOP NACPIL:."

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Monday Morning May 11, 1992

Bishop J. Woodrow Hearn

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(Agenda Committee)

BISHOP J. WOODROW HEARN: First item that is on the agenda is a report from the Agenda Committee. I recognize Don Ott to bring us that report. Before he does so, however, I would like to express appreciation to Bishop Galvan for the message that he has given us this morning, which is a very good start for us on this Monday morning for the session of our conference. Don Ott, if you will give us now the report of the Committee on Agenda.

DONALD OTT (Wisconsin): Bishop and members of the conference, today is Monday. It is May 11th. We are in the 1st full day of plenary sessions: morning, afternoon, and evening. We have 46 1/2 hours of plenary session yet available to us. Your agenda committee is keeping in mind that you have committed that time to our care on your behalf. We would also remind ourselves and you that there are 2 kinds of time--that which is clocked in hours and that which is God's time, the right time. We look to you to determine that. I would like to say a word to you as we move into this 1st full day of plenary, the relationship between the Agenda Committee and the Calendar Committee. Your Agenda Committee establishes blocks of time and special reports to the conference, in other words, the overall picture. The Calendar Committee, on the other hand, determines what legislative committees and what issues in them are to be reported to you within the times marked the calendar items. Bishop, the agenda for today was adopted on Saturday morning. There is no need to act now. I will report to the conference as things may warrant change through the day.

(Judicial Council Elections)

BISHOP HEARN: Thank you, Don. Next item on the agenda for this morning, which was announced the other day, is for the elections. The election that we are to do first this morning is that for members of the Judicial Council. If all of the delegates who are standing will please get to your seats as soon as possible, because there are some instructions that you are going to need to follow in order to be able to cast your ballot for members of the Judicial Council, I would like first of all to call your attention to p. 262 of the *DCA*. On p. 262, you will find the numbers which you will need to use when you are voting for your selection of persons for the Judicial Council. Actually, this morning we will be making history, because for the first time you will be using the electronic voting system for the casting of ballots in this manner. So, you will need to follow the instructions specifically in order to do this. The p. no. is 262 in the *DCA*. You will notice that there is a series of numbers. Each one of the persons . . . I see a card back here in the middle. Yes, if you will go to microphone No. 7.

THEODORE AGNEW (Oklahoma Conference): I appreciate the care with which the information has been provided for us, especially on this page, but as a layperson, I am curious to know who of the Judicial Council members still serving will be serving until 1996.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, we'll ask for that information to be provided to the house. Ted, while that information is being gotten for us, I'm going to go ahead and proceed with our instructions. But, we will get the answer to your inquiry before we actually go into the voting. Yes?

GRAYSON ATHA (West Ohio): Par. 2601 of the *Discipline* says 9 members; at least 1/3 will be women. Has that been struck down by the council?

BISHOP HEARN: Yes, that's been struck down. It is advisory only in the sentence that it appears in the par. in the *Discipline*.

ATHA: OK then, just for my information, in my calculation from the--and I want to express my appreciation for this account put in the Saturday daily record on p. 214--is my calculation correct that if we should elect 5 White males in this election that our Judicial Council will have only 1 Afro-American and 1 woman?

BISHOP HEARN: That information I think was given in the *DCA*, and I think that the house needs to vote for those persons that you choose to vote for in the voting process. OK, over here on this side. Yes?

CAROL COLLEY (Oregon-Idaho): This concerns language translation.

BISHOP HEARN: Yes?

COLLEY: Now that we are entering into voting, I respectively request or move, however it's done, that when we are ready to vote on any matter, the presiding bishop allows sufficient time for the language interpreters to finish translating the issue.

BISHOP HEARN: This is a very sensitive issue. I have a note on the top of my pad to make the same announcement. And so, if you will allow me to do that without proceeding further,

we will do that in a moment. Yes, over here. Microphone 4.

ROBERT CASEY (Virginia): Bishop, I have a mild protest to make. A mild protest is that once people are nominated, they become nominees for the General Conference, and we don't have 2 classes of nominees, those by the Council of Bishops and those by the plenary session. And I really don't like the nominees being discriminated against that way. It looks like we have 2 different classes of nominees; both classes are eligible to be elected. We don't have 2 classes, they're all nominees.

BISHOP HEARN: When we get to the voting process, the nominees will appear on your screen in alphabetical order. Thank you for that comment. Now if you will look on p. 262 so that you can get the no. for the persons that you would like to vote for. We will be voting in 2 separate categories. The 1st category will be that of voting for clergy members. There are 3 of those to be elected according to the *Discipline* in 1992, and later we will be voting for 2 lay members of the Judicial Council. At the time that we start the voting process, I will indicate to you that you are to vote for your 1st selection. After you have punched that in and that process has been completed, then I will ask you to vote for your 2nd selection, and you will punch that in. And when that process has proceeded, then I will ask you to vote for your 3rd selection.

Now each time this is done, the chair will attempt to pause long enough for the translations to be carried out. We need to be sensitive to the fact that there is a lag time between what is spoken, and the translation then is made so that our delegates who are using translation need a little extra time. This is not only true in this election process, but it is also true when we are carrying out other items of business. You will need to punch in both of the digits. You will need to vote for 3 selections. You will also need to be certain that you do not vote for the same person twice. If you vote for the same person twice, the computer will invalidate your voting, and you will not be recorded as voting at all in that particular election process.

I remind you again that the 1st ballot that we will take will be for 3 clergy members to the Judicial Council. The alphabetical listing of those are now on the screen so that you see how they will appear there, and you will select 3 out of that, voting for them in sequence as the chair indicates that the time has come for you to vote.

Dr. Agnew's question about composition currently is now ready for us, and I am asking the secretary of the conference to share that information with the house.

CAROLYN MARSHALL: Those persons continuing on the Judicial Council in alphabetical order: Sally Askew, Wayne Coffin, John Corry, and Tom Matheny.

(First Ballot)

BISHOP HEARN: We are now ready to proceed with the taking of this ballot. So if you will prepare yourself to make your 1st selection, and when the light appears, you will punch in your 1st selection.

Now, if you will prepare for the choosing of your 2nd selection, and when the light appears, if you will make your 2nd selection.

If you now will get in your mind your 3rd selection, and when the light appears, if you now will punch in your 3rd selection. This completes your voting on the 3 clergy members to be elected to the Judicial Council.

We will go now to the process for the selection of the 2 clergy, 2 lay members that are to be elected in 1992. In a moment, you will see on your screen the list of the nominations, again in alphabetical order. As you look at this list, you will need to select 2 persons for whom you will vote. And in a moment, I will indicate that you are to punch in your 1st, and then following, your 2nd selection.

When the light appears, if you will vote for your 1st selection.

Now, if you will prepare yourself to make your 2nd selection. The list will be back on the screen in just a moment. Now if you will, prepare to make your 2nd selection, and when the light appears, if you will vote for that choice.

This completes the casting of the ballot for both 3 clergy and 2 laypersons to be selected for the Judicial Council. It will take the machine a little while to process this. And so the report of this ballot will be reported back to you as soon as it is ready. If you will give the chair the discretion to interrupt at the appropriate time, so that this information can be given to you, we hope that it will be given before the recess this morning so that you will have the information. And then the 2nd ballot--if the information has been made available to us--we will proceed immediately after the recess to take the 2nd ballot. When this procedure is finished, then sometime today, we will go to the election of the University Senate and the other election matters. The 2nd item on the agenda this morning is a report for the General Council on Ministries. And I'll call on Bishop May to lead us through that report.

(General Council On Ministries Report)

BISHOP FELTON E. MAY: Bishop, I am pleased once again to continue the report for the General Council on Ministries. What a great morning this is, because it is time for us to Advance. I mean to Advance for Christ and his church. And so therefore, Bishop, I would ask this body to find petition no. 10877, 10877, entitled "Report on the Advance for Christ and His Church," found on p. 587 of the *Advance DCA*. The legislative committee action on this item can be found in Calendar Item 25, p. 168 of the *DCA*. This report again contains information processed through the General Council on Ministries, as we have the wonderful privilege of doing the work of the "Advance for Christ and His Church." I'm pleased to present this morning, Bishop Judith Craig, who will speak concerning the content of this Advance report. Bishop Craig.

(Advance for Christ and His Church)

BISHOP JUDITH CRAIG: Bishop Hearn, delegates, friends of the 1992 General Conference, it is my privilege to bring you a special report of the committee "Advance for Christ and His Church." And to assist me, I have asked for some folks to join me on the stage live, and on the screen through videotape. Will they come and join me now?

(SONG)

BISHOP CRAIG: God intends the human spirit to soar like that. Like multitudes of kites, in various shapes, sizes, designs, and colors. We human beings, children of all ages, are created to dip and dance and weave and play with the wind, like the kites you just saw on the screen. Our loving God, is like a string that both lets us show off and keeps us

from flying out of control. There is something inherent in children that instinctively makes them know this. Something we adults may forget until the child within us, and the children around us, remind us.

Wouldn't we all like to live in a world where children could be free to fly kites? Free from the terrors and degradations that dominate and shape the lives of so many of those of whom Jesus said, "Do not hinder them; let them come to me, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." We have heard multiple references in the last few days to the horrors visited upon children too young, too innocent, too powerless to prevent them.

While we are in session today, 40,000 children around the world will die from hunger and hunger-related diseases. Uncounted children will be shot with guns. Uncounted children will be born with drug additions. Uncounted children will be sexually assaulted. Uncounted children will be hated for conditions they did not cause. Yet, every one of those children counts. But also while we are in session today, because of United Methodist giving through the Advance, uncounted children will be rescued from drugs. Uncounted children will be immunized against deadly diseases. Uncounted children will learn that they can read. Uncounted children will come to know that Jesus loves them, regardless of things like disadvantages, or gender, or skin color. Uncounted children will eat a good meal. I'm being upstaged by uncounted children.

Quite all right with me. With all these children who count, will be cared for, and loved, and valued today, because you and tens of thousands like you give through the Advance. And, Danielle, you've had so much to eat, you weigh more than I can hold any longer. The Advance Committee has beautiful documentary evidence of the power of the United Methodist love in the lives of children. And we're proud to present to you this morning, *Children of the Promise*, a new video produced by United Methodist Communications.

(VIDEO--"Children of The Promise")

(End of video tape)

BISHOP CRAIG: We give opportunity and hope to children all around the world, near to the homes of many of us in this world gathering, and in places where we may never go personally. We will do it in the next years through the Advance program, called "A Child". And even this child can remember the number: 123456.

The video you have seen is in your annual conference; please borrow it from your conference or district secretaries of Global Ministries or your conference resource library. You may even copy it, and share it everywhere you wish and will. You well know that the Advance for Christ and His Church is much more extensive than this particular focus. But it is this promise of future, God's future, we lift for you today. At the coffee break this morning, there will be a sweet reminder of Advance ministries, when you taste cookies baked by youth at New Hope bakery, in Omaha, NE, an Advance project. Thank you, Nebraska! We invite you to the Advance open house all day today.

I think you got a yellow invitation as you came in. It's the Churchill Downs suite, the second floor of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. There you will find a great assortment of new *Children of the Promise Resources*, all free for your taking. There is an exhibit of art produced by children in some of our Advance projects. There are displays and staff people to talk with you, and there are kites, including a 50-foot-long Chinese dragon kite suspended from the ceiling. Don't miss it. All that and free coffee and cookies, too. I hope you will check it out; that's the Advance open house, Churchill Downs suite, second floor, Hyatt Regency Hotel, all day. We'll be looking for you. And remember 123456. Now, I invite you to close this time of report and celebration by singing the catchy song that's been in your heads all through the film, and you've got the words on the back of your fan. Let's sing with the children, will you?

(SONG)

BISHOP MAY: Bishop Hearn, this concludes of the report of the Advance for Christ and His Church. Thank you, sir.

BISHOP HEARN: To Bishop May and Bishop Craig, we are indebted for this inspired report that they've presented to us. This reminds us of what it's all about, doesn't it? And I like to tell you about that New Hope bakery in Omaha, NE, but if I did, every bishop on the stage would want to tell about some of their Advance projects, too. So instead, we'd better go on to the next item on the agenda, which is the report of the the Message Committee, and Bishop Talbert and Randy Day are to make this presentation. Yes, personal privilege, no. 3.

(Judicial Ballot Count)

HARRY KENT (South Carolina): Just at the close of this report from GCOM is related to Advance, but part of that is also UMCOR. The people of South Carolina would very much like to offer heartfelt thanks to all of the United Methodists who volunteered in South Carolina after the destruction of Hurricane Hugo, and give thanks to the church for all of the funds that came from UMCOR, helping us to recover from that disaster. Thank you.

BISHOP HEARN: Thank you for that word; we appreciate it very much. We have the report from the judicial ballot, and I'm going to interrupt here and give you the result of that report. You see the report that is on the screen. We're going to ask for this to remain on the screen for a moment, so that you might make a recording of what information you need to take off of it. From this report, it becomes obvious that there has not been an election. The *Discipline* requires that a majority vote is necessary for election. Alfred has 299, Crowe 442, Holmes 490, Kambor 58, Lefelar 90, Schaad 91, Sweet 235, Thomas 238, Walter 191, Wright 203. We're going to take the second ballot immediately as we come back from the break, so you will need to be here on time for the break. Have you had the opportunity now to record the information that's before you? I see just at looking at it, that . . . can we go back to the other slide please, the technician?

Obviously, something is wrong with the percentage figures. I'd like to ask from the technicians' room, which is in the back, if you could bring me the number of total ballots that were cast, so that we can take a look at the majority that is there. The house would hold just a minute; we're going to get the information that we need because obviously there is something wrong with the percentage figures on the side. I'm informed that they're bringing in information we've requested; it will be here momentarily. Yes?

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): During this lull in time, may I

request to be advised where the bios for the University Senate people are, nominees? Have we misplaced them? We can't find them in our sector.

BISHOP HEARN: I'm informed that the bios for the University Senate are not required to be presented, to be printed.

GOLDSCHMIDT: According to Bishop Galvan's comment on p. 248 of the May 9th *DCA*, we were told that they would be presented and printed.

BISHOP HEARN: I think that was in reference to the Judicial Council, and if it appears that it was in reference to the University Senate, that is incorrect information. (Microphone) 7.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I may be alone in my feelings, Mr. bishop, but, I feel very uncomfortable voting for the University Senate nominees without seeing their bios. So I would like to move that these bios be printed.

BISHOP HEARN: OK, I am going to ask you to hold that until we get the information that we have gotten because technically we are in the process of processing a vote, and while that is being done, no other business is suppose to be conducted by the house. Why the delay? You have as much information as I do on that. We ask the house: would you just rather go ahead and take the break now? If you take the break and we'll try to get the information for you when you come back. The break this morning is scheduled for 15 minutes, so if you will be back in the house in 15 minutes, we'll proceed.

(break)

BISHOP HEARN: The delegates will please find your way to your seats, We know that 15 minutes is an awfully short break time for this large a group but you have been so faithful this morning and most of you are already here making your way back to your seats. For that, we are grateful.

(hymn)

Please be seated. If the conference will please be in order, we will proceed with this morning's agenda. We're going to go to the report of the Message Committee. The technicians are still working back in the truck with the computers to give us a valid count and as soon as we get that, we will report it to the house. I want to recognize now Bishop Mel Talbert who will begin the report of the Message Committee. If you will please be in order and give Bishop Talbert your attention. Thank you.

(Message Committee Report)

BISHOP MELVIN G. TALBERT: Bishop Hearn and members of the General Conference, last week we paused appropriately to receive firsthand information on developments in Los Angeles and surrounding communities following the acquittal verdict for the 4 law enforcement officers charged in the beating of Rodney King. People in all walks of life expressed their outrage at the obvious miscarriage of justice. That verdict triggered violent reactions of many people of all racial backgrounds throughout this country. After spending time last week, listening and reflecting as a General Conference, you created a special task force, a Message Committee to suggest the possible response for us as the church. This Message Committee is now prepared to share its report. We pray that our efforts will become your expressions and your response. Now is the moment for us to respond to this real-life situation.

CHESTER JONES: "God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

We are a violent people. Our skins may be of different hues, but our blood runs red. It stains the crumbling curbs of our cities, the tree-lined streets of our suburbs and the soil along rural roads all across the United States. No one is immune.

Despite 30 years of lawmaking on issues ranging from civil rights to mandatory sentencing of persons convicted of violent crimes, recent events in Los Angeles clearly demonstrate we have made little progress in the struggle for justice and peace in our nation. The root causes are many. Racism, economic classism, greed, militarism, sexism, a "we-versus-they" mentality, and a media culture that glorifies violence, to name a few, contribute to our societal acceptance of violence as just another aspect of life in the United States.

At the center of this crisis is a vacuum, a vacuum of the spirit, a belief that life is cheap, easy to blow away with the firing of a gun, to beat with the swing of a club, or to batter with a closed fist.

JEANNIE TREVINO-TEDDLIE: (Central Texas): In 1967, speaking at Riverside Church in New York City, Martin Luther King Jr., the American prophet, said: "We are dropping bombs in North Vietnam that are exploding in the barrios and ghettos of America." A quarter-century later, we are no longer dropping bombs in Southeast Asia, but those words continue to ring in our ears. The bombs are still exploding in our barrios and ghettos. As Dr. King said, "Racism and militarism are cut from the same bloodstained fabric of fear, hate, and despair."

As persons of faith, we profess to believe that life is sacred. We believe that each person is of equal worth in the eyes of God. We are called to live these beliefs in all that we do.

As the nation continues to recoil in shock from the television images of police assaults; of images of lootings, burnings, beatings, shootings, and stabbings, The United Methodist Church is painfully examining what those images portray.

SAM WYNN (North Carolina): What we have uncovered makes us very uncomfortable, for we are not what we profess to be. For too many years, our lips have uttered the right words while our hearts and bodies have lacked the courage to back them up. We live with a "we-versus-they" mentality. People see each other not as neighbors, but as strangers, competitors, and enemies, based upon the color of their skin, their national origin, and how much money they earn. How can we expect our children to love their neighbors? We must confess these sins and make a commitment before God that we will work to bring justice and peace to our troubled world. From Proverbs, we learn that "without vision, the people will perish." And from the ancient Cree legends, we learn of a Native American response to a troubled world. The Cree tell of a sick Earth, where the animals disappear. When that happens, a tribe of people of all creeds, colors, and cultures appears. The tribe comes to restore the Earth to its former beauty through its belief in deeds and not words.

ANNA RHEE: The 1992 General Conference is about deeds, not words. It is calling the church to action, moving us from repentance to hope. We must open our hearts and arms to those affected by violence and the root causes of

death and destruction. Some of those steps are:

* Beginning in Los Angeles, create "Shalom Zones," a block-by-block resurrection of damaged lives, and looted and burned-out homes, businesses, and buildings.

* Declare every church a "Saving Station", a 7-day-a-week sanctuary of safety, where fear is replaced by hope, and hate is transformed into God's unconditional love.

* Create a truly new America of compassion, love, and respect, where neighbors love their neighbors as themselves.

Our new America would truly guarantee the rights guaranteed by our Constitution. Rich and poor; Black, White, red, yellow and brown; female and male would be equal in the eyes of the law. In our new America, those responsible for protecting us would do that. They would not intimidate, terrorize, or brutalize. In our new America comprehensive health care would be ensured for all who are sick and hurting. And in our new America, we would elect leaders whose interests are truly the people's, and not those of groups who profit from exploitation, destruction, and death. Our peace dividend would be real, not political shadows.

RANDY R. DAY (New York): We urge all persons of faith and concern across the nation to join us. We must make this a movement where healing and wholeness come to persons who are suffering from the pain of injustice and oppression. We must enable persons to liberate themselves from centuries-old shackles. Some of us have been shackled by 500 years of injustice.

We must be clear in teaching our children that violence is not a solution to our problems, no matter how desperate we may be. Our actions must show our children that liberation, hope, and reconciliation come only from God's love for all humankind. Micah has told us what God requires of us: "to do justice, to love kindly, to walk humbly."

This is a *Kairos* moment. This is a God-given moment. We must move from pushing away to embracing each other. We must move from lockups to locking arms in love and peace. We must move from our separateness to become a country united under God, offering opportunities and justice for all. The time is right; the time is now. Join us. As Rodney King prophesied, "We can get along here; we can all get along; we've just got to do it."

Thank you. Bishop, on behalf of the Message Committee we move adoption of the message.

BISHOP HEARN: The message has been presented to you orally. Have copies been distributed to the house?

DAY: We also would move to suspend the rules for distributing the messages. We've been told that they are on the floor, but I've not seen them.

BISHOP HEARN: All right.

DAY: The marshals tell us that they are here.

BISHOP HEARN: Are the messages in the back of the hall now?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

BISHOP HEARN: OK. If you will suspend the rules for receiving this printed document that's being distributed now, if you will vote when the light appears to suspend the rules for receiving the printed document, the oral presentation of which you have just heard, you will vote when the light appears. I'd like for the technicians to inform the chair as to what's going on in the back. OK. I've been asked to call for the vote one more time. This is a typical Monday morning with technology, you know? If you will suspend the rules to receive the printed document, the oral report of which you just heard, you will vote when the light appears. I'm going to see if there's no objection from the house. Those of you who would suspend the rules to receive this, lift your hand, please. Thank you. Those who are opposed? It's obviously much more than the 2/3 vote required, so the document will be put on your desk.

DAY: Bishop?

BISHOP HEARN: Yes.

DAY: While they are being distributed, I'd call upon Debbie Wilcock. The youth have a song to teach us, a song of peace. And we'll do that as these documents are passed out.

BISHOP HEARN: And if the ushers would distribute those as quickly as possible while Debbie is coming to make this presentation to us.

DEBORAH J. WILCOCK (Eastern Pennsylvania): Good morning, I'm serving as a spokesperson for all of the youth and young adults who are here at General Conference. Violence such as took place in Los Angeles is a subject very close to the hearts of the young people across the United States. And though those of us here are few in number, it has struck chords in our hearts as well. Now we would like to share a song with you. Please, listen to the words, take them to heart, and join in the song.

(SONG)

BISHOP HEARN: The report from the Message Committee that has been distributed to you has been moved, put before us by the committee for adoption. It is now before the house. Are you ready to vote? When the light appears, if you will vote, please, on the message which has been presented to us. The vote is "Yes," 802; "No," 74, (13 abstentions). The message is adopted. I had been sent a message from the back that the voting machine was ready to go again. And it was, wasn't it?

ARTURO M. FERNANDEZ (California-Nevada): Bishop?

BISHOP HEARN: Yes.

(Message Committee Offering)

FERNANDEZ: Bishop, sisters and brothers, on behalf of the Message to the People of the United States Committee, I move that this General Conference receive an offering during Tuesday morning's worship service. This offering will be for the people of Los Angeles who continue suffering in the aftermath of the crisis.

BISHOP HEARN: This is another part of the report from the Message Committee for the receiving of an offering on Tuesday morning. Yes? If you'll go to microphone no. 7, please.

LUCILLE VANZANT (Oklahoma): As many of you recall, that I asked this to be considered when the concern was raised on the floor before, I stated at that time that I was willing, with my meager funds, to give what I had. I believe that the committee asked that as a result of the fasting that we did, the money that was saved from eating dinner and lunch and breakfast be given for this purpose. I again emphasize that no greater amount can be given at this time than can be given from the heart. And so, in the morning, I emphasize again that we remember the purpose of the fast and that we give from the heart. That's what God wants us to do.

BISHOP HEARN: All right. If you will make a decision concerning the receiving of the offering on Tuesday morning at the worship service, you will vote when the light appears. The vote is

"Yes," 821; "No," 95. The offering is authorized. Thank you. Just a minute; go to microphone no. 8, please.

LaRAYNE WAHLSTROM (South Dakota): Will we please be informed to whom the checks could be made out for that offering?

BISHOP HEARN: I believe that the checks should be made out to UMCOR. Is this correct from the committee? All right, there's a question over here. Same question. All right, thank you. OK, Randy.

DAY: We have one other motion from the committee. On behalf of the Message Committee, I move that the General Conference send a delegation of bishops and General Conference delegates from the 5 U.S. jurisdictions to deliver, in 2 groups, the message. First, during the May 16th "Save Our Cities, Save Our Children" march on Washington, and secondly, to the people of Los Angeles, within 30 days of adjournment of this General Conference. Members of the delegation will be named by the secretary of the Council of Bishops and the chair of the Message Committee. Thank you.

BISHOP HEARN: It is a motion that is before us coming from the committee.

OK, over here, go to microphone no. 2.

EMILY ANN ZIMMERMAN (Florida): Bishop, there's not quite enough time for the interpreters to interpret. I'm sitting right in front of the booth, and we need a little more time before the vote's taken, please.

BISHOP HEARN: We appreciate your calling this to our attention, and it's going to be a problem with all presiding officers. So, if you'll keep reminding us, it'll be helpful and we're grateful to you for it. Apologize to our people who need that. Back here in the back, microphone no. 6. Barry?

BARRY BAILEY (Central Texas): Bishop, I would like to suggest that perhaps 1 bishop take this, and the money we had saved could be put in UMCOR. If we're really serious about this, let's put some teeth in it. I make that as a motion. If there's a 2nd. I've already made my speech. There's a 2nd.

BISHOP HEARN: OK, this is an amendment to the motion that we have before us.

BAILEY: Yes.

BISHOP HEARN: It has been seconded. If you then will make your decision concerning the amendment to send 1 bishop instead of 6, you will please vote when the light appears.

DAY: Bishop?

BISHOP HEARN: Yes.

DAY: I'm sorry; we didn't say 6 bishops.

BISHOP HEARN: Oh, it's a clarification here.

DAY: It would be an equal number of bishops, laypersons, and clergypersons. And we're choosing persons in those . . . you can amend it as you wish. That was just the idea from the committee. And we're choosing persons in those areas, so we don't think there's great expense. We do believe that there is the importance of keeping this on the agenda of the nation, and this is one way of doing that. We understand the concern of money. But we don't think there's big cost here.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, the amendment still is there that there be 1 bishop, rather than whatever number. If you're ready to make a decision concerning this, you will vote when the light appears. The vote is "Yes," 664; "No," 252, (12 abstentions). So the amendment carries. One bishop is good; 6 muddies the water. The motion is now before us as it has been amended. Yes, over here.

V.L. DAUGHTERY JR. (South Georgia): I move that as a part of the process with this paper, that we convey a copy from the secretary of our conference to each of the candidates for the office of president of the United States.

BISHOP HEARN: The chair will receive this as an amendment to the main motion that's before us about sending these delegations. That seems to be somewhat compatible, if there's no objection. If you're ready on making a decision of this motion to send copies to the candidates, you'll make your decision and vote when the light appears. The vote on the amendment is "Yes," 834; "No," 64, (7 abstentions). The amendment carries. The main motion as amended is now before us. I see a hand way in the back. Yes, sir.

JOSEPH RENNER (Sierra Leone): Bishop, this is a world committee, and we are representatives from all over the world. The par. which is the most declaring, teaching our children that violence is not the solution to our problem, no matter how desperate we may be. Our actions must show our children that the vision, hope, and [audio-tape is not clear] come only from God's law to all mankind. The problems now being tested in par. [audio-tape is not clear] are also being faced in many parts of our world. And, therefore, it is my opinion, bishop, that the message that this, or something similar to this, could also come from this august body to our different countries where problems similar to what we are now facing are also being experienced. I think the task force, probably in its supplementary message, might prepare something which we can take back expressing the concern of this conference of the problems now facing our different parts of the world.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, the chair would like to observe that we have already adopted the paper, and so it has been adopted. But, informally, could we ask the task force if they would take the suggestion that's been made by our brother from Sierra Leone and look at this, and if they feel that it's proper to bring something to our attention later on in our conference, I don't see any objections to that, and so we will proceed in that way. Now the main motion that is before us has to do with the sending of these delegations on these 2 different times as it has been amended twice. If you are ready to vote now on the main motion as amended that is before us, you will make your decision and vote when the light appears. "Yes," 798; "No," 83, (10 abstentions). And so the motion carries. Does this complete the report from the task force? We express appreciation to the task force for the work that they have done in our behalf and for the presentation that was made this morning. All right, back here in the middle. Microphone 8.

(Proposed Missional Priority)

J. FAY CLEVELAND (Western New York): I would like to offer a motion for consideration. Whereas the events of recent days and the witnesses we have heard illustrate clearly the need for a massive and sustained effort through primary attention in ordering or reordering of program and budget at every level of the church; I move that the General Conference, this General Conference, request the General Council on Ministries, the General Council on Finance and Administration, and the Council of Bishops to develop a missional priority proposal for considera-

tion by the 1996 General Conference which responds to this continuing crisis and addresses the injustices from which it springs. And I further move that in the development of the proposal or the proposed missional priority, that funding be provided by allocation of at least 5% of the World Service apportionment to this priority and to call upon annual conferences and local churches to assign 5% of their budgets to the same priority.

BISHOP HEARN: Is there a 2nd to the motion?

CLEVELAND: May I speak to the motion?

BISHOP HEARN: Yes, you may.

CLEVELAND: I believe it's apparent to all of us in this church and in the church that God's call is upon us for such a response. The hurt and pain of our society call us to declare this a priority. To do less than this--that is, to declare it a missional priority--is an inadequate or incomplete response on the part of the church. Significant components for such a proposal are before us at this General Conference, but it did not seem timely to try to introduce a suggestion of a missional priority at this time.

BISHOP HEARN: OK, under our rules, a matter which relates to the financing would need to go to the GCFA. A matter relating to missional priority under *Discipline* needs to go to GCOM. And there's also a question raised in your motion which has to do about the binding of a 1996 General Conference, so I think that a reference here would be the proper way for this to proceed.

CLEVELAND: It was my intent, bishop, that a reference would be to GCOM, GCFA, and the Council of Bishops for the preparation of a proposal for consideration at the 1996 General Conference.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, if it's a reference motion, we can take it in that order. There is a reference that this matter be referred to these 3 agencies of the church. If you then will make your decision concerning this reference, you will vote when the light appears. "Yes," 582; "No," 257, (28 abstentions). And so the reference is made. Yes, back here in this section. Microphone 13.

BERNARD KEELS (Baltimore): I would move that we declare the site of the 1992 General Conference as a saving station. I would further move that we be allowed to present the sign of the United Methodist saving station symbol. If I could have a 2nd?

BISHOP HEARN: Is there a 2nd? It has been seconded.

BERNARD KEELS: It has been my distinct privilege to live in the environment for the last 20 months of the United Methodist saving station. I have seen God's transforming power illuminate a community that was called the separate city of Washington, D.C. I've seen some 190 people come to Christ because they felt that the brick and mortar of the walls of that church now were penetrable. It will be an excellent symbol for this body to say to the children of tomorrow that we will do something to save the world, for we realize soon that it will be their turn to save the world. I think God is speaking at this moment.

BISHOP HEARN: This is a motion that's before the house. If you will make a decision on this motion to declare the site of the 1996 General Conference a saving station. 1992?

BERNARD KEELS: 1992.

BISHOP HEARN: 1992, very good. This site as a saving station. If you will make a decision concerning this, you will vote when the light appears. "Yes," 618; "No," 209. So the action is affirmative. Yes, over here, if you will go to microphone 7.

GERARDO F. SAMSON (Middle Philippines): Bishop, it is my personal privilege... I would like to make a strong request to the conference for a prayer--even for just a short prayer for our Methodist brothers and sisters and for the entire country, our country, the Philippines. It was election day yesterday, and now our people have voted their respective preferences, the national elections. But even so, the heat of political contest seems to be getting more and more serious and in danger of more political violence to erupt. Media reports indicated that there are deaths and injuries, and this has taken place in some parts of Rizal and Mindanao. We are concerned for our people. We want the prayer from this conference. I strongly request bishop to please lead us in prayer.

BISHOP HEARN: All right. We don't need to take a vote to pray for our brothers and sisters. Will you please bow your heads, and let us pray.

(prayer)

BISHOP HEARN: Go to microphone 7.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Would the amendment be in order now?

BISHOP HEARN: Yes.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I so move. It's not an amendment, sorry. It was a primary motion that we include the names of the nominees--the dossier of the nominees--for the University Senate in the *DCA* prior to voting.

BISHOP HEARN: OK. The situation is that this would require a changing of our rules, and so it would take, 1st of all, a 2/3 vote that the rules be suspended. So if you want to make that motion 1st.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I will, but may I inquire which rule you are referring to?

BISHOP HEARN: OK. There is no provision made in the rules for the--beg your pardon? We do not know of any rule guiding this. So at this time, if we'll add to the instructions that are normally covered in the rules, it seems to the chair that the proper way to proceed would be to simply take the 2/3 vote and then proceed with the matter.

GOLSCHMIDT: I would be glad to do that, but I wish we had known that. The presiding officer told us that this would be published at an earlier gathering.

BISHOP HEARN: I understand that.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I move that we suspend the rules.

BISHOP HEARN: All right. Now the other thing that I think for information of the house that we need to share is that this means that we would need to delay, then, until this matter is taken care of--which will probably take a day or 2 days for it to be done.

BISHOP HEARN: And if you would suspend the rules for this matter you will indicate by suspension of voting when the light appears for this suspension. ("Yes," 527; "No," 343, (13 abstentions). It did not get the 2/3 vote, and so we will proceed as we have been proceeding. We need now to turn to the next item that is on the agenda for this morning which has to do with acts of covenanting, and Gilbert Caldwell, I believe, is to make that presentation.

(Calendar Item No. 284)

GILBERT H. CALDWELL (Eastern Pennsylvania): Bishop Hearn and members of the General Conference, we are using the Blue Book. "The Act of Covenant" is found on p. 162, and the action of the committee under calender

item 284 is found on p. 243. The legislative committee votes concurrence with simply the correction of spelling of Iglesia Evangelica Nacional Metodista Primitiva de Guatemala. Simply offering correction of the spelling, bishop; we concur. All right, the page numbers again, the actual covenant is found on p. 162 in the Blue Book, and the action of the committee Calendar Item 284 is 243, the bottom right-hand corner. And on the next page, bishop, 244 is where we made the simple amendment through changing the spelling of the words of one of the churches.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, the item that's before us then is Calendar Item No. 284. Is that correct?

CALDWELL: That's correct.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, it's found on p. 243, it's the change of a name. If you will adopt this, or if you will make a decision on this, you will vote when the light appears. The vote is 700 . . . excuse me, would you put that back on the screen for us, please, the count of the vote? Thank you. The vote is "Yes," 784; "No," 37, (26 abstentions), so the item does carry. Thank you very much. That completes the report at this time. OK, we return . . . We turn now to calendar . . . way in the back there, let's hear from those bleachers. Go to microphone 15.

PORTER J. WOMELDORFF (Central Illinois): Thank you, bishop. I would have a motion of procedure, if that's in order, please.

BISHOP HEARN: We'll try it.

WOMELDORFF: I would move that when calendar items and petitions are announced from the podium that the page number be given first. And if I have a second, I'd like to speak very briefly.

BISHOP HEARN: Can we just agree on that? We don't need to go any further, do we? It's obviously helpful to the house if the page number is given first and then the calendar item is given. Thank you for calling that to our attention. We come now to recognize Charles Jordan for calendar items, Chuck.

CHARLES JORDAN (Northern Illinois): Bishop and delegates to the General Conference, I would call your attention to the Consent Calendar No. 2, which is located on p. 227 of your *DCA*. And I would also refer you to those items which have been removed from that Consent Calendar on p. 264.

BISHOP HEARN: All right. Give us just a minute now. Repeat that page number on which the . . .

JORDAN: 227, the Consent Calendar No. 2, and on p. 264, the removals from that Consent Calendar. Then I would move adoption of the corrected calendar, Consent Calendar No. 2.

BISHOP HEARN: OK. You understand that in this action, both of these items would be operative, the Consent Calendar as it appears on 277 up in the upper corner. But removed from that are the items that appear on p. 264. So with this information, the motion for the adoption of the Consent Calendar is before us. OK, back here first. (Item 166)

(Item No. 166)

CONNIE TAKAMINE (Rocky Mountain): I would move to suspend the rules in order to lift Item 166 off the Consent Calendar, which has financial implications.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, this is a motion to suspend the rules so that this item can be removed from the Consent Calendar, and that was item no. 116. Correct?

TAKAMINE: 166.

BISHOP HEARN: 166, thank you. Item no. 166. The first thing that will . . . yes? I'm being advised by one of the guys who's behind me that if it is a financial matter, it automatically is sent to GCFA.

TAKAMINE: It did not have a dollar sign behind it, and it really was not determined that it had financial implications until after the committee had already considered it.

BISHOP HEARN: All right. Let's vote 1st of all on the suspension of the rule for consideration of this, and then we will ask Connie to give us more information about the item itself. If you will suspend the rules for the consideration of taking this item off of the Consent Calendar, you will vote when the light appears. The vote is "Yes," 759; "No," 146, (8 abstentions), which is 53% and within our rules, the rules are suspended. OK, Connie?

TAKAMINE: OK. I would move to lift Item 166, which is dealing with petition 10360. This deals with adding each church in a charge to the General Minutes. This was considered by Financial Administration and approved because of incorrect information that this would be feasible. However, after further study and review, it was found that this would add 600 to 700 pages, or 2 to 3 inches to the General Minutes, which has financial implications. And the committee had tried to reconsider this, but this was after the time in order to lift it off the Consent Calendar.

BISHOP HEARN: The intention, then, is to lift this off the Consent Calendar and it then would go back to Finance Administration. Is that the correct situation?

TAKAMINE: Yes.

BISHOP HEARN: All right. If you then would vote to remove this off of the Consent Calendar, with the understanding it would go back to Finance Administration, you will make your decision and vote when the light appears. The vote is "Yes," 866; "No," 59, (5 abstentions), 93%, so this item is passed. OK, Chuck? Excuse me, there is . . . someone wishes the floor in the back, back here. And somebody right here. Microphone no. 7.

SUSAN D. MESSENGER (North Indiana): Bishop, I'm the secretary of the conference's subcommittee, and we have 6 items that ought to have been on the Consent Calendar. Can they be added?

BISHOP HEARN: All right, the committee will need to respond to that.

JOHN BRAWN (Coordinator of the Calendar): I've looked through those and some of them are not appropriate, and I'll talk to you about that, but the ones that are I'll add to tomorrow's Consent Calendar, and that will give everyone a chance to see them in writing.

MESSENGER: Thank you.

BISHOP HEARN: Thank you. Up here . . . you go to microphone no. 2. It's behind you.

(Item No. 98)

YEMBA KEKUMBA (West Zaire): Bishop, I move that Rule 27 be suspended, requiring notification by 3 p.m. of the day calendar items appear in the *DCA* for removal of items from the Consent Calendar for the following items. Calendar Item no. 98, petition no. CC11056 related to the creation of a Zaire Central Conference for a discussion in plenary. The reason is that some delegates--French speaking--were not aware of this rule because of the problem of the translation.

BISHOP HEARN: The calendar items you are referring . . . to is 1st of all No. 98? And what is the 2nd one?

KEKUMBA: Just 1.

BISHOP HEARN: Just 1. Just 98. All right. I thought you had 2. We'll be in the same situation here, where 1st of all, we'll have to suspend the rule and then we would deal with the item itself. So would you like to make a motion? You did make the motion to suspend the rules.

KEKUMBA: Yes, that is the motion.

BISHOP HEARN: All right. The motion to suspend the rule then is before us. Yes?

GILBERT H. CALDWELL (Eastern Pennsylvania): Bishop, we have not adopted the Consent Calendar, which was the prior, I believe.

BISHOP HEARN: I think that he wishes to remove this one before you adopt the Consent Calendar.

CALDWELL: All right, I'm sorry.

BISHOP HEARN: I believe that's his intention. Then if you will make your decision on the suspension of the rule, if this item might be removed from the Consent Calendar, you will vote when the light appears. The vote is "Yes," 805; "No," 89, (13 abstentions). It is more than the 2/3 required majority, so the rule is suspended. And now your motion is to remove from the Consent Calendar Item No. 98. Is that correct?

KEKUMBA: That's correct, bishop.

HEARN: All right.

KEKUMBA: Thank you.

BISHOP HEARN: If you will remove item No. 98, you will make your decision when the light appears. The vote is "Yes," 855; "No," 54, so item no. 98 is removed. The Consent Calendar is now before us with these 2 modifications that we've made in it. If you will take action on the Consent Calendar, you will vote when the light appears. The Consent Calendar is adopted; "Yes," 906; "No," 19, (5 abstentions). So it is adopted.

CALDWELL: I'd like to have John Brawn, the Coordinator of Calendar, to share with us some information.

JOHN BRAWN: I have 2 items for this body. The 1st is an explanation. Some petitions were coded with a dollar sign at the end of the petition number to indicate that that petition had financial implications. Sometimes the action of the legislative committee modified the petition so that it no longer has financial implications. In other times, the reverse was true. In either case, we collected information on each committee item about whether or not it had financial implications. And its placement on the Consent Calendar, or the pulling it and keeping it from being placed on the Consent Calendar, has to do with whether the petition as amended has financial implications. Unfortunately, because of the way we report through the *DCA*, that information is not available to you in the *DCA*. And that is why when you look at the *DCA*, sometimes you see petitions that have a dollar sign that are on the Consent Calendar, and petitions that don't have a dollar sign that are not on the Consent Calendar; it's because of the changes that the committee has made or the recommendation of nonconcurrence. We found a couple of errors there. We're going to try and change the process so that the committee item's financial implications status is reported in the *DCA*. If we can make that work by tomorrow, we will. If not, we'll have it for sure by 1996. But I wanted to explain why it looks different than what you might expect.

The 2nd piece of information I have for you is that we have now accomplished approximately 90 minutes of plenary session dealing with calendar items and, excluding the Consent Calendars, have approved 3. That's approximately 30 minutes each. Looking at the number of calendar items which we will have to accomplish which are not on the Consent Calendar, at our current rate we will be here until June 12th of this year. I need you to know that on average we cannot spend even 7 minutes on each Consent Calendar. We can spend about 6 3/4 minutes on each calendar item in order to get out of here by the end of the day on Friday. So, if you're planning on spending more time than that on one, it ought to be something that's above average in importance. I wanted to bring that to your attention early on so that we don't get into a bind in midweek.

(Judicial Council Clergy Ballot No. 2)

BISHOP HEARN: He gave us a sobering word, didn't he? Chuck, we have received information from the technicians that they are ready to go on the ballot for the Judicial Council, so I'm going to ask you to hold for just a minute, and we will receive that information. There have been 2 elections. (Holmes 555, Henry-Crowe 508, Alford 332, Sweet 264, Thomas 250, Wright 228, Walter 212, Lefelar 104, Schaad 100, Kambor 65.) You will notice that on the bottom line there is the pertinent information; the number of votes that were cast is 968. And the number needed then for election was 485. Up at the top you will notice that Zan Holmes Jr. has been elected with 555. And Susan Henry-Crowe has been elected with 508. You remember that we were voting for a total of 3, so this means that when we cast the next ballot, you will need to vote for only 1. We're still in the clergy category. Yes, I see back here in the back, No. 7.

PHILIP GRANGER (North Indiana): Bishop, I understand the problems with percentages, but I am confused. It appears that the total vote count has now changed.

BISHOP HEARN: Yes, there is a reason for that. Hold on just a minute. I sent my runner back here to the back to get the information for us, and I was getting the rest of the information. In the 1st go round, what they did was to kick out all of the ballots that had voted for fewer than 3 persons. Under Roberts Rules of Order, you cannot vote for more than the necessary number, but you can vote for fewer, and so they have put back in those ballots where there were fewer than 3 persons voted for, and this is an accurate count reflecting that circumstance. Now, you recall the procedure. You need to use the numbers that are located over on the left-hand side of the screen. This time, remember 2 have been elected. We need to vote for only 1. So you will cast your ballot for only 1. If you would prepare yourself, in a moment I'll ask for the light to appear. I'm trying to slow down so that the translation can catch up with us. Now if you will cast your ballot when the light appears, for 1 person only.

(Judicial Council Lay Ballot No. 2)

BISHOP HEARN: Now, I would like to ask for the screen to show the results on the lay ballot. Again, you see the same information at the bottom, votes that were cast--976, votes needed to be elected--489. (Bailey 364, Douglas 247, Dolliver 244, Pascual 213, Hill 145, Quee 77, Fox 72, Crago 43). This indicates that there has been no ballot, no one elected on the laity. You will recall also that we vote for 2, so you need to prepare your decision concerning the 2 persons that

you would like to vote for as laity members of the Judicial Council. Using the numbers on the left-hand side of your screen, if you will make your decisions in just a moment. I'll call for the light to appear, so that you can punch in your vote.

All right, remember now that you need to vote for 2 persons, and when the light appears, if you will make your selections. Excuse me, I said something that has confused you. What have I said? Excuse me. We're going to start all over on this.

You will punch in your 1st selection 1st, and then I will indicate to you when to punch in your 2nd. So be ready to vote for your 1st selection, when the light appears. Now, we'll ask for the screen to be put back up. And in a moment, we will ask for the light to appear again so that you can make your 2nd selection. And when the light appears, you will punch that in. All right, as soon as these results are available, we will again interrupt our process so that we can take the additional ballots. I think I'll ask the technicians, do you have the result on the clergy ballot yet, since there was only 1 to be elected? They do not have it yet, so we will proceed here on the floor. Chuck, turn back to you.

JORDAN: Bishop, and members of the conference, I would begin with these calendar items, with the appropriate persons and the legislative committees. We have one more item from Independent Commissions, which is related to that which was previously done on acts of covenant, Bill Caldwell. Then there will be, Sandra Kelley Lackore will share with us the Financial Administration, then Central Conferences items, conferences items, and then possibly some items from the General Council on Ministries.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, the Independent Commissions?

(Calendar Item No. 671)

GILBERT H. CALDWELL (Eastern Pennsylvania): Bishop Hearn, and members of the General Conference. We are dealing with Calendar Item no. 671 on page . . .

BISHOP HEARN: OK, they've asked that the page be given first. So, if you will give us the page no. and then the calendar item.

GILBERT CALDWELL: P. 298 in the blue book, Calendar Item 671. The subject: relationship between The United Methodist Church and new affiliated Autonomous Methodist Church of Puerto Rico. The text of that petition is found on p. 1225 in the white book. Bishop Hearn, following our presentation and the action of this General Conference, it is my understanding that Bishop C. Dale White has a brief statement to make. The action of the committee is found on p. 298, with amendments to item no. 2.3 and 2.5. With those amendments, bishop, we move their approval.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, the motion is before us from the committee. Calendar Item no. 671. If you'll make your decision on Calendar Item 671, you will vote when the light appears. Somebody out there has a heavy finger. Will the technicians inform the chair as to what the situation is with the voting? We'll need to revote, I'm informed. If you'll make your decision on Calendar Item 671, be prepared to vote when the light appears. They need 60 seconds. Those of you who would vote for item no. 671, if you will lift your hands? Thank you. Those who are opposed? The vast majority of the delegates have voted in favor of it. So item no. 671 is passed.

BISHOP C. DALE WHITE: Since being authorized by the 1972 General Conference to become an autonomous affiliated church, the people of Puerto Rico have during these years been dreaming and planning for that eventuality. Sometimes people have been asking me, are the Puerto Rico people ready for an autonomous affiliated relationship? And as bishop of the Puerto Rico Annual Conference, I want to say a resounding, "Yes, they are ready." They are ready with leadership which is committed, which is able, which is sophisticated. They are ready with a unity of purpose and a shared vision. They are ready with an amazing vitality. They are a growing church with 15 new missions now advancing and a broadening resource base. And they are committed to a dynamic covenant relationship with The United Methodist Church as we continue together as partners in mission and ministry. The Puerto Rico people would like to ask that you join them, with them now in a moment of celebration of this new relationship between the Puerto Rico folk and The United Methodist Church. They are ready, I believe, for the processional.

(SONG)

(Methodist Church of Puerto Rico)

VICTOR L. BONILLA (Puerto Rico): Sisters and brothers, today we celebrate 20 years of a prophetic mission of The United Methodist Church in Puerto Rico. At the 1972 General Conference, the delegation from Puerto Rico requested an enabling act in order to become an affiliated autonomous church when we were ready. This is the historical moment for that action. We have learned that we can be as strong as we wish if we are willing to work--to discipline and sacrifice ourselves and to be faithful to our Lord and church, which can be a living testimony of Wesleyan teachings. Many bishops have guided us through this process. And to each one of them, we express our gratitude. The bishops' leadership--their patience and their trust in the Puerto Rican leadership--has been supportive in reaching our objectives. Jesus Christ has been our central calm, who has sustained, inspired, and guided us in all decision-taking. When our strength weakened, Jesus gave us new strength, opened new doors, and placing our angels who helped us through this pilgrimage. He lighted our way and showed us new skies and new lands. There have been many angels. I do not want to make the mistake of leaving out some names. To all of them--pastors and laity, heads of agencies, executives, support personnel--thank you, thank you very much. They are angels of the Lord, and perhaps they do not know it. You have helped us not to be afraid and to look to the future with faith and hope. The Spanish people in the United States and Latin America have motivated us to go forward. Today we have reached what some consider an impossible dream: to be the Puerto Rican church, led by its own people, created in an insular style and [audio-tape not clear], and inspired by the spiritual experience within our historical and cultural context that places us in the Hispanic world--especially the Caribbean and Latin American world. Today we can be part of CIEMAL, [audio-tape is not clear], the World Council of Churches, the World Methodist Council, the National Council of Churches. By its own right, with

responsibilities, duties, and privileges, this General Conference is historical to both you and us because a new church is bringing birth to one single organization. Mother and daughter, united and embracing each other to go toward the same goal, objective, and guided by one God, one Savior, one Holy Spirit, whose seal of guarantee is one faith and one baptism. Today we can affirm our natural commitment toward the development of mission in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the whole world, Mission that directs us to the message of good news to a world of bad news. God bless you all, and may he bless us and help us to build his reign together. Thank you, thank you very much for yesterday, for today, and for tomorrow.

BISHOP HEARN: Our prayers and our best wishes continue to surround this church, and we will look forward to opportunity for having continued relationships with them in the years yet to come. And we will look forward to the progress that they shall make in the years that are to come in the spreading of the gospel in their island. Now we turn back to the agenda that has been put before us.

(Calendar Item No. 141)

SANDRA KELLEY LACKORE (Southern New England): Yes, Bishop Hearn and members of the General Conference. I would refer you to p. 231 of the *DCA* Calendar Item no. 141. The text of this petition is on p. 1161 of the white *DCA*. No. 141 is in the left-hand column. It deals with putting a limit on the general church apportionments. It's before you with an amendment from the legislative committee, and the legislative committee recommends concurrence as amended. And Bishop, I would place it before you.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, this is the top section of 141. The chair is a little puzzled here because it seems to the chair that this item is not in order because the rules call for the report of the General Council on Finance and Administration to be before us at the time that such recommendations as this come before the house. This item is stated within the rules that on page . . .

It's in the plan of organization that when the General Council on Finance and Administration presents its report to the General Conference for action, the committee then shall present its recommendations and any proposed amendments. This section of the plan of organization would seem to indicate that at this time, this calendar item would be out of order until the General Council on Finance and Administration has its opportunity to make its report to the house.

LACKORE: With all due respect, sir, the committee recommended that it be placed before you.

BISHOP HEARN: All right. Under that atipulation then, the chair would have to rule that this is out of order until such time as the General Council on Finance and Administration were to make its report. All right. Go to microphone no. 8.

EWING WERLEIN JR. (Texas): Bishop, I was vice chair of the committee and want to support the committee chair on this matter. This petition was approved by the Financial Administration Legislative Committee by a very large vote, as the delegates will notice: 4-1. The problem associated with this is that GCFA has requested not to present its proposal until Thursday morning of the conference. It has appeared to us, based upon our very detailed conversations with them, that they will have great difficulty coming up with a budget if the conference, if the delegates should approve the recommended cap that is coming out of the legislative committee, so as to limit the increase in the apportionments budget to the 7.61% increase over the previous quadrennium that is being recommended. We need, therefore, some help from the chair if this is to be ruled out of order, in order to know how do we get this before the delegates so that the conference can express its will today, in sufficient time for GCFA then to bring to us a reasoned budget if the delegates should approve the recommendations of the committee?

BISHOP HEARN: Ewing, the chair understands the difficulty and the problem that's being mentioned here. It seems to me that one method of proceeding, taking into account both the need which the committee has and the need which GCFA has to fulfill its disciplinary responsibility, would be to use the plan of organization item which is located on p. 88, item no. E, which is that we have proposals or questions, resolutions or matters not in the regular business of the General Conference. And the way this is done is to refer it to the Agenda Committee. If we then could refer, the committee and GCFA, working together with the Agenda Committee to negotiate how the responsibility of both could be fulfilled here before the house at the time, it seems to me to be 1 way that would appear to the chair as a means of getting beyond the problem which you have presented.

WERLEIN: Bishop, in that connection, it's my understanding from the chair of the legislative committee who attended the Agenda Committee on Thursday morning, and it's my understanding -- I beg your pardon -- on Friday morning, and it's my understanding, from having attended in her place at her request on Saturday morning, that the Agenda Committee has recommended that this come on at this time, which is why the chair of the legislative committee has made the proposal to the plenary.

BISHOP HEARN: Yes, I understand that.

WERLEIN: Rule E only applies that the Agenda Committee does not agree and does not put it on the agenda which, as I understand it, they now have.

BISHOP HEARN: I think that the house could make a reference to the Agenda Committee asking this legislative committee and the General Council on Finance and Administration to gather to negotiate with the committee a time on the agenda when this item can be presented according to the rules and according to the *Discipline*, if that could be done.

WERLEIN: And can that be done in such a way as to reach this subject today, rather than to wait as late as Thursday, just the day before we adjourn, which is the late date that GCFA wants to make its report?

BISHOP HEARN: I think that it certainly could include the moving up of the report. Now, whether that could be done today or tomorrow, I don't have the wisdom to do that. But I think that the intention of getting it before the house as soon as possible is certainly an item that could be referred properly. Yes?

Mr. Werlein, did you make a motion? You did not make a motion in that last statement. All right, yes. OK, over here and then over here.

DAVID SEVERE (Oklahoma): Bishop, is it in order to appeal the rule of the chair on that matter to the house?

BISHOP HEARN: Yes, it is.

SEVERE: I so appeal.

BISHOP HEARN: All right. The chair will state the chair's position, and first of all I need to ask if the committee wishes to state their position. That's in order.

LACKORE: The committee's position was that this be on the agenda of the General Conference just as soon as possible so that the General Conference could consider what the implications of the budget would be as they voted financial matters.

BISHOP HEARN: All right. The position of the chair is in sympathy with the committee's desire to get this matter before the house as soon as possible. That seems to be something that would be desirable and beneficial to the house. The chair's ruling is based upon the rules of the conference and also responsibility assigned to the General Council on Finance and Administration in the *Discipline*. The rule and the plan of order for this conference clearly state that this committee's recommendations and proposed amendments need to be presented at the time that the General Council on Finance and Administration is making their report to the conference, and also the fact that in the *Discipline*, the General Council on Finance and Administration is given the responsibility for presenting the budgetary matters to this house. Therefore, the ruling which the chair has made is that these two things need to be done together, so to do it separately, as is being suggested now by the committee, is out of order, and the appeal has been made now to the house. Those who have their hands up, I cannot recognize you on the floor until this matter has been resolved. So, the chair is making the ruling that the procedure needs to take a method that would be in keeping with the rules of order and also with the plan of order, with the plan of organization, and also with the disciplinary responsibilities that are given to the General Council on Finance and Administration.

The chair also feels that it is proper to make the suggestion that this matter be referred to the Agenda Committee so that the two groups, GCFA and the legislative committee, can talk to them about getting it to the floor as soon as possible. It is in light of this information that the chair has made the ruling. Now, in a moment we will vote. If you sustain the chair in ruling that the matter is out of order as presented, you will vote yes. If you do not sustain the chair, you will vote no. In just a moment I will ask for the light to appear and you may cast your ballot. If you will please vote when the light appears.

The vote is "Yes," 553; "No," 381, (17 abstained).

The chair is sustained. And, for the good of the house, the chair would like to recommend that we follow the procedure that was in the discussion when I was talking with Mr. Werlein and that these two groups get together and work with the Agenda Committee to get this matter back to the floor as soon as possible.

Where is that voice coming from?

LACKORE: Bishop?

BISHOP HEARN: All right, I'm going to recognize the chair, and then I'll come over here.

LACKORE: Bishop, I would move reference to the Agenda Committee so this may be dealt with as soon as possible.

BISHOP HEARN: Is there a second? All right, if you will make your decision. Yes, over here, Tex Sample? Excuse me, I have somebody over here, Tex would you hold on just a minute, please?

TEX SAMPLE (Missouri West): I will wait.

BISHOP HEARN: Good. Who was it over here? Do you still want the floor? OK. Microphone No. 5.

JIM HOLSINGER (Virginia): Bishop, would it be in order to suspend the rules, in order that we can take up this matter at this time?

BISHOP HEARN: That presents a difficult problem for the chair because there's also disciplinary matters that are connected with this, and we can suspend our rules, but we can't suspend the *Discipline*. Sample? Microphone no. 6.

TEX SAMPLE (Missouri West): My problem with this is that I might be willing to put a cap on what the General Conference places before the church, but I've not been in that committee. I want to hear what the programs are. I particularly want to hear what the mission of this church is. My pastor asks me every year to increase my giving. Every year. Now, if we've got mission, I'm willing to give more money. If we don't have mission, I'm willing to put a cap on it. Why can't we hear a little bit? What's the intensity and the need to foreshorten this so much? Why can't we allow a little empirical data to come before our group? I think we need to know what our church is going to do, then we can make a wise decision and an informed decision.

BISHOP HEARN: The motion that is before us is a motion for reference. I want to remind you that we have that motion before us. All right, if you are ready, when the light appears, you will vote on the question of reference. The motion for reference--please make your vote. "Yes," 810; "No," 124. The reference is passed.

LACKORE: Thank you, sir.

BISHOP HEARN: Thank you. Central Conference Commission is the next section of the calendar items. Bishop Nacpil is making that report.

(Central Conference Calendar Items No. 6 and 7)

BISHOP EMERITO NACPIL: Mr. Chairman, I call the attention of the Conference to Calendar Items 6 and 7, and p. 166 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

BISHOP HEARN: Would you give us that page no. again, please?

BISHOP NACPIL: P. 166.

BISHOP HEARN: Thank you.

BISHOP NACPIL: The Calendar Items are 6 and 7. These calendar items were removed from the conference calendar no. 1 because they relate to constitutional issues. We bring them back to you for your consideration and action now. Calendar Item no. 6 deals with episcopal administration in Central Conferences. The original petition came from the Council of Bishops. Its wording is to be found in the *Advance Daily Christian Advocate*, p. 924. The petition seeks to amend by deletion par. 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34 in section 6 of the Constitution. The rationale for this amendment is that par. 30 is already superseded by the present par. No. 49. Par. 31 is superseded by the present par. No. 50. Par. 32 is superseded by the present par. 52. Par. 33 is superseded by the present par. 51. And par. 34 is being edited and transferred to become a new par. of the present par. 527. Since this provision now applies to all bishops of the church, the background to this amendment appears in the introduction and rationale on that same page, the bottom par., and if I may be permitted, I will read that.

BISHOP HEARN: Yes.

BISHOP NACPIL: During the 1970s and 1980s legislation pertaining to the bishops in Central Conferences was changed at several points, slowly acknowledging that all bishops of the church have the same status, privileges, and responsibilities. Therefore, we have today several sections in the *Discipline* which are redundant and others which need completions or additions in order to be in accordance with the legislation and practice of today. The following petitions approved by the Council of Bishops at its November 1991 meeting are designed to correct these inadequacies. It should be noted that none of these petitions introduced anything new, they just bring the *Discipline* up to date--and so we respectfully submit them to you. The Central Conference Commission recommends concurrence with this petition.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, this petition is before us. I remind you that this is a constitutional matter. Therefore it requires a two-thirds vote of this annual conference, of this General Conference, and then, in addition to that, you know that the ratification process would be in place for any amendment to the Constitution that might be passed here.

BISHOP HEARN: Microphone 3.

HARRY KENT (South Carolina): By point of order, I do not believe that we can consider a single motion that amends a multiple number of items or sections of the Constitution.

BISHOP HEARN: You're asking for a division of the question; the chair would rule that that division is in order. Therefore, when we get to the place where we would consider these, you will make a decision on each one of these articles separately. And the question will be put by the chair in that order.

BISHOP NACPIL: All right. We then recommend concurrence with the deletion of par. 30 by reason of the fact that it is now superseded by par. 49.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, we have before us par. 30. It's Article 1 as it is listed in the Constitution. If you will be prepared to make your decision and to cast your vote when the light appears. The vote is "Yes," 881; "No," 24, (15 abstentions). Obviously this is beyond the 2/3 required vote and so it passes.

BISHOP NACPIL: We recommend amendment by deleting par. 31 by reason of the fact that this is already superseded by par. 50.

BISHOP HEARN: Par. 31 is before us. If you will prepare to make your decision and cast your vote when the light appears. The vote "Yes," 915; "No," 18, which is beyond the 2/3 required majority, and it passes.

BISHOP NACPIL: The commission recommends the deletion of par. 32 because it is already superseded by the present par. 52.

BISHOP HEARN: Par. 32 is before us. If you will prepare to make your decision and vote when the light appears. "Yes," 917; "No," 13. That's more than the 2/3 vote required and so the item passes.

BISHOP NACPIL: The commission also recommends concurrence with deletion of par. 33 because it is superseded by the present par. 51.

BISHOP HEARN: Par. 33 is before us. If you'll make your decision and be ready to vote when the light appears. "Yes," 917; "No," 9. It obviously has the 2/3 vote that is required for passage.

BISHOP NACPIL: And finally, Mr. Chair, we recommend concurrence with par. 34 being deleted, and following, being edited, transferred to become a sub-paragraph of par. 527.

BISHOP HEARN: This is a deletion and then the transfer of the material to another section within the *Discipline*. Item no. 34 is before us. If you'll prepare to make your decision, and if you will vote when the light appears. The vote is "Yes," 928; "No," 19. Obviously, it has the 2/3 vote required and passes.

BISHOP NACPIL: The next item is Calendar Item no. 7. The subject of which is changing the word "ministerial" to the word "clergy." The original petition appears on p. 1019 in the 2nd edition of the *Advance DCA*. The rationale for the petition to change the word "ministerial" to "clergy" is that the word "ministerial" has a larger denotation than the word "clergy." All Christians are ministers. To change the word "ministerial" to "clergy" would then denote the ordained clergy. What is being amended is par. 27, section 5, article 2 of the Constitution.

BISHOP HEARN: This matter is now before us. It also requires a 2/3 vote.

BISHOP NACPIL: The commission recommends concurrence.

BISHOP HEARN: If you will prepare to make your decision and please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 897; "No," 43. It obviously carries by more than the 2/3 vote and is passed.

BISHOP NACPIL: Thank you.

BISHOP HEARN: The next items are . . . yes, go ahead.

(Calendar Item No. 8)

VANCE SUMMERS JR. (West Ohio): I wish to call your attention to matters of Constitution. They are Calendar Items 8 . . . .

BISHOP HEARN: They want the page 1st, please.

SUMMERS: I'm sorry. Calendar items found on pp. 166 and 167 of the blue book *DCA*. The first is Calendar Item no. 8; the text is found on p. 1083 of vol. 2 of the *Advance DCA*. The subject is update of language, and it has to do with the alignment of the disciplinary language changing "minister" to "clergy." The legislative committee recommends concurrence, 67 for, 3 against, 1 abstaining.

BISHOP HEARN: Calendar Item no. 8 is before us. A 2/3 vote is required. If you will prepare to make your decision, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 882; "No," 34. The required 2/3 has obviously been achieved, and it passes.

(Calendar Item No. 9)

SUMMERS: Calendar Item pp. 1083 and 1019, Calendar Item 9. The subject is General Conference membership. The recommendation of the legislative committee is nonconcurrence.

BISHOP HEARN: The recommendation is nonconcurrence. This item is before us. If you will prepare to make your decision and if you will vote when the light appears. 804 have voted to agree with the committee for nonconcurrence, 69 have voted no; 91% have voted "yes." The item passes.

(Calendar Item No. 11)

SUMMERS: P. 1066, Calendar Item 11. It is another language update. It is for alignment of language. The recommendation is for concurrence.

BISHOP HEARN: This is legislative item no. 6, Calendar Item no. 11. If you'll prepare to make your decision.

Please vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 884; "No," 21. A 2/3 majority has been achieved. It passes.

(Calendar Item No. 12)

VANCE SUMMERS JR.: I refer you to pp. 1086-1087 *Advance DCA* Vol. II. P. 167 of the *DCA* is listed as Calendar Item

13. The subject is clergy delegates to General Conference. The action of the legislative committee is concurrent, 43 for, 22 against, and 6 not voting.

BISHOP HEARN: There is a question. We're going to let them check and then we'll be sure of what's before the house.

SUMMERS: I beg your pardon, I think it is 13. Please bear with me.

BISHOP HEARN: Let's just give them a minute to get it together and then we'll try it again.

SUMMERS: You are correct. I beg your pardon.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, why don't you just put the matter before us again and start all over, just so everybody knows what is being placed before the house.

SUMMERS: The subject--the pages are 1086, 1087, *Advance DCA* Vol. II and p. 167 as Calendar Item 12. It's petition no. 11281. Does that help? The action of the legislative committee is for concurrence--43 for, 22, against, and 6 not voting.

BISHOP HEARN: Calendar Item No. 12 is before us. Over here. Yes, you. Yes. Go to microphone no. 4. We'll take you. Yes, you're 1st.

ANDRE BAHULE (Mozambique): We would like to ask the person who is telling the page and the numbers to speak slowly because the translator is not translating for us, for those who don't speak functionary English.

BISHOP HEARN: Thank you for that helpful word. All of us will need to remember to speak more slowly and especially in giving these numbers of the pages and the calendar items. OK, we'll go again to No. 4, and then we'll come over here.

THEODORE WALTER (South Carolina): I normally speak slow. I'd like a clarification in regards to striking traveling preachers. Judicial decision 537 indicated that ministerial and traveling preachers are not synonymous. But in defining that, does this mean now that, with the deletion of this, that probationary and associate members would then be, and maybe also local pastors, be eligible to be elected to General Conference in jurisdiction delegates?

BISHOP HEARN: We'll ask the committee for that information.

SUMMERS: That is correct. They will be eligible to vote in the conference as delegates to General, to Jurisdictional or Central conferences.

BISHOP HEARN: OK, there was a hand way in the back there. Yes, you. The woman delegate, that's good. Microphone 7.

MARGARET PAIGE (Detroit): Clergy, I rise in support of this constitutional amendment to give the right to all clergy members to vote on the election of clergy delegates to General Conference and Jurisdictional and Central Conferences. This is a matter of justice. We in The United Methodist Church have defined ourselves in Christ's ministry as 2 complimentary and equal groups when meeting in annual, Central, provisional, jurisdictional or General Conferences. These groups are lay members and clergy members as defined by the *Discipline*. Without this proposed change, we are saying, when it comes to the election of delegates to this body, the General Conference, lay members may elect lay delegates. We do not say only those lay members who hold a certain position in the church may elect, but when it comes to clergy members, almost 6% of those who are now defined by our *Discipline* as clergy may not be involved in the election of clergy delegates.

It would be as if we have defined our membership here in General Conference into 2 equal groups, where the groups are defined as follows:

Group A) persons who are from Central Conferences, the Northeastern and the North Central Jurisdictions.

Group B would be persons who are from the South Central, the Southeastern and the Western jurisdictions.

Then when it came to elect delegates, all those in group B may elect 50% of the delegates. Group A may also elect 50% of the delegates, but those of you from the Western Jurisdiction may not vote, even though you are defined as part of group B. The Western Jurisdiction represents the same percent of clergy that we now eliminate by using the words "in full connection" and "traveling preachers."

The constitutional amendment before you is a justice issue. We in The United Methodist Church are all ministers and then are defined as either clergy or lay. There is no other choice as we order our lives and conferences. I urge you to vote in support of this constitutional amendment to allow all clergy members to elect clergy delegates to General Conference.

BISHOP HEARN: This was a statement for the adoption of the item. Yes. Microphone No. 3, I need to ask the delegate, are you going to speak for or against the item?

DALE FOOSHEE (Kansas East): I am going to speak for.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, let's hold you just a minute. If there is anyone who wishes to speak against it, you are entitled to the floor. Over here on the far right. No. 3, if you'll just hold there, we will come back to you next. OK, over here, No. 5.

JAMES LOGAN (Virginia): I want it to be clearly understood that I am on the side of justice. At the same time I think that we are faced with a very serious matter in terms of the historic policy of the churches that make up the traditions that now constitute The United Methodist Church. I do not worship history, but I will remind you that since 1785, the term "traveling preachers" has been entered into the *Discipline* of the former Methodist Church or the former church bodies before that. That definition may have changed from time to time in terms of function, but never has there been a provision which ignores certain distinctions in the various forms and the categories of ministry. I think this confuses the matter when we ignore those forms and categories.

No. 2, provision for non-conference members or members who are not in full membership of the conference to vote is provided for on issues that pertain especially to the business of the annual conferences. The flaw in this proposal to my mind is that it does permit persons who cannot vote on orders nevertheless to vote on the matter of representation that does pertain to orders and to full conference membership.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, we'll come back now to microphone No. 3.

FOOSHEE: Bishop, this is a matter of ministry. It's a matter of ministry we are called to our ministry into the world. A significant part of that ministry is a ministry to the small-membership churches of the world. In the hearings that we held in committee we add several folks from Third World countries who testify to the fact that this is a very beneficial move in terms of the total ministry of The United Methodist Church in the world. It's a ministry with people. The

focus here is on the future. It is a way in which we can move to be more global, and it is a way in which we can move to be more multi-cultural, and it's a way in which we can move to be more, more inclusive. Thank you.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, back here. If you are going to speak against the item, you will be in order. No. 7.

MICHAEL COYNER (North Indiana): I'd like to ask a question, and then I may speak against it.

BISHOP HEARN: All right.

COYNER: Interpretation, bishop--the proposal coming from the legislative committee I have been a part of on the study of the ministry is going to be proposing an ordained deacon, clergy, but non-itinerating. If that would pass and if this would pass, would such persons be eligible to be elected as clergy delegates to General Conference?

BISHOP HEARN: OK, I'll refer that question to the committee to respond, please.

SUMMERS: I would need to respond by having the subcommittee chairperson perhaps address that.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, who is that subcommittee chairperson that you would like to ask?

ED SOMERS: Peggy Paige.

HEARN: All right, Peggy Paige, if you will respond to the question. Microphone No. 7.

PEGGY PAIGE (Detroit): The answer to the question is: this will be however we decide to define clergy in the *Discipline*. So, if we decide later to define diaconal ministers as clergy members, they will be in this category of clergy. If they are defined as lay, they will be in the category of lay. So, it depends on the how the *Discipline* will define who are clergy members and who are lay members.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, Ed Somers, do you wish to make any other statement?

SOMERS: Well, I don't know how to make a statement when we're talking about a potential 1,100 people who might be determined clergy or they might not, depending on the vote of the ministry study. I think that would depend, that action would greatly affect how I'd vote on this, but we need to do this first, I gather. Is there any way to defer that until we know the issue of the clergy later?

BISHOP HEARN: That would require a motion.

SOMERS: I would move then we table this action until we've had a final decision on the Commission to Study the Ministry.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, the motion is to table. Is there a second to that? It'a been moved and seconded to table. If you will make your decisions, this is an item on which there is no debate, I believe. I see you in the back, but this is an item on which there is no debate, so we'll have to wait until we've disposed of it. If you will make your decision and please vote on the matter of the tabling when the light appears. The vote is "Yes," 618; "No," 325, so this calendar item has been laid on the table.

(Judicial (Council Clergy Ballot No. 3)

SOMERS: I have no other items at this time.

BISHOP HEARN: All right, I want to inquire, is there a vote count ready on the Judicial Council? There is one available for us, so we will go to that. Hopefully, we can complete giving you this information before we go to the break for lunch. You will notice down at the bottom again that votes cast were 938, number needed for the election was 470, and there is no election. Alford, 306, Sweet, 218, Walter, 171, Wright, 87, Thomas, 68, Schaad, 26, Lefelar, 17, and Kambor, 9. You will need to prepare your ballot. Remember, you are voting for only one. Two clergy have already been elected, the two at the top. Do not vote for either one of those, but be prepared to vote for only one using the numbers that you see on the left-hand side of the screen. I'll give you a moment to contemplate your ballot, and then I will ask you to cast your vote for one.

Now, if you will cast your vote when the light appears, for your choice.

(Judicial Council Lay Ballot No. 3)

We have asked now: is there a count on the lay ballot also available, and here it is on the screen before us. You notice again votes cast, 972, needed for election, 487. There is no election, and so you will need to prepare your ballot this time again; remember that you are voting for 2 persons. We will vote for them in order in just a moment. I'll give you a moment to study the screen. Caterson received 467, Bailey, 442, Douglas, 260, Dolliver, 232, Pascual, 192, Hill, 109, Quee, 32, Fox, 34, Crago, 29. If you will make your decision now and be prepared to vote for 2 people, but I'll give you the sequence for the voting in just a minute. Now you will vote only 1 at a time. If you will be prepared now to vote for your first selection, please vote when the light appears. If we may have the screen back up again. Now, with the screen up before us, if you will prepare. Can we have the screen back. There it is. If you will prepare now to cast your 2nd choice, your 2nd selection. And if you will enter your vote when the light appears. This ballot, of course, will be reported to us at probably the afternoon session, and we will continue the process of voting then.

We have come very close now to the time for our adjournment. There is a matter; at an earlier session we took an action by the General Conference asking that the morning sermons be printed at some time. This is an item which is unbudgeted for the General Conference and our Plan of Organization in Section No. 9 says that such items that are not budgeted are to be referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration. I'm simply calling this to your attention and making notation that by this announcement this matter is being referred as called for in our Plan of Organization to the General Council on Finance and Administration for their consideration. I want to ask now the secretary, are there other announcements that need to be made? Carolyn, if you will make those, please.

CAROLYN MARSHALL: Yes, Bishop. An announcement that the Global Ministries Legislative Committee will have a brief meeting immediately upon adjournment of the morning session, meeting in committee room 111. Announcement of another nature: that is to share with all of you a message from the Alabama-West Florida delegation that they share the sadness on the death of Joan Matheson, who is the wife of clergy delegate John Ed Matheson, who passed away Saturday. He was here at the beginning of the session; her condition worsened, and he, of course, has returned to Montgomery, Ala. Her service is this afternoon.

BISHOP HEARN: These are all of the announcements that we are aware of at this time. I want to express appreciation to, again, to Bishop Galvan, for starting our day in worship and also to the

Bethune-Cookman Choir that provided music for this. Excuse me, Philander-Smith Choir; the note I was given was incorrect. I'm going to see the bishop that sent me this note as soon as we adjourn. I have asked one of the bishops from the Central Conferences of Africa to be the person to lead us in our prayer. Bishop Onema Fama will come now and lead us in the prayer closing this session. Bishop Onema has made the decision that he will lead us in prayer in the French language out of honor of the many non-English users of the language as their first language who're present with us and also in honor of the delegation that is here from Zaire. So will you stand now while Bishop Onema Fama leads us in prayer?

BISHOP FAMA ONEMA:

(prayer)

(song)

BISHOP DAVID J. LAWSON: Will you please continue to stand, to prepare yourself for a time of prayer? In preparation for that prayer, I have a note from a colleague and brother that I cannot interpret very much. It is from Bishop Heinrich Bolleter. He simply says he tried to find me: "I had to leave for emergency reasons." His superintendent in Yugoslavia is in need of support; he is no longer able to care for the district in Macedonia. And then he has some other people he wants informed about this. So that, some place in this world, facing things which many of us do not know and regularly do not have to face, there is someone who is facing a difficulty. And I'm aware, as I've talked to other colleagues who have come here from various settings and places, that outside the boundaries of the United States there are many, many people who are living life at the very edge as they try to be faithful Christians and fulfill their responsibilities in the life of the church. And that must also be true in the states . . . in the United States from which some of you have come. So, I'd like to invite you to be with me in a period of prayer.

(PRAYER)

BISHOP LAWSON: I come from a state called Wisconsin. At a national gathering, as some of you will remember, the National Christian Educators Fellowship, some friends heard me bragging about Wisconsin, and they said "I suppose you say that's where God lives." No, we in Wisconsin are pretty clear God does not live there. God chooses to live much closer to God's work. But, when God wants to relax and play, God comes to Wisconsin. We turn to the chairperson of the Agenda Committee for a report and recommendations.

DONALD OTT (Wisconsin Conference): Bishop Lawson, members of the conference, I have 2 matters as we begin our Monday afternoon session. One relates to this evening's session and one to the referral sent to the Agenda Committee by your action this morning. First, for this evening's session, I would move an order of the day be set for 7:30 p.m. for 20 minutes for a report by the task force to study the feasibility of the relocation of the General Board of Global Ministries. That to be followed by the legislative committee report and other actions including minority report.

BISHOP LAWSON: Thank you. Your motion then is?

OTT: Would be to set an order of the day at 7:30.

BISHOP LAWSON: Thank you. Is there a 2nd? It does not require a 2nd. Anybody care to speak to that? Anything need to be said? If you're ready, then, to express yourself when you've made your decision, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 810; "No," 37. That order of the day is established.

(Agenda Committee Report on Calendar Item No. 141)

OTT: Bishop Lawson, the 2nd matter concerns the referral from this morning. Your Agenda Committee met during the noon break, including representatives, leadership and staff of the General Council on Finance and Administration and the legislative committee majority and minority reports. We have an agreement to recommend to you. It is as follows: that Wednesday morning be set for the report from the General Council on Finance and Administration, including their analysis of budget as it would look under both the majority and minority reports of Calendar C141. Those would be printed in Wednesday morning's *DCA*. We would be ready, then, to deal with them at that time. I would want you to understand that these conversations are including persons who have special interests in other matters that have financial implications, so that the attempt would be made beginning this evening to deal with matters tonight and tomorrow morning that have financial implications. They, then, could be immediately sent to GCFA which will deal with them through the day tomorrow, printing results and bringing them for our discussion and debate on Wednesday morning.

It is your Agenda Committee's judgement as well as all the parties with whom we've discussed this, that this would meet the rules of the conference and the disciplinary requirements. In order to make that possible, one motion is required, and that is that the conference now suspend the rule requiring 24-hour advance printing of a matter. The printing of the material would appear Wednesday morning at the same time as the discussion. So I would move suspension of the rules for waiving of the 24-hour rule.

BISHOP LAWSON: That matter is before you. Does anybody need to speak to that? Is your mind clear? It will take 2/3's of you to decide this. If your mind is clear then, would you please vote when the light appears? "Yes," 828; "No," 48. The rules are suspended.

OTT: Thank you.

BISHOP LAWSON: The rules are suspended for the purpose of hearing from you a motion concerning the agenda on Wednesday morning.

OTT: I deeply appreciate the help. I move that an order of the day be set for Wednesday morning at 9 to hear the report of the General Council on Finance and Administration and related matters.

BISHOP LAWSON: It's before you. Anybody need to speak to it? You seem that your mind is clear, so when you're ready to vote, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 875; "No," 17, and the agenda is established for Wednesday morning. Thank you.

OTT: Again, thank you.

(Judicial Council Clergy Ballot No. 4)

BISHOP LAWSON: The word to me is that we have a ballot report for the Judicial Council and so we'll prepare ourselves for that voting. We shall receive, first of all, the screen reporting the clergy ballot. You can see from the screen that we have no election. You're now in the process of deciding what one clergy person you will vote for. You're

identifying their number on the screen, and now you are prepared to vote. Will you enter the number of the person you choose to vote for when the light appears?

(Judicial Council Lay Final Election)

BISHOP LAWSON: And now you are prepared to receive a report on the lay ballot for Judicial Council, and it'll appear on the screen. (Bailey 940, Caterson 632, Dolliver 366; the rest are 0's). You can see from the screen that you have 2 elections. And thus, that balloting is closed. Beg pardon? Too many 0's. Let's see the screen, please, on the lay ballot again. So what we'll do, rather than take our time trying to fix something over which we have no control is that we'll ask the people who do have control over it to look at it and send it back to us when they're ready. And that'll save us the attempt to try to be an election committee of the whole. We come now to our planned agenda for the day, which is a report from the General Council on Ministries.

I want you to know that in the course of this afternoon, we will be looking at the report concerning homosexuality which was ordered by the last session of the General Conference. I'd like to talk with you a little bit about the procedure so that you can help make it happen and will be fully informed about the flow of the experience. First of all, we will receive a report from the committee established by General Conference to make the study. At the end of it, as you know because you've read the material, there is a series of recommendations. Immediately before I move to you on the floor, you will receive then a report from the legislative committee, and you have found their material and you'll want to index it now for yourself so you're prepared to participate. And it's on page . . . in the blue book on p. 235, and we'll be relating to Calendar Item 190, so you'll have that material ready to yourself. And we'll be receiving from the chairperson of the legislative committee a series of amendments to the study report. We will handle those amendments one at a time, and act on them one at a time, and they'll be subject to your own perfection, disagreement, or agreement. Then when that process is completed, we will have handled the report of the committee. But you will have observed that they will have removed from their report the item having to do with the Social Principles par. 71F for subsequent consideration. We will then move to that discussion, handle a majority and minority report in the normal fashion of our rules, and then we'll be finished for the afternoon with this item. I call now on Bishop Felton May, who is the chairperson of the General Council on Ministries, to begin his report.

BISHOP FELTON E. MAY: Bishop Lawson, brothers and sisters all, the bishop said that God went to Wisconsin for a rest, did he not?

BISHOP LAWSON: Yes, this is true.

BISHOP FELTON: It was only because he had designed the prototype in Central Pennsylvania that he came. Four years ago, while I was sitting here on this platform witnessing your vote to establish a study committee and then to refer it to the General Council on Ministries, I said to myself, "Self, I feel so sorry for the presiding officer of the General Council on Ministries. May God have mercy upon whoever assumes that position," not knowing that I would be that person. But I want to report to you that it has been a gift in no small measure to serve as the president of the General Council on Ministries and to participate with a committee that was framed by the members of that body to do the study that is before you. I want to affirm their integrity, their wisdom, and their commitment to Christ as they have made a noble attempt to follow the directions that you set for them 4 years ago. Secondly, I want to affirm the resource persons that they garnered to help them with the study. And last but not least, I would want you to join with me and share an expression of appreciation to the Rev. Mrs. Nancy Yamasaki who chaired the study committee in a way that was 2nd to none, gracefully and grace-filled in the name of Christ. Won't you thank her? Therefore, Bishop Lawson, it now becomes my responsibility to present to this body petition no. 10865, entitled "Report on the Study of Homosexuality" found on p. 265 of the *Advance DCA*, p. 265. The legislative committee action on this item can be found in Calendar Item 190, p. 235 of the *DCA*. This matter is, therefore, before the General Conference, and on behalf of the General Council on Ministries, I present it to be approved. I now am pleased to present the Rev. Mrs. Nancy Yamasaki who will speak concerning the content of this report and will be joined by persons to help amplify the material that you have in hand. Rev. Yamasaki.

(Report of the Study of Homo-Sexuality)

NANCY YAMASAKI (Pacific Northwest): Bishop Lawson, sisters and brothers in Christ, it is a privilege to bring before you the "Report of the Study on Homosexuality." I would like to introduce to you those members of the study committee who will be making our presentation. After my brief overview of the committee's process, Jeanne Barnett of California-Nevada Conference and William E. Lux of Iowa will bring us a dialogue about the human experience. Then, Dr. David A. Seamands of the Asbury Seminary, Dr. Victor Paul Furnish of Perkins School of Theology will bring us the views on the biblical issues. Dr. Sally Geis of Iliff School of Theology will bring before us the scientific issues. Dr. J. Phillip Wogaman of Wesley Theological Seminary and Bishop Richard C. Looney of the Macon, GA, area will speak on what the church can and cannot teach, as well as make comments regarding the Social Principles. Called to undertake the study of homosexuality by the General Conference of 1988 because the interpretation of homosexuality has proved to be particularly troubling to conscientious Christians of differing opinion and biblical, theological, and scientific questions related to homosexuality remain in dispute, the committee appointed by the General Council on Ministries held 8 plenary meetings. A wide range of written resources were read for an in-depth study of this issue. Resource persons were invited to share their expertise in the areas of Bible, theology, ethics, and the sciences. They represented a diversity of theological positions and a broad variety of scientific perspectives. Recognizing that this issue affects the lives of people, lesbians and gay males as well as their family members were asked to share their experiences with the committee. Among them were those who were not comfortable with their orientation and wished to change their lifestyle. There were also those who were comfortable with their orientation and were working toward civil rights in both church and society. Church leaders and representatives of action organizations

including Good News, Reconciling Congregations, Transforming Congregations, the Methodist Federation for Social Action, and Affirmation also appeared before the committee. Listening posts were held in each jurisdiction where members in local churches and conference leaders could dialogue with committee members. In addition, numerous communications from United Methodists across the church were received. Although the work has not been easy, it has been fruitful. We used a consensus model of decision-making and voted only once when we adopted the final report, and it was a unanimous vote. As you know, there are issues on which we differ, and sometimes the discussions became quite heated. Yet, I felt that we were able to be church, a committed and caring community, seeking to be faithful to the gospel.

YAMASAKI: Many of you have kept us in prayer during this process. I wish to thank you. They were effective prayers. There were moments when we got stuck in our process. Differing opinions kept us from progressing. For example, at our last meeting, Bill Lux, who affirms the more conservative view on the issue, had problems with much of the report. He was having also a problem articulating what he thought would be important to include in the report. As we listened to him, Tex Sample, a scholar identified with the liberal side, stated, "Is this what you mean?" He articulated theologically what Bill was trying to say. Bill replied, "That's it!" and then later on added, "Come on over to our side, Tex." Each time our progress was hindered by division of thought, we were able to make passage, and further bonding took place among the committee members. It seemed truly, that Christ's spirit must have been at work in our midst. We bring you our report at this time.

JEANNE BARNETT (California-Nevada): Homosexuality is not a theory or a concept; it is human experience that affects millions of people. Sexual orientation is human beings at their core, their personhood. This committee was constantly aware of that as we worked.

WILLIAM D. LUX (Iowa): You may have heard the commendations that Nancy Yamasaki has had chairing this difficult committee, where, in fact, we came together as congenial and friendly and amenable and gracious and all of those fine adjectives that you can think of, and that went on and on for the first 10 or 15 minutes of this quadrennium, and then we finally settled down to the business of the committee, and I met Jeanne Barnett.

BARNETT: We were in Dallas, TX, and we came from different parts of the geography and didn't know one another. We were visiting casually at lunch one day. I am from Sacramento, CA.

LUX: And I said I live in Manchester, IA, but I came to this meeting from Phoenix, where we were vacationing.

BARNETT: Well, I lived in Phoenix during World War II and graduated from high school there, Bill.

LUX: Well, during World War II, I had a nice invitation to take a South Pacific cruise. I think they overdid it a bit. It took us 2 1/2 years to get back home. Tell me, Jeanne, did you come to California with your husband and your family?

BURNETT: "Oh my," I thought. What assumptions in that question. Well, here we go, Jeanne. No, I am a lesbian. I have never been married. I am in a committed couple relationship.

LUX: You're what? Well, I admit, gays in the Navy and in college, I never sat down beside knowingly, beside a lesbian before in my life. And I tried to figure out what was going through this person's mind. And what I asked her then was, "How did you come by this? Was it through your family, or your background, or was this inherited? Tell me what happened, Jeanne."

BARNETT: I said no, Bill, we gave up on that theory a long time ago. And so, we began our work as a committee, going through the process of getting acquainted and understanding. And I've shared that story with my friend, showing that we came from diverse parts of geography but with different experience, different understanding of our subject of homosexuality. In our study, we heard of the pain of hundreds of gay men and lesbians. We learned of the violence against gay men and lesbians. Our gay brothers and lesbian sisters are in pain. They are wounded, beaten, and denied justice in our courts. And we wonder, where is the "shalom zone" for our gay men and lesbian sisters. The church is called to be a voice for those who have no voice. How do we respond? The church is called to be a home where we will all be at home. How do we respond? No longer, I pray, like a specimen under a narrow focus of a microscope, like I have felt sometimes. Our knowledge and experience is enriched by the gay men and lesbians within our church. There are thousands across the denomination along with their parents, family, loved ones, and friends. Some in the closet, afraid to speak, fearful of coercion, rejection, loss of jobs; some openly welcome, happily serving in a wide range of service in our churches. We are not talking about some unknown "they, them, those people." We are talking about us. Us, here today and among us across our membership. May we give light here today, like the light in the city on a high hill, for inclusion and understanding of all persons. We are to love as we are loved. And in that sense of wholeness, and healing, I send to each of you love and shalom.

LUX: We built an understanding, the 2 of us in the last 3 years, and we talked pretty candidly about our feelings. She knows that after 3 years of our study, that I am not still awaiting any genetic or any further scientific evidence to either confirm or deny Scripture. And Jeanne knows too, I have said many times, that I deeply feel that from every aspect of my experience and from our tradition and from my reasoning and from Scripture, I deeply feel that the practice of homosexuality is contrary to Christian teaching. But at the same time, within this committee we have built a level of trust and understanding where we can speak to each other under the umbrella of Jesus Christ and of God, and we can get along together. And we need to call this church to do that very thing, Jeanne. Thank you. (Applause)

DAVID A. SEAMANDS (Kentucky): Bishop, sisters and brothers of the church. One does not have to take the Bible literally in order to take it seriously. The *Book of Discipline* considers the Scripture authoritatively.

BISHOP LAWSON: My brother, may I . . . this is really terrible. You've got your presentation started, and I'm interrupting, and I do apologize to you. But perhaps the folks and I can come to an understanding that in a situation of a plenary body such as this, where you have strong feelings on one side or the other, it's normal to want to celebrate when someone says something you

agree. Unfortunately, that kind of thing produces losers and winners, and that seems so incompatible to the nature of our gathering. And so I've just uninterrupted you and been rude at that moment to simply invite the folks to participate with heart and mind fully and with a great deal of respect for others. Thank you for letting me interrupt you.

(Primacy of Scripture)

SEAMANDS: Thank you, bishop, and I appreciate that. I remind you that our *Book of Discipline* contains many statements affirming that Scripture is primary. It is the true rule for faith and practice, and the norm by which we judge and interpret tradition, reason, and experience. The historic position of the church has never condoned the practice of homosexuality. Feeling that it is incompatible with 2 great central teachings which are like parallel tracks, or trajectories, which form a common thread running throughout Scripture. First is the positive track regarding human sexuality in general. Again and again, Jesus and Paul, as it were in defense of creation, go back to the beginning and tell us that there is a sacred order in the creation of maleness and femaleness which reveals the divine intention for humankind, and becomes the basis of heterosexual monogamous marriage, which in turn sets the limits of sexual intercourse. The negative track is simply the corollary of the positive. Therefore, Scripture does not condone any form of sexual intercourse outside of heterosexual monogamous marriage. So fornication, adultery, incest, bestiality, and same-sex behavior are considered incompatible with God's will as revealed in creation. Now let's clearly understand. This is not based on a few isolated proof texts or lists of sins. It is an unchanging, consistent common thread running throughout all Scripture. It is a common thread of unremitting hostility toward same-sex intercourse. It is clear, it is unambiguous, it is unequivocal, and unanimously negative.

All biblical scholars agree on that point. We cannot circumvent these Scriptures by some form of cultural relativism, comparing it with the temporary injunctions which are no longer binding upon us. No, there is no common-thread teaching on eating shrimp or mixing cloths and garments or producing hybrid plants or animals. Neither can we weaken these Scriptures by reading back into them modern psychological interpretations, where we say homosexuality is a new word of recent origin. The biblical writers knew nothing of homosexuality as we understand it; of homosexual orientation; of committed and meaningful relationships between gays and lesbians. There are many such new psychological words and phrases that are not mentioned in Scripture. The Bible knows nothing about being sexually active. It does speak a lot against fornication. It does not mention having multiple sex partners or meaningful gay and lesbian partnerships. But it does speak without exception against the practices of adultery and same-sex intercourse. Based on the Leviticus passages, chapters 18 and 20, Paul repudiates same-sex intercourse as an unnatural sin of the Gentiles; in Romans 1, as unacceptable kingdom behavior, which he presumes will be abandoned at conversion (in 1 Corinthians chapter 6); and, is a violation of the moral law in 1 Timothy chapter 1. What happens when we move the biblical basis of sexual intercourse from the objective standard of heterosexual, monogamous marriage and replace it with the subjective orientation and quality-of-relationship basis? In a short time, we move into accepting any kind of sexual relationship which meets this subjective-relational standard, like sex between unmarried singles, pre-marital and extra-marital sex, as well as same-sex intercourse. At our last General Conference 4 years ago, the masthead for the publication *The Open Hand* was this; Affirmation, United Methodists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns. This times it reads, United Methodists for Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns. I want to frankly express my concern at this new concern and wonder what possible future orientations and practices we may be called upon to accept once we have gotten rid of the biblical standard--heterosexual, monogamous marriage. I close by reminding us that we are a world church. What we say here, we do not just say for ourselves, but we send a clear message to Methodists everywhere. As the Reverend Sundo Kim, pastor of the largest Methodist church in the world in Seoul, Korea, said to me four and a half months ago, "Tell your friends that when you ask us to approve of homosexual practices, you are asking us not just to approve of behavior condemned in Scripture, but you are also asking us to accept behavior which is considered immoral by even our non-Christian neighbors."

VICTOR PAUL FURNISH: Indeed, let us affirm without reservation the primacy and authority of Scripture. These are not in question. The question is how Scripture is authoritative and how it can inform our thinking about same-sex relationships. We must look beyond the passages where same-sex acts are alluded to. Then we will see that our present statement in the Social Principles in fact jumps the track of the clear, compelling biblical witness that matters most. Four points:

Number 1: The authority of Scripture derives not its specific do's and don't's, but from its compelling witness to God's self-disclosure in Christ. The one clear track or thread throughout Scripture is what it says about the covenant love of God, present for us in Christ as saving grace. In Christ we experience this love as both an unconditional gift and an unconditional claim. So the first and fundamental question is not what the Bible happens to imply about same sex-acts; the defining, decisive question is what expresses the grace of God and what does not.

Point 2: All specific biblical teachings, including the allusions to same-sex acts, must be assessed in the light of this one compelling scriptural testimony to God's gift and claim of love. Those allusions must not be isolated from this decisive kerygmatic core of the Bible. Nor should they simply be lumped together without regard for their respective cultural and historical context.

Point 3: When we take account of those contexts, we discover first that they are quite varied. For example, the 2 verses in Leviticus address the matter of ritual purity and pollution. They are not addressed to moral questions like goodness or justice. Yet, the Romans passage stands in a letter where Paul, following Jesus, explicitly rejects distinctions between ritual cleanness and uncleanness. And the point in Romans is that all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God and that we all alike must live out of the grace of God. The second thing we discover from the context is that the biblical writers presupposed things about same-sex acts that we now know

ought not be simply presupposed. They presupposed that everyone is heterosexual and that all same-sex acts are willful and rebellious. They had no idea about sexual orientation, let alone about the possibility of predisposing factors, biological or whatever. They, therefore, also presupposed that all same-sex acts are lustful, abusive, and exploitative. These are the kinds of acts that passages like Romans 1 and 1 Corinthians 6 and 1 Timothy 1 have in view. Our question about monogamous, covenanted relationships was not on their agenda. When we apply the biblical references to this question, we are misapplying them.

Point 4 and finally: We must therefore look beyond these scattered allusions. What must inform us is the compelling scriptural track of God's covenant love. It has to be our task, no easy . . . to think through with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and with all of the human knowledge available to us, what this gospel of God's grace requires and precludes concerning same-sex relationships. Is not this what we have done in fact, and quite properly, in the case of divorce? When Jesus quoted the Genesis creation accounts it was not to condemn same-sex acts--that was not the topic--but to condemn divorce, absolutely and with no exceptions. Whom God has joined together, let no one separate. In addition, a second marriage after divorce was called adulterous. Matthew's version does allow divorce where there's been licentious behavior, but with only that one exception, not for any other. And still, even in Matthew, as consistently throughout the New Testament, a second marriage after divorce is regarded as adulterous, incompatible with the will of God. Yet, I have heard no one suggesting that our church simply adopt the scriptural rules about divorce and remarriage. We have recognized that the issues are much more complex than they were or were seemed to be when those rules were formulated. So we have listened for the word of God and attended to the leading of the Spirit in our own day. We have learned from our pastoral experience, and we have learned as much as possible from the human sciences. We thus continue to affirm the scriptural norm of life-long marriage to just one spouse, but we also recognize that there are instances where divorce, sometimes even remarriage after divorce, can be a faithful expression of God's grace. It should be the same as regards same-sex relationship. No scriptural reference nor any collection of such references can be simply copied out as church policy. Scripture informs us in a more fundamental and lasting way. I do not claim that Scripture affirms same-sex relationships. Indeed, it only envisions degraded, abusive same-sex encounters and it condemns those and so must we. But neither does Scripture preclude the possibility that in the case of a monogamous faithful relationship, as sometimes in the case of divorce and a second marriage, God's grace may find meaningful expression. That this can, indeed, be so, has been confirmed many times over through the faithful stewardship and the grace-filled lives of many of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

(Science and Homosexuality)

SALLY B. GEIS (Rocky Mountain): Bishop Lawson, friends in Christ. Science in the church . . . two questions. First, why do scientists have such a hard time communicating with the church on this subject? And second, what did the study committee learn from science?

First question. The communication problem exists partly because the church bases its decisions on sources different from the ones science uses. For example, social science tells us that there is no measurable difference between the children raised by lesbian mothers and straight mothers. Therefore, scientific logic alone would suggest that the church quit worrying about whether mothers are gay or straight. Instead, worry about mothers whose lifestyles we know are harmful to their children: drug and alcohol abusers, for example, who are both sometimes lesbian and sometimes straight. Another communication problem for scientists is that we in the church, conservatives and liberals alike, want to use science to prove that moral conclusions we hold already are correct. Conservatives want proof that sexual orientation is environmentally caused, it can be changed, and homosexual practice is unhealthy. Liberals want proof that sexual orientation is genetically determined, it cannot be changed, and homosexual practice is not unhealthy. The problem for conservatives and liberals alike is that scientists do not study homosexuality--or any other subject, for that matter--to support moral conclusions. Remember Galileo. In discovering that the earth rotated around the sun, rather than the other way around, he did not mean to create a religious heresy, but his conclusions almost caused him to be burned at the stake because the church fathers believed they were contrary to the Bible's view of creation. If he had trouble communicating, the problems in communicating about this subject are even more complicated. Take the question about whether homosexual practice is unhealthy. Scientists are not playing word games when they say it cannot be answered. Why? Because there is no scientific definition of homosexual practice. Genital sexual practices--including mutual masturbation, oral and anal intercourse--that we usually associate with homosexuals are engaged in by both hetero- and homosexual persons. Should the church choose to condemn anal intercourse, science would have some facts to support the decision. But anal intercourse occurs in many kinds of relationships: sometimes in incest, when fathers molest their children--usually their daughters, but sometimes their sons. It occurs sometimes in monogamous marriage, where it can be abusive to women. And sometimes it is abusive in gay male relationships--the relationships usually associated with the practice. Scientific evidence also supports the condemnation of promiscuity. Monogamous people have fewer sexually-transmitted diseases than people with multiple partners. This is true for everyone: men and women, straight and gay. However, monogamous relationships can be unhealthy if one partner carries an infection or is violent. Heterosexual monogamy is unhealthy when wives are brutalized sexually by their husbands. For science, it is abuse and exploitation that are harmful. When the church singles out homosexual men and women to condemn, including many who are neither abusive nor promiscuous, scientists are frustrated with the logic. I hope these illustrations help you understand the study committee's dilemma in using science. Now you, the General Conference delegates, must decide how to use this information that is so difficult to explain--particularly about a subject that causes so much emotion among persons who affirm the current Social

Principles as they are presently worded and those who do not.

My second question. All is not confusion. We did learn--on the study committee--some useful things from science, if not all we had wanted. For example, we hoped to learn something simple about the cause of homosexuality. Unfortunately, that did not happen. Instead, we learned that human sexuality is a very complex subject. It involves the fantasies and fears of our minds, the genetic composition of our bodies, the relationships we have with other people. Biologists told us about research on hormonal differences between gays and straights, as well as studies on brain differences. Unfortunately, their evidence is not as conclusive as Galileo's. Shortly after we finished our study, the Salk Institute reported findings about the interior hypothalamus, which controls the sex urge. Gay men's hypothalami are formed more like women's than like those of straight men. The same result was reported earlier by researchers in the Netherlands, and though more study is needed, science may be very close to an answer about cause. From social scientists we learned there are cultural differences in the definitions of homosexuality. For example, AIDS educators told us that men in some cultures are insulted if, as they put it, they're accused of being fags or queers. To them, a queer is someone who plays the passive role in anal or oral intercourse. Laying like a women is the homosexual act. One case study involved a truck driver who was proud of being faithful to his wife. During long trips he relieved his sexual needs by playing the inserter role in anal intercourse with males--an act he believed had nothing to do with being homosexual. This information about cultural definitions of homosexuality is of life-saving importance to AIDS educators. It may also explain why male homosexuality is so much more offensive in our culture than female homosexuality. Some anthropologists suggest that our long history of male sexual dominance and female submissiveness is related to our attitude toward homosexuality. Sociological studies about the lifestyles of gay and lesbian couples tell us that gay people are as apt to be good neighbors, conscientious workers, and loving family members as straights. Some bad apples in both barrels. The impression that all homosexuals are sex abusers is not true. What is true is that males are more aggressive sexually than females. But it is estimated that about 90 % of the time the victims of male sexual abuse are females, not males. Science has not given us all the answers we want. But I urge us to make use of what we have learned, and make it available to everyone in the church--particularly if we are going to make judgments about this intimate dimension of each other's lives.

PHILIP J. WOGAMAN (Baltimore): Writing in the *New York Times* last September, Peter Steinfels commented on the Study Committee Report from which you're hearing. "Most reflection on these topics would be improved if they were preceded by reading these documents. Maybe study committees too have a place in God's mysterious plans." I think most of us on the study committee would agree that there is mystery here. In its own life these last 4 years, the study committee has sought to provide a model for the church in how to deal with controversial, difficult, explosive issues with honesty, generosity, mutual respect, and Christian love. No power plays. No preemptive strikes. We have been careful not to exclude points of view, even when voiced by 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 members of our committee. They heard from a wide variety of viewpoints on this subject. Our final report embodies that principle of mutual respect. The report comes to a focus in a very important question: What can the church responsibly teach? As we have written in the report, responsible teaching is accountable to truth about the faith we profess. And it is accountable to truth about the reality we are examining. Responsible teaching limits itself to conclusions that are solidly and clearly grounded. When we do this well, we undergird the integrity of the church and gain the respect, if not always the agreement, of society-at-large. Our study committee was not asked to do our thinking ideologically. We were asked to help the church sort out the claims and the counterclaims. In this section of the report, we have criticized views on both sides. We have noted some of the points we can all agree upon. And we have acknowledged the most important points of disagreement within the committee. This part of the report was signed by all of us, and anything that everybody on our committee could agree to is worth the notice even of the General Conference. For instance, we agreed sexual expression should be governed by love and self-discipline, and sexual relations should always be in the context of responsible, committed, monogamous, loving adult relationships. In a relationship where each partner can be an expression of God's grace for the other, we are agreed on that. We are agreed that the specific causes of homosexual orientation remain unclear, although various scientific theories contribute to our overall understanding. We are agreed that there are substantial numbers of persons of homosexual orientation within the church whose gifts and graces manifest the work of the Spirit among us. We are agreed that the basis of moral judgments in this or any other area cannot be statistical head counts or subjective feelings. We must not in that sense be moral relativists. We simply do not know yet whether sexual orientation is fixed before or after birth, although many have experienced sexual orientation from early childhood. We also do not know yet the extent to which change is possible. It appears that some have been able to change. It appears that others have tried very hard to change and have not been able to. And as we have noted, we all take the Bible seriously, although our committee members are divided about the way we should use the Bible. The last General Conference asked us to comment on the implications of our study for the Social Principles. All of us agreed that there needs to be a section added on human and civil rights for gay and lesbian persons. Regardless of one's feelings about the morality of homosexuality, these rights for protection from abuse, protection in property relationships and caring relationships, cannot be neglected in a democratic society. We differ among ourselves, as you know, about whether homosexual practice can ever be approved by Christians. We do agree that the church has not yet arrived at a common mind on that. We do agree that there are many things about homosexuality we do not know. We do agree that there are honest differences of opinion between informed and committed Christians. I do not want to confuse the later legislative situation by speaking of majority and minority reports. But let me put the disagreement

this way. Some of us are saying that when we are not sure, we should stay with our present position. Others of us are saying that when we are not sure, we should avoid condemning a practice. When in doubt, do not hurt, do not stigmatize.

BISHOP RICHARD C. LOONEY: You will note that we have an almost fully consensus document because we came to know and respect each other enough to list honestly our deep and fundamental differences. We do not agree on the way the Scripture is to be weighed. We do not agree on the weight to be given tradition. We do not agree on the affirmation of same-sex unions. We do not agree about the statement in the Social Principles.

But in the midst of our fundamental disagreement we came to respect each other, and I trust that our continuing debate today will reflect that same kind of respect. It's a bit intimidating to follow gifted scholars and then to be put in the position of saying a good word for the church's long-held position; when that position has been put in print as one based on ignorance and prejudice, one with no rational basis, one with a literalistic proof-texting, and to be somehow identified with those who abandoned the church to self-satisfied, holier-than-thou religious right. And to those words we all could add our own labeling words: homophobic, reactionary, literalistic; and there are many labels on the other side. Name-calling is not a way to discuss the complex and anguishing issues that divide us. Nor is labeling fair to the giants of the faith like St. Paul and Augustine, like Luther and Calvin, like Wesley and Karl Barth, whom I would assume we would all accept were informed and rational. Nor is it fair to those thousands of United Methodists who have struggled with this issue during the last 5 General Conferences.

I'm happy to say a word that I consider to be informed and rational about the church's position. If you read the whole statement you will see that it is a balanced, compassionate statement that recognizes the sacred worth of all persons, whatever their orientation. It says the church is to be in ministry with all persons, and it insists that the civil and human rights of all persons are to be protected. But at the same time it says that there are standards for sexual conduct and that the church has the right to talk about what is incompatible with those standards.

Let me quickly review where we diverge and where the church, now the minority on the committee, but the church, has stood. The basis for this stand is scriptural, and that has been beautifully presented and I don't need to add to it. If we psychoanalyze every phrase in the Bible that we do not agree with, if we assume that we can read the minds of those, who were far more intelligent than sometimes we like to say, of that long period ago, where do we stop? And if we say the practice of homosexuality is culturally tainted, why in the same paragraph do we not say that other sexual sins are not culturally tainted? And if St. Paul had an inadequate understanding of sexual orientation or practice in Romans, what are we to do with the following sentences that talk about malice, deceit, murder, slander? How do we decide which verses we accept as legitimate and which verses we throw out as culturally tainted? It is faithful to Christian tradition. I've mentioned some of the giants of the faith. This kind of consensus, so long built in Jewish and Christian tradition, cannot be easily jettisoned without creating mass confusion among us. This position is in the mainstream of global Christianity. We joyfully celebrate the fact that we are a global church, and yet we risk alienating those in many parts of the world who are somehow confused by our seeming willingness to change this position. Science cannot give us the answer. The thing that amazed me about the study is how deeply divided the scientific community is. You can find scientists who tell you that it's genetic or hormonal, others who will tell you that it's learned by age 2, others who will tell you that there's a window of opportunity in adolescence. Do we change something so longstanding on such divided advice? And it is a hopeful statement. It holds out the possibility for change, or at least the ability to resist, to those who wish. And again there are reputable scientists who say for those who wish to change it is possible, and success rates of up to 50% have been experienced. And do we casually throw out the experience of individuals who have found that they were not only changed but given a new fullness of life? Let me just say in closing that this statement is consistent with the church's right and responsibility to affirm standards of appropriate sexual conduct. Persons have every right to disagree with that and to practice a different standard. But the church should not be expected to bless what it considers contrary to Scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. We have a long list of incompatible practices in the Social Principles, and we are not labeled as being unloving, hateful, or phobic. May we find divine wisdom as we struggle to balance compassionate love with high moral standards.

BISHOP LAWSON: Now, as our chairperson comes forward, I must do something I've been trying to discover when to do. For it's been my prayer that we would indeed focus mind and heart on this matter and seek for God's discernment as we move. I have a very mundane announcement, but I think some of you will be quite angry if you don't know this. The note says that the police are indicating that *all* automobiles parked at meters will be towed immediately. No meter parking is permitted between 3 and 6 p.m. I presume that there are 4 or 5 of you who would like to know that.

NANCY YAMASAKI: One can perceive that there are divergent views among the experts as well as the committee members. We have had to live with paradox. Although it was not our intention to provide a model for the church, perhaps the committee's process can be used as an effective model. Seemingly opposite views were held in tension as 1 whole. In Christian thought, life and death are seen on a continuum as our despair and hope. The paradox of agreement and disagreement can also be held in tension together by a caring, covenantal community centered in Christ Jesus. Study of diverse materials by a diverse community including gay males and lesbians enables one to learn how others come to their conclusions and also helps draw one's own conclusions. And, in the process of learning, one does grow and become enriched. Where we have learned to objectify the other--whether the other is liberal, whether the other is conservative, whether the other might be gay or lesbian--within the context of community of learning it is possible to humanize one another, to be able to see Christ in one another, to be able to see

Christ's spirit at work in a caring, committed community. And so, I commend our study to you with an invitation, an invitation to experience something very profound and within the caring, Christian context--to learn and to grow in the name of Christ on the subject of homosexuality. And now I would like to thank all the members of the committee and ask them at this time if they would please stand and be recognized. Those on the floor who are visiting and are members, delegates, as well as those up here. Thank you very much.

BISHOP LAWSON: And with that closing statement you now have before you the report and that specifically involves on p. 279 of the *Advance Christian Advocate* those recommendations and, as I indicated earlier, we will now go quickly to the legislative committee chairperson for their action on this report.

(Recommendations of the Study Committee)

CHARLENE KAMMERER (Florida): I am chair of the Faith and Mission Committee. Bishop Lawson and members of the conference, I invite you to turn to the references that Bishop Lawson has cited, first in your red book, pp. 265 to 280. We will be directing our attention to pp. 279 and 280 of the report. Also, you will want to turn to p. 235 in the *DCA* blue book. We begin there with Calendar Item 190. You have just heard an overview report from the Committee to Study Homosexuality chaired by Nancy S. Yamasaki. The Faith and Mission Committee has had the privilege of very seriously considering the report of the study committee. In a spirit of cooperation and compassion, we have struggled with our recommendations and action. I am deeply grateful for the participation of each person on our committee as we informed one another and as we created community. Special appreciation is expressed to our vice chairperson, Jim Harnish, and Mr. Ronald Koo, secretary, for a lively spirit of collegiality. As the Faith and Mission legislative committee, we chose to do our work as a committee of the whole throughout last week.

Now, if you will turn with me in the *DCA* red book you might want to compare 279 and 280, which list the six recommendations of the study committee. Bishop Lawson, I would like for us to consider recommendations 1 through 4 and no. 6 of that report at this time. Recommendation 5 has been removed from the study report itself by action of the legislative committee. It will be addressed in the *DCA* blue book, p. 235.

If you will turn with me to the committee's recommending concurrence as amended, Calendar Item 190, 235 blue book. On recommendation no. 1, we would add after the final word, "An annotated bibliography is to be added to this report."

BISHOP LAWSON: All right, this is an amendment that is before you. On recommendation no. 1 in the red book, p. 279, on the right hand column, halfway down, there is amended a sentence which reads, "An annotated bibliography is to be added to this report." This amendment is before you. Anything that wants to be said? Yes, sir. Jim, microphone 5.

JAMES HOLSINGER (Virginia): I'd like to move an amendment to recommendation no. 1 by deleting everything after the word "Conference" and replacing that material with the following, "Refer the Study of Homosexuality conducted by the General Council on Ministries during the 1989-92 quadrennium to the United Methodist Publishing House." Recommendation 1 would then read as follows.

BISHOP LAWSON: May I interrupt you, please, Jim?

HOLSINGER: I beg your pardon?

BISHOP LAWSON: May I interrupt you, please? Because I called you by name, I did not then invite you to state your name and your conference, but more important than that, what we have before us is a motion to amend, which is amended by one sentence. You are not making a . . .

HOLSINGER: It would be an amendment to the amendment, then.

BISHOP LAWSON: Well, it's not really that. I think what you're proposing is another, quite free-standing amendment and I'll need to invite you to think about that in another moment. All right, thank you. Anybody else want to speak to this amendment which is specifically before us? I see no one requesting the floor, and so, with the amendment before you as identified on p. 235 of the red book, the addition of a sentence to recommendation no. 1. If you have your mind about you on this regard then please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 766; "No," 153, and a sentence is added. And now recommendation no. 1 is before you without any amendments before us. Would anyone care to . . . yes? You're coming to microphone 5.

HOLSINGER: Thank you, Jim Holsinger from Virginia. I'll again go through the proposed amendment to recommendation no. 1. I would move to amend recommendation no. 1 by deleting everything after the word "Conference" and replacing that with the following, "Refer the *Study of Homosexuality* conducted by the General Council on Ministries during the 1989-92 quadrennium to The United Methodist Publishing House." Recommendation 1 would then read in total as follows, "We recommend that the 1992 General Conference refer the *Study of Homosexuality* conducted by the General Council on Ministries during the 1989-92 quadrennium to The United Methodist Publishing House." With a second I'd like to speak to it.

BISHOP LAWSON: Is it seconded? It is variously seconded.

HOLSINGER: I would like to simply make this motion in an effort to make the first recommendation conform with recommendations 2, 3, and 4, which are designed to provide study material by the United Methodist Publishing House and this would simply make sure that this document gets to them in an appropriate way, and I believe that it would help to make all 4 of those recommendations conform themselves together. Thank you.

BISHOP LAWSON: All right, the matter is before you. Does anything need to be said to it? Yes, you're coming to microphone 4.

BETH CAPEN (New York): Yes, Bishop. Before we take a vote on this amendment and the following amendments, I would move that a representative in our long-standing history in The United Methodist Church to hear the rights and to honor the right of groups to speak for themselves. I would move that a representative of Affirmation, which is the United Methodist caucus for gay, lesbians and bisexual concerns, be allowed to address this conference for up to 10 minutes before a vote is taken on the calendar items contained in 190, I mean before we vote on the amendments in Calendar Items 190 and 191.

BISHOP LAWSON: I acknowledge your motion and indicate to you that when the time comes to receive that motion or require a motion to change the rules, but need to say to you that we are right now in the middle of considering an amendment, and so, at another moment, at another time, perhaps your chance can come to make that motion. But right now we need to stick tight to what is before us.

CAPEN: Bishop, if I may, I think that because of the nature of Mr. Holsinger's motion it would be appropriate, because as I see it his amendment very much, or from my perspective, has a big impact on Calendar Item 190 and on the study.

BISHOP LAWSON: Thank you for that comment. Are there other comments to be made from the floor? Are your minds clear on this matter? We then call on the chairperson of the committee, if she desires to say anything about this?

KAMMERER: I do not believe that if we pass this motion it would significantly alter our succeeding point, so I do not think there would be a problem with the committee on this motion.

(Calendar Item No. 190 vote)

BISHOP LAWSON: If your mind is clear on this matter, we've already had the closing comment by the chairperson. We are in the midst of receiving a vote. If your mind is clear on this matter please vote when the light appears.

BISHOP LAWSON: "Yes," 515; "No," 418. The amendment is now a part of the main motion. And I do not have a copy of it. Is a page bringing that to me? This recommendation no. 1 is before you, and I acknowledge microphone 4.

BETH CAPEN (New York): Thank you, bishop, at this point I'm unclear because my understanding of the rules is that for the body to recognize someone, we do not have to suspend the rules. This morning there were 2 persons who spoke who were not delegates and, therefore, it would not require the 2/3 vote. I would ask for guidance on that so that I can be referred to that rule.

BISHOP LAWSON: It is my judgment that the persons you are referring to were part of committees presenting reports, which is a different matter, and I think your pathway would be to ask this group to set aside the rules for the purposes of hearing your motion.

CAPEN: OK, thank you, Bishop. Given that, then, I would move in accordance with our long history of supporting the rights of groups to speak for themselves, that this body suspend the rules to allow a representative of Affirmation to come and speak to us now concerning their feelings about the Calendar Items 190 and 191.

BISHOP LAWSON: So, the purpose of your motion to suspend the rules is in order that we might hear your motion to allow that.

CAPEN: Yes.

BISHOP LAWSON: Is there a 2nd to that? It is variously seconded. We have a motion to suspend the rules; you know the purpose for the suspension. Your mind is now clear on that matter, and will you express your mind when the light appears? This will require 2/3 of you to decide this. ("Yes," 392; "No," 558.) Then you have not reconsidered the rules. It is the chair's judgment then, that we cannot receive your motion. Thank you. Would you put the numbers back up again? Now, we'll just take a minute and see what we want to see. Now I'd like to suggest that while you are in the process of this expression, you might want to move yourself outside the bar of the conference in order that we cannot put me in a position of asking you to leave. So would you like to step to the side, please? Thank you; now we turn then to your next recommendation. Point of order? You are coming to microphone 10?

(Meaning of Referral to UMPH)

JIM LAWSON (California-Pacific): Brother bishop, I'd like to know what the meaning of the Jim Holsinger amendment is. If we have voted to refer this to The United Methodist Publishing House, does that not mean then that this report is no longer before us as a General Conference?

BISHOP LAWSON: Thank you. That was a point of inquiry as I understand it. And at least as he explained his motion, it was to harmonize that 1st recommendation with that which follows. He explained it as an implementation of what followed, and consequently it is my understanding that it has not removed an item before us, but it simply flows with the rest of the report. And that is my judgment.

LAWSON: However . . .

BISHOP LAWSON: I turn to you, and you are coming over to microphone 4?

JANE TURNER-BORDEN (Troy): Just a very minor point of order; you asked that the chairperson of the committee speak to that motion. The chairperson of the committee did not speak to it. The chairperson of the section spoke to it.

BISHOP LAWSON: And that was, is my understanding, proper procedure. When we come to the point when we're going to vote on the committee's recommendation, she will indeed have final word. We're dealing right now with the recommendations and amendments from the legislative committee. And now I would appreciate voting members of the conference being aware of the fact that our rules do ask you to remain seated so that other members can be acknowledged at the points in time when they'd like to speak. And it would be helpful to the chair if you would acknowledge and act on that rule. Yes, sir, microphone 8.

DENNY SILK (Nebraska): I do need a bit of clarification. It's in the same line as Mr. Lawson's request. I would need to have that 1st recommendation read for me now, because I'm not clear whether the words "receive the report" have been eliminated or not.

BISHOP LAWSON: The motion that we have before us is as follows. After the word "Conference," delete the remainder of the sentence and replace it with "refer the Study of Homosexuality, conducted by GCOM during the 1989-92 quadrennium, to The United Methodist Publishing House."

SILK: Could I continue then?

BISHOP LAWSON: Please.

SILK: I would like to . . . if I make a motion to reconsider, then can I speak to that motion?

BISHOP LAWSON: How did you vote on that, sir? On the prevailing side?

SILK: Yes, I did, because I wasn't clear, and I thought that the chair had indicated the conformity was acceptable, but I'm not sure now.

BISHOP LAWSON: All right, you may move that.

SILK: I'd like to move reconsideration of the action we just took on the amendment that came from there.

BISHOP LAWSON: Is that seconded? It's variously seconded. Sir?

SILK: Well, perhaps . . .

BISHOP LAWSON: Excuse me, excuse me.

SILK: I'm sorry.

BISHOP LAWSON: We do have to call for a vote, don't we? Yes. If you would reconsider that amendment which I've just read, would you please indicate now by voting when the light appears. You have "Yes," 493; "No," 453, and the motion is reconsidered. And what was it you wanted to say? The motion is reconsidered, the matter is now before us; what was it you wanted to say?

SILK: It seems important to me that there might be some conformity, but it seems to me that the amendment definitely changes the direction which we are going. It seems imperative to me that we receive this report. If we simply refer it to The United Methodist Publishing House, then we have not acted to receive and in that sense, we also do not act to pass this study to the local church or the church-at-large. I believe that receiving this report, regardless of what we do with the rest of it, is critical to not waste the effort that has been made by these and many others over the last 4 and indeed beyond that.

BISHOP LAWSON: Thank you. We do not have a motion now on the floor; we have reconsidered a motion, and the floor is open. So, we are coming back here, microphone 11. Yes, the person in the white blouse.

CARLEN BLACKSTONE (Eastern Pennsylvania): Thank you. I rise to question our procedure at this particular point and to ask for a suspension of the rules. Because of the fact that I feel disillusioned, and I don't know if I'm speaking for many of you, but we spent an entire morning dealing with an issue 2 days ago where someone in our body asked for us to have a chance to respond without a need for legislation and that was never provided for us. We just spent 2 of the 2 hours that were allotted for us for homosexuality and the presentation of that study, 1 hour and 15 minutes--more that 1/2 of that time--to hear a report that we had already read and had heard in many different ways.

BISHOP LAWSON: Excuse me, ma'am, your motion is?

BLACKSTONE: Yes. My motion is to suspend the rules for an opportunity to be able to have people to respond to that report. Because of the fact that we have not had any chance, if we were not in that Faith and Mission subcommittee, to have any input at all one way or the other. I have difficulty with . . .

BISHOP LAWSON: The purpose of my interrupting you, I apologize for doing it again, is that I have not yet asked for a 2nd and you are speaking to this motion.

BLACKSTONE: OK.

BISHOP LAWSON: And so, is there a 2nd to that? It is variously seconded. And we'd like to ask you what rule it is you are seeking to suspend?

BLACKSTONE: I'd like to suspend, or I'd like to change the order in order for us to have a time to be able to dialogue about this before we specifically deal with legislation as the committee presents that.

BISHOP LAWSON: And so, if I understand correctly, when you, if you should happen to receive a suspension of rules in the vote that's going to be taken in a moment, you would then be moving for an open-mike time?

BLACKSTONE: For 20 minutes of an opportunity to respond to that report.

BISHOP LAWSON: All right. You all then understand the purpose by which she requests a suspension of the rules. It is seconded. It will take 3/4 of you to agree. If your mind is clear on that matter, will you vote now when the light appears?

"Yes," 288; "No," 655.

Rules are not suspended. Excuse me. Thank you. Would you give me the screen again? Would you give me the screen again, please? The numbers are "Yes," 288; "No," 655. Rules are not suspended, and the floor is now open. Yes, ma'am. Microphone 2.

JUDY MOXLEY (Florida): I would like to have the report from Mrs. Kammerer and let her continue with what we've done because when you get into these recommendations, you find that there is a proper place for the publishing house. And I feel we should go on with her report and let her make it.

BISHOP LAWSON: That's a plea to continue, and I hear a point of order. Yes, sir. You're going to microphone 13.

CHARLES DUNDAS (Minnesota): Bishop, I need to ask a question about order. Did we not vote to reconsider the motion that was made?

BISHOP LAWSON: Yes, you did.

DUNDAS: Is that motion not before us, Bishop Lawson?

BISHOP LAWSON: It is before you.

DUNDAS: Well, may we speak to that motion?

BISHOP LAWSON: If you'd like to.

DUNDAS: It seems to me that what that motion does, in a very subtle way, is to take this report out of the hands of the programming bodies of the church and to place it in the hands of the Publishing House, which is not a programming body of the church but a publishing body of the church. I think that we need to be very, very careful that we [not] let the management, and the dissemination, and the study of this report get out of the hands of the programming agencies of the church.

BISHOP LAWSON: All right, that is a speech contrary to this motion. Would anybody care to speak for it? Yes, sir. Microphone 6.

V. L. DAUGHTERY (South Georgia): I rise to amend the motion that is before us: that after it is sent to the Publishing House, I move that the writers selected be approved by the Curriculum Resources Committee of The United Methodist Church.

BISHOP LAWSON: May I share with you, sir, a quandary the chair is now experiencing? The procedure we have is that we're receiving the legislative committee's recommendations as amendments. Jim Holsinger's motion was an amendment to an amendment. You just offered me a 3rd-order amendment. And so I think the route to anything like what you want to do is to decide on his amendment, and then the floor will be open again. At the moment, the floor is not open to amendments; it's only open to comments. And I'm looking for somebody who would like to speak in favor of this amendment. A point of clarification. Yes, ma'am. Microphone 9.

PHYLLIS FERGUSON (Pacific Northwest): My point of clarification, bishop, is how can we refer something if we do not receive it? How can we refer this report the to the Publishing House if it is not received by this General Conference?

BISHOP LAWSON: I must accept, then, your comment, which is a question as an attempt to speak contrary to this amendment.

FERGUSON: I am asking a question.

BISHOP LAWSON: Yes, I understand.

FERGUSON: OK, answer it.

BISHOP: We will call to our attention the fact that the report now belongs to

the body. It is no longer the property of the legislative committee, and the body may do with it as it desires. And however it sends it, it'll be sent--if it is passed. Are you going to microphone 6?

SAMPLE: Bishop, I have some unclarity about the motion to refer. If this motion to refer should go through, does that mean that basically our discussion is over and that we do not, then, continue to discuss the other items underneath the report of the legislative committee?

BISHOP LAWSON: The amendment, as articulated by the mover of the amendment, refers specifically to recommendation number 1. And thus it is limited in its context to recommendation number 1. And it is the judgment of the chair that it would not keep us from handling the other recommendations.

SAMPLE: Thank you.

BISHOP LAWSON: Point of order. Yes. Number 6.

CAROLYN JOHNSON (North Indiana): I have a point of order and also a point, I think, of clarification. Calendar Item 190: The recommendation from the committee is to concur the amendment, and those amendments are all under 1 calendar item. Now I understand that we operationally are treating them as though we have divided the question. But in reality, since the question wasn't officially divided, would not the entire calendar item, then, come back to us so that the resolution on any one individual sub-amendment within that total move concurrence with amendment would still have to come back before the total body--unless it is your ruling that indeed each section of that calendar item has indeed been a divided question.

BISHOP LAWSON: You will recall, at the very beginning of this deliberation, I indicated to you a plan of operation which announced the division of the question. The question is, in fact, divided.

JOHNSON: So it was divided from the chair and not from the body?

BISHOP LAWSON: That is true.

JOHNSON: Thank you.

BISHOP LAWSON: Thank you. Now let's try very hard to focus ourselves a bit because our real purpose here is to make a decision about this. Yes. Microphone 13.

JUNE GOLDMAN (Iowa): Bishop, could you please clarify for me. It was my understanding that prior to your request that the standing delegates be seated, that early on you had requested that those persons in this demonstration at the front of the room would leave. I thought you had asked that.

BISHOP LAWSON: I did in fact ask that, and I will occasionally ask it again. If the body wants to instruct me to do otherwise, I'd be glad to respond to your instruction. But at this point in time, if we could continue to operate, I'm willing to continue to try to do that. Come over here on this side to microphone 14. Yes, sir. Going back to 14.

DICK HAMILTON (South Indiana): I'd like to speak against the amendment because it seems to me it deletes a very critical and central notion: and that is for study and use across the whole church. That's entirely central to this report to which a great deal of money and effort have been invested--and, let me point out, the entire committee has supported. I come from a local church, as do many of you, where we have lacked good information--the basis for the kind of discussions that have gone on and will go on in our local churches around this issue for many years to come. I am so encouraged by the content of this report in putting before us the best information and judgments that we have from people of our own number here in this church and this body. And I want to be very sure that this not be buried in a publishing and editing situation but that we be sure it goes to local churches. Of course, the Publishing House has to be an instrument of that; but it is crucial, in my mind, that the General Conference say we want to make this available for study and use across the whole church. I stand in opposition to the amendment from the floor and in the support of the recommendation as printed.

BISHOP LAWSON: Now, I think by my count that I have received the speeches against that I may receive: that is 3. And the floor is open for speeches in favor of. And I turn to the gentleman, yet now over here--Maxie, not yourself, but the other person.

JOHN P. MILES (Little Rock): I move all that's before us. We've got other fish to fry.

BISHOP LAWSON: Sir, I thank you for the indication about fish. The rules of the conference indicate that I cannot receive that motion until I've had 2 on each side, and I have not had. So if there are any persons present who would like to speak in favor of this motion, this is the time to do it. Now, Maxie, I'm coming to you.

MAXIE DUNNAM (Memphis): I'm speaking against the amendment to the amendment. I am speaking against the amendment that was made after reconsideration, and in favor the action that we took. And I simply urge the body to read the balance of the recommendations. And they will see clearly that out of the study committee are coming precisely the recommendations of the--I mean out of the legislative committee--are coming precisely the recommendations that the study committee made. That is that we make this study available to the church. And that's spelled out in items 2, 3, and 4. And if we would read those, we would see that that's the way it would be.

BISHOP LAWSON: Now, may I ask because I'm confused by your comments. The motion before us is to refer the study of homosexuality conducted so and so and so to The United Methodist Publishing House. And you were speaking in favor of that?

DUNNAM: I am. And items 2, 3, and 4--which were the recommendations of the original study committee, and have been affirmed by the legislative committee--will take this to the church, as Mr. Hamilton wants it to be taken, and as all the rest of us want it to be taken.

BISHOP LAWSON: Now, we have room for 1 more speech in favor of this amendment if anybody cares to make it. I see only 1 card up in this center section. Sir, no. 13.

DAVID M. STANLEY (Iowa): Bishop, I want us all to be very clear what we are doing here. I ask you to vote for Jim Holsinger's amendment because it is essential to prevent any implication that we are endorsing, or as a General Conference, agreeing with the thrust of this committee report. Now I respect the integrity and the Christian love of people on both sides of this issue. I think all of us are trying to do what we believe God is leading us to do. But the people in the pews back home do not want this report accepted. They do not want this report endorsed "for study and use across the whole church." They are very willing, I think, to have whatever useful insights are in it, be part of the development of further materials for ministry to

homosexual persons, and that is exactly what the committee, the legislative committee, report calls for. But I believe the great majority of the members of The United Methodist Church who have heard of this report are concerned that, for whatever reason, and I'm not questioning anybody's good intentions, we ended up with an very unbalanced committee, 17 to 4. And a committee that basically rejected the clear meaning of Scripture and 2,000 years of church tradition. A committee that failed to recognize the effectiveness of Christian transforming ministries, run by ex-homosexuals who are, in fact, healing thousands of homosexuals and helping them overcome that temptation.

If we leave in the word "receive," we know it will be interpreted by some people as some sort of approval. If you want to leave no doubt in the minds of your folks back home, you've got to take that word "receive" out. And then simply do what the previous speakers have pointed out makes a lot of sense: refer it to The United Methodist Publishing House, which under pars. 2, 3, and 4, is charged with developing the study materials and the ministry materials, so this church can do a much better job of ministering to people who have this problem. It makes the whole thing consistent. I urge you to vote yes.

BISHOP LAWSON: A point of information, and then we are ready for our vote. I must place the vote. Yes, microphone 3. Microphone 3?

C. JOSEPH SPRAGUE (West Ohio): Point of information, bishop. Would you interpret for us, please, the traditional parlance of the General Conference? Is the word "receive" synonymous with "endorse"?

BISHOP LAWSON: It is . . . you're asking me to speak for the world, Joe. But my . . .

SPRAGUE: My understanding would be that those would be quite different. And if I'm mistaken, I would like to know that.

BISHOP LAWSON: Quite different. In my understanding also is that the word "receive" is a procedural acceptance of report in fact, in the present of the group without value judgment attached to the acceptance. That's my understanding of it, Joe. The rules of the conference require now, since we've had 3 speeches on either side, that I place before you the vote. Prepare . . .

KAMMERER: Bishop Lawson. Since the body voted to reconsider, may I speak again to the amendment?

BISHOP LAWSON: Yes, I think you must do that, if you desire.

KAMMERER: As chair of the committee, I would now like to speak against the Holsinger amendment. It is clear to me that as Mr. Holsinger directed us, he perhaps intended it to be an implementing amendment. However, as the body has discussed it, it would violate the spirit and the intent of our legislative subcommittee, which is to both receive it and the rest of the passage there. So I would speak against the Holsinger amendment.

BISHOP LAWSON: Now, the matter is before you. Now, the only thing I could take would be a procedural motion at the point. And you have such? Microphone no. 3.

BOB W. PARROTT (Texas): We have the Holsinger amendment. Then we had another amendment, and so when we say amendment, what amendment are we talking about? We need clarification; that's what I'm asking for.

(Vote on Holsinger Amendment)

BISHOP LAWSON: Yes, thank you for asking that question. It'll be helpful to everyone. You may remember that you pointed over to your right, and referred to an amendment from over there. And you may remember that I indicated that was, in this situation, a 3rd-order amendment and would be out of order. And so we have now, the Holsinger amendment is the only thing before us. And we now prepare to vote, and you will clarify your mind on this while I read it to you. No. 1 as follows: After the word "conference," delete the remainder of the sentence and replace it with: "refer the study of homosexuality conducted by the General Council on Ministries during the 1989-92 quadrennium to The United Methodist Publishing House." That is the matter before you. And your mind is now clear on how you want to vote. And will you please vote when the light appears? You have "Yes," 377; "No," 585, and the amendment does not move forward. And what we have before us now is the recommendation of the legislative committee, which is the 1st recommendation under 190 calendar item. We've had . . . speaking out; calling for the question without recognition from the chair is not a motion. I see a card down here. Go on to microphone 2.

J. LAVON KINCAID (Western Pennsylvania): Bishop, it seems to me that we are ready to vote. Therefore, I call the question on all this before us.

BISHOP LAWSON: Excuse me, sir. Do you mean when you say, what is before us, this specific recommendation on recommendation No. 1. OK. Is that seconded? In order to close debate, 3/4 of you need to agree with this . . . 2/3, excuse me, need to agree with this. If you would close debate and prepare yourself to vote, would you vote when the light appears. "Yes," 875; "No," 74. You have, in fact, voted to close debate and move on to the amendment that is recommended. So I call your attention on p. 235, Calendar Item 190, left hand column. What you have before you is a recommendation that you add a sentence. Thank you. We are adopting . . . that has, that sentence is "an annotated bibliography is to be added to this report." We approved that. Now we have this recommendation before us. With that sentence added, you're approving the 1st recommendation of the study committee with a sentence added. If you will approve recommendation No. 1 with this added sentence, will you vote when the light appears?

(Judicial Council Clergy Ballot No. 5)

(Judicial Council Lay Ballot Confirmation)

BISHOP LAWSON: "Yes," 773; "No," 183, and recommendation no. 1 is now complete. Now I call ourselves to attention that we are coming up to an order of the day, and there are a couple of things that need to happen, and so, Charlene, we're going to have to come back to you. We do have before us a vote, a ballot, which is ready. A Judicial Council vote 1st, and we'll ask the people to recommend to us the screen, and you will see that we do not have an election. (Alford, 363, Sweet, 244, Walter, 228, Wright, 16, Schaad, 7, Thomas, 6, Lefelar, 4, Kambor, 3)

You need to elect 1 clergy person. You are prepared to decide on the person you want to vote for. You're looking at their number, and you are now ready to vote for 1 clergy person and 1 only. Please do not vote for any persons already elected; a few of you are doing that. You're choosing 1 person, and when the light appears, please vote. And now that ballot

is complete, and we'll wait with interest for its return. Do we have any other ballots completed? Do we then have . . . we sent back to the technicians the lay ballots, so we could see the accurate information there, and can we look at that now? We do have 2 elections now, and you see the completed numbers which was what we wanted to see awhile ago. You do have 2 elections, and this ballot is complete (Caterson, 528, Bailey, 509, Douglas, 287, Dolliver, 206, Pascual, 150, Hill, 73, Fox, 24, Crago, 23, Quee, 15).

We have a very important item to come before us involving brothers and sisters in Christ from around the world and with other denominations. I wonder if now you all might agree, since we're moving the agenda to the brothers and sisters from outside the United States, that we might want to give space and room so we can have a consecration service up here. I've really tried very hard to give plenty of time and not to disturb a statement that you all have been wanting to make both with your feet and with your sign, but I do want to say now that, as important as you feel your issue is, what we have before us is a situation that we do not want to make less than what it ought to be, as people come to us from around the world.

So I'd like once again to ask you, if you would please, both refrain from the stamping in the stands and to remove the sign from in front of us. This would be very helpful if you could do this and allow us to participate with these folks in this experience.

The time is now 4:29, right now 4:30. The conference is recessed for 15 minutes.

(recess)

BISHOP LAWSON: You may bring a cookie along if you bring one to me. Folks, if you would return to your seat now, that would be wonderful. We have a high moment before us, and you'll want to be present for it and fully participating in it. Those in the corners still grabbing for cookies come quickly to your seat. Now, I have 6 cookies, please don't bring anymore. If you will turn in your hymnal, please, to 191. 191. There are several language possibilities, and let's lift 1 verse of 191, and you choose a language and sing in it. Let's all stand and sing, shall we?

(hymn)

BISHOP LAWSON: And now we turn to Bishop Forrest Stith, who will be leading us in this moment.

BISHOP FORREST C. STITH: Good afternoon. We are here in a historic moment. You may remain standing if you like. We are about to enter a very historic moment. For over 150 years The United Methodist Church and its predecessors have engaged in missions around the world. Over the last 50 years, many of these churches that were developed have moved into an affiliated or an autonomous relationship with our church. We have celebrated with them in the past on their accomplishments and the development of their own self-determination, and they are moving forward with Jesus Christ. We continue to be in dialogue with them and other Methodist and Christian churches around the world. Now we come to a point of history where maturity is present on both sides, where we have learned that we do not have all the answers. That our culture is not solely ordained by God, but the expression of Jesus Christ is manifest around the world. So we come in mutuality and missions.

The act of covenant of which we are about to proceed does not replace any other relationships we have had in the past, but moves us forward into new dimensions of spiritual growth, mutual support, and global common cause. It is to these purposes that these churches here today come to share with you in an act of covenant. And though our body is developing covenant relationships in the whole ecumenical community, we do not need to await that moment where all are together to affirm our relationships to our brothers and sisters, many who are close in our own world. You have a service of recognition before you, and we will follow it after we have turned in our hymnals and sung together no. 523.

(hymn)

(responsive reading)

BISHOP LAWSON: Thank you; you may be seated.

(Act of Covenant)

BISHOP STITH: For the past 2 years, the Council of Bishops has been in consultation with the churches listed on your service of dedication and with many other churches around the world. We come now with these ready who have signed the Act of Covenant in their own General Conferences, and after your vote this morning, we likewise have signed it by the secretary of the conference and the president of the Council of Bishops. I would ask both Bishop Yeakel and Bishop Talbert to come forward with our documents, and then individually I will call upon the churches who are here present and ask them to come, and they will change documents with the Act of Covenant which you may find printed elsewhere in your *Daily Christian Advocate*. I call upon the Iglesia Metodista Unida, Puerto Rico church, newly affiliated autonomous church, to come and share in the document. The Methodist Church in the Republic of China, or we know familiarly as Taiwan, Bishop Kuey. The Methodist Church of Indonesia. The Basel Christian Church of Malaysia has not yet arrived, so we will share the document with them tomorrow. Then the Iglesia Evangelica Nacional Metodista Primitiva de Guatemala church. And the Methodist Church of Nigeria. And the Methodist Church of Ghana. Again, the Kenya church will arrive later this week, and they will receive their document likewise. These are they, then, who have joined with us in the unique and new Act of Covenant which declares us as equals under God's mercy and grace. Would you stand for "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"? No. 94.

(song)

BISHOP LAWSON: The patriarch of the Nigeria church, Mbang, will speak to us now for our closing benediction.

(benediction)

BISHOP LAWSON: If you will now be seated, please?

BISHOP LAWSON: We turn our attention now at the time that has come approaching the order of the day to the chairperson of our Agenda Committee.

OTT: Dear friends of the conference, I bring you a motion regarding the evening session. This, after consultation in several quarters. I would move that the evening agenda be revised so that it would be as follows: 7:30 p.m., continuation and completion of the report from the Committee on the Study of Homosexuality for 60 minutes; 8:30

p.m., report of the task force on the feasibility of the relocation of the Board of Global Ministries; other calendar items; and adjournment, 10 p.m. I would move it, Bishop Lawson.

BISHOP LAWSON: It is before you. It requires a 2/3 vote. If you would establish this agenda for this evening; excuse me, I can't say it that way. If you have got your mind about you about whether you will not establish this agenda for this evening, if you will express yourself by voting when the light appears. "Yes," 854; "No," 49. Sir, that is the agenda for this evening. We are at 5:00, the order of the day. We are dismissed for the evening meal. We will see you at 7:30.

Announcements, excuse me. If you stand up halfway, but don't move any more, let's hear anouncements.

CAROLYN MARSHALL: There are 2. One, the General Council on Finance and Administration will meet immediately following tonight's plenary here in the convention center, room 207.

BISHOP LAWSON: We do have a secretary's mike. Carolyn, you're not making the route. OK, try again, please.

MARSHALL: The General Council on Finance and Administration will meet immediately following tonight's plenary in room 207. The council will also meet in room 207 tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m. and also at 12:30 following adjournment. And a 2nd one, of a personal nature, but one which will be very important to the individual involved, if (audio-tape is unclear) would please check at the front desk at the Quality Hotel, there is some important information there for her.

BISHOP LAWSON: And now, you may go for dinner.

(Evening Session)

BISHOP LAWSON: Ladies and gentlemen, of course you know where your seats are, and it's time now to begin. We are going to turn to our song leader, who is now back from the airport, and he's going to be leading us in song. And he'll tell you where to turn to. p. 577. If you would finish the sentence you are speaking right now and then quit talking, that would be just great. Okay?

(SONG)

BISHOP LAWSON: While you are standing, I'd like to draw you into an experience of prayer, if I might, and ask you to be in the process of quieting yourself-- centering yourself in the presence and awareness of the presence of God.

(prayer).

(Judicial Council Clergy Ballto No. 6)

(Explanation of Parliamentary Procedure)

If you would be seated, please, we have a report of a ballot of Judicial Council, and we'll ask those who help us in this way to place it on a screen. And now you see it there. You will notice that there is not an election--that you are voting for one clergy person. You're looking at the list now and deciding who you will vote for, and you're identifying their number so you'll be prepared to vote with that number in just a moment. I'm told again that you are voting for persons who have already been elected. And so the people who are running this good equipment have removed those people's numbers. It'll be more difficult now to vote for them. So now I would like to draw your attention to the screen. You have made the decision about who you would like to vote for. You're positioning yourself to make that vote. And will you enter the number of your choice when the light appears? The ballot seems to be complete, and so we'll declare the ballot complete.

And now I'd like to have your attention a little bit. I'd like to think with you very briefly about what we are about this evening. You will remember, as I introduced the enterprise earlier in the day, that I had indicated to you that we would hear the committee report, which we did, and had placed before us in proper order their recommendations in the red book on p. 279; and then we would hear from the legislative committee, and we would hear their recommendations one at a time as distinct and separate items. You will also remember that I indicated at the time that once the report is perfected, then the report as a whole is open for discussion--3 speeches on either side. And so we'll start down that road again. I'd like to invite you to think about how you participate in this--because the legislative committee's recommendations are, by the nature of the circumstance we're in, amendments to the report. That means, then, that if you make an amendment, that's all the amendments we can receive. Sometimes there is the desire to amend that amendment, and that is a 3rd-order amendment, and I cannot receive it. So that, strategically speaking, if I were in your seat, I would remember that when you have that amendment from the floor, the next move you have--the only way that you can accomplish something that you might have in mind--is to wait for that amendment to be acted upon. Then there's room for another amendment. If you'll think about that and work with us a little bit, we'll not spend time in parliamentary stuff, because what we, of course, want to do this evening is to focus our attention carefully. Remember that our major purpose is to make wise decisions. We'll conspire together to move in that direction--not hurry inappropriately but, none the less, moving with thoughtful haste. We have 60 minutes. I was asked a while ago, "Can we do this in 60 minutes?" to which I replied, "Why not?" And I want to tell you it's the only way I'm going to get out of the chair. So if you would, please, concentrate on this, I'd be grateful. Now you'll remember that we turned to the legislative committee chairperson, and you're drawing your attention now in the blue book to p. 235, Calendar Item No. 190. We've acted on their first amendment, and we are now ready to hear their next motion.

BISHOP LAWSON: Charlene, we turn to you.

KAMMERER: P. 235 in the blue book on recommendation 2. The committee votes to delete all of recommendation no. 2 in the study and substitute the following: We recommend the development of resources consistent with the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church, which support ministry to homosexual persons by individuals, groups, local churches, annual conferences, and the general church.

BISHOP LAWSON: That is before you. Yes, sir. You're coming to microphone 3.

PETE WEAVER (Western Pennsylvania): I'd like to offer an amendment to item no. 2, about halfway down, that substitute, by inserting the words, "and with," in the phrase "ministry to homosexual persons," so that it would read, "ministry to and with homosexual persons." If I could have a 2nd I'd like to speak to it.

BISHOP LAWSON: Is it seconded? It is variously seconded.

WEAVER: Friday night, and every other Friday night at the congregation where I am privileged to be a part, 100 to 150 persons with AIDS and their families and friends gather in what is called the Shepherd Wellness Community Ministry. It is a ministry to, but has quickly and marvelously become a ministry with, because where the unconditional love of God is shared, and where God's grace arrives and begins to do things, people want to join. And so that congregation, incorporating the diversity of opinion about homosexuality that is represented in this General Conference, that congregation has discovered what it means to minister with one another for the sake of that unconditional grace and love of God. And so I offer this amendment because we are not just talking about ministry to, but when ministry is effective by God's grace, and thanks be to God, it then becomes ministry with. And we all begin to grow and to learn. This is completely in harmony with the present language of 71F, where the last sentence reads, "We commit ourselves to be in ministry for and with all persons."

BISHOP LAWSON: I thank you, sir. Anyone care to speak to this amendment? Any one need the floor? I see no one asking for the floor. You understand that in the 5th line of that motion inserting the words "and with," so it reads "which supports ministry to and with homosexual persons," etc. If your mind is clear on how you expect to vote, then please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 742; "No," 190, and you have placed that material in the motion. And now this motion is still before you, and the floor is open. Are you ready to vote on this? Yes, I see you. You're going to microphone no. 7.

HELEN TAYLOR (Oklahoma): I propose an amendment to what is written here in the book simply by adding the words at the end of it "with the understanding that these resources will reflect diversities of informed viewpoint."

BISHOP LAWSON: This is at the end of the statement?

TAYLOR: Yes.

BISHOP LAWSON: "With the understanding that. . ." Please say that again.

TAYLOR: "With the understanding that these resources will reflect diversities of informed viewpoint."

BISHOP LAWSON: All right, thank you. Is that seconded? It is variously seconded. Would you care to speak to it?

TAYLOR: I think it's important in our study of resources to be consistent with the Social Principles. It's also important for them to be done with prayer, and genuine spiritual discernment, and with love. It is also important that in love we are given the opportunity to hear varying informed voices. The phenomenon of homosexuality has been a part of the human race for a very long time. It will continue to be with us. The church will be in discussion about this issue as someone has said in another body here. The question is, will we discuss it as informed persons? Thank you.

BISHOP LAWSON: Thank you. Now that matter is before you. A page will help me by bringing a copy of that. Would anybody care to speak to this? Thank you. You're coming out to microphone 9.

WILLIAM MCCLUNG (Virginia): I rise in opposition of this amendment because in no. 4, recommendation no. 4, which we have yet to get to, says this: "8 persons representing diverse points of view."

BISHOP LAWSON: All right. Thank you. That's a speech against. Anybody care to speak for it? The person over to the right. Microphone no. 10.

BECKY HAASE (California-Pacific): I would like to speak in support of the amendment. I feel one of the beauties of the study that we have before us is that there really has been dialogue with a diversity of opinion presented. With the original amendment before us, I think that there is the danger that we could have a position presented which is more one-sided, and I think it is important for us to reserve the opportunity for real dialogue among the different positions that are within our United Methodist Church. I support the amendment.

BISHOP LAWSON: Thank you. The motion is supported. And we are ready to vote. Are you ready to vote? Question? What is the nature of the question and who said that? Oh, call for the question. Thank you. That's simply an opinion expressed by an anonymous person. If you are ready to vote, then if you will make your mind clear about whether you'd like to add this material to this amendment, and now, if your mind is clear, vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 478; "No," 468, and the motion does pass. The matter is added, and that whole matter is now before you. Are you moving to the point where you are ready to vote? Yes, sir. You're coming to microphone 3. Microphone 3.

LARRY WILKINSON (Western North Carolina): I call the question, sir.

BISHOP LAWSON: Are you moving that we call the question on this one item?

LARRY WILKINSON: Yes, sir.

BISHOP LAWSON: And is it seconded? All right, it is seconded. It takes 2/3 of you to decide to close debate. If you have your mind clear on this, would you please vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 875; "No," 77. You have clearly decided to close debate and move for vote. What is before you is this recommendation no. 2, as you have variously amended it. You've had time now to think about it. You're ready to vote. Would you please vote when the light appears?

(Judicial Council Clergy Ballot No. 7)

"Yes," 783; "No," 159, and this matter has been approved. If I may interrupt you for just a moment, there is a clergy ballot available on the Judicial Council. So, let's ask the people who care for these things if they would give us this matter. You can see the results. You do not have an election. You are voting for 1 person. You want to now give a little thought; take your time to get your mind clear about what you need to do now. You've identified the number of the person for whom you desire to vote. You're prepared to use that number to express yourself. When the light appears, please vote. Thank you. That completes that ballot. And we turn now back to you, Charlene, for your guidance.

(Calendar Item No. 190, Recommendation No. 3)

KAMMERER: In recommendation no. 3. This is an implementing recommendation that directly follows recommendation no. 2. To this end we recommend that The United Methodist Publishing House develop these study materials and resources. The addition of the word "these" and we strike "to provide the church," etc. Recommendation no. 3 is before you.

BISHOP LAWSON: Anyone care to speak? Are you clear on this? And you're

ready to vote, it seems. And so, if you will then vote on this proposed change. When the light appears, please vote. Excuse me just a moment. I'm told it will take a few seconds to cue it up. Some of you hung around pool rooms long enough to know what that means, the rest of you can ask your neighbor. While we're waiting, we'll all watch the screen with great anticipation. I'd like to share with you that when we have completed the Judicial Council election process, we will then remember that we have to elect 3 lay and 4 clergypersons as alternates, and we'll do that tomorrow. OK? Which one of you out there was doing this? Let's do this again because I frankly can't tell you whether the vote we just saw was attached to what we did. So, let's prepare ourselves to vote on recommendation no. 3 at the bottom of the left-hand column, and now when the light appears you may vote on that issue. All right, "Yes," 866; "No," 85. And you've approved that one, Charlene we turn to you.

KAMMERER: On recommendation No. 4, we voted to amend this recommendation in several areas. You will notice in the description of the 8-person advisory committee, that we have added the word "pastors" between the listing of scholars and educators. If you move on down the wording, you will see this additional statement, "If a practicing homosexual is on the advisory committee, the committee shall also include a person who has abandoned that lifestyle." And then you will see that the advisory committee will be named by . . . Strike the General Conference on Ministries, that should be Council on Ministries. And leave in the Council of Bishops, and will be funded by The United Methodist Publishing House.

BISHOP LAWSON: All right, you see a motion that has in it additions and deletions, they're clearly before you. Yes? You're coming to microphone 6.

V.L. DAUGHTERY (South Georgia): I would like a point of information, and on the basis of the answer, the privilege of offering a substitute motion. I would like to ask what the approximate cost of the functions of this advisory committee would be. According to our rules amended at the beginning of this conference, that is supposed to be stated.

BISHOP LAWSON: All right, thank you. And this goes to the publishing house? Our rules have to do with matters that are supported by CFA, so the rule probably does not touch this, but the question is alive and let me see if Charlene might know the answer.

KAMMERER: We did not have specific budget dollars to report to you. It was shared with our committee that 1 or 2 meetings, no more than 2, would be needed to meet with persons from the publishing house. And then this advisory committee would no longer function. And it was within the parameters of the existing budget within the publishing house to do so.

BISHOP LAWSON: All right.

DAUGHTERY: Bishop?

BISHOP LAWSON: Yes, sir.

DAUGHTERY: In light of that I would like to offer, if permissible, a substitute motion.

BISHOP LAWSON: And what would be your motion?

DAUGHTERY: A motion is, as a substitute for 4, "We also recommend that the 1992 General Conference instruct the Curriculum Resources Committee of The United Methodist Church to consult and work with The United Methodist Publishing House in the development of the resources and study materials." If I get a second, I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP LAWSON: Is it seconded?

DAUGHTERY: We already have...

BISHOP LAWSON: Excuse me, sir, I've not heard a second. All right, it is variously seconded. Would you do us the kindness, please, of identifying . . . you'd indicated this was a substitute?

DAUGHTERY: Yes, sir, for 4.

BISHOP LAWSON: For all of 4?

DAUGHTERY: Yes, for all of 4.

BISHOP LAWSON: OK, thank you. Go ahead, please.

DAUGHTERY: May I speak to it?

BISHOP LAWSON: Yes, please.

DAUGHTERY: The Curriculum Resources Committee is already in place and is so ordered by the *Discipline* of the church. It is a committee that has responsibility for all of the curriculum materials of The United Methodist Church. It has 10 persons on it from the Board of Discipleship; it has 10 members at large. By its own constitution, it is chaired by a bishop of the church. It is in place, it involves 20 persons who will be doing other business, it will save the church money, and it will make use of a standing committee.

BISHOP LAWSON: All right, that is before you. You understand that what this does is to delegate this responsibility to the Curriculum Resources Committee and the publishing house in consultation with each other. Would anybody care to speak to it? Yes. Back over here? No, ma'am, over here in the white blouse, and you're coming to microphone 10.

BEVERLY J. SHAMANA (California-Pacific): Bishop, I rise to speak against the amendment. I am a member of the Board of Publications, and know that there are a variety of committees and groups that provide learning materials and teaching and study materials. I would hope that this study material would be prepared for the wide constituency of our church, and materials that would go beyond the curriculum that is provided for Sunday school classes. There are older adult materials; there are racial/ethnic materials; there are language materials. And so I hope we would leave the constitution of this group within the publishing house to their discretion. I believe that they know best how this can be put together, and so I would speak to the defeat of this amendment.

BISHOP LAWSON: Thank you. Anybody care to speak for the amendment? You're ready to vote? Your mind clear?

KAMMERER: Bishop Lawson, could I make a statement on the amendment?

BISHOP LAWSON: Yes, you certainly could.

KAMMERER: I would not support the amendment, because it does not address the concern that the committee had in amending Recommendation No. 4. Our concern was the diversity of the advisory committee, most especially to work with The United Methodist Publishing House; so I would urge you not to support the amendment.

BISHOP LAWSON: Now you're ready to express yourself, will you please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 210; "No," 749. The amendment does not succeed and this Recommendation No. 4 is still before you as presented. Yes. You're coming to microphone 3.

FRANK GAYLORD (Wisconsin): I'd just like some information, please. How do you propose to know if you have a practicing homosexual on the committee?

CHARLENE KAMMERER (Florida): Our committee did not discuss that in full, but I would presume that if a member of the committee chose to identify that part of who they are with the committee, at that point, then, the committee would also have to bring in a person who has abandoned that lifestyle.

GAYLORD: The amendment says nothing about whether or not the person avows to homosexuality.

KAMMERER: I believe the language is "practicing homosexual."

BISHOP LAWSON: Okay, that information is for you. And I recognize you, sir; you are standing by microphone 4.

DON HAND (Southwest Texas): I'm Don Hand from the Southwest Texas Conference. I move that the amended recommendation no. 4 of the implementing recommendations of the Report on the Study of Homosexuality as it appears on p. 235 of the *DCA* be amended by adding after the last sentence the following: Before adjournment of this General Conference, the Council of Bishops shall provide for the delegates a list of the names of the proposed members of the advisory committee with brief biographies of each member for approval by the delegates.

BISHOP LAWSON: All right, you have heard that motion. Is it seconded? Is it seconded? It is variously seconded. Sir, do you have anything you care to say to it?

HAND: It seems to me that this conference should complete its work, and it should know who the members of this committee will be, and it should have an opportunity to approve or disapprove of those members as they are presented.

BISHOP LAWSON: All right, thank you, sir. The matter is before you. It mandates the Council of Bishops to complete the naming of these persons with biographical sketches attached--bring them back here for your approval. Are you clear on this? Yes? Let me--yes, I think that was the case: for your approval. Microphone 2.

RESSIE MAE BASS (Florida): I would urge us to vote this amendment down because I think it is very unfair to strap the Bishops already with a tremendous responsibility for this General Conference, and I hope we will trust them to do what the amendments--what the report says. So I urge you to vote down this amendment.

BISHOP LAWSON: That's a speech against; is there anybody who'd care to speak for it? I see that you might be ready to vote. If your mind is clear, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 118; "No," 757. The amendment does not succeed, and so this matter is before you as presented. Are you ready now to make up your mind about this? I see microphone 2. And then we'll want to move ourselves, I hear your saying, quickly to a vote.

TOM GARNHART (Wisconsin): I wish to speak in opposition to the amendment proposed by the committee, especially because of its reference to practicing homosexual. I have been the pastor for 11 years of a reconciling congregation--and very proud to be so--but am aware of the total meaninglessness of the term "practicing homosexual" to anyone other than those who think there's something wrong going on in somebody else's life. My own particular orientation happens to be heterosexual, being married with a lovely woman, and I will admit to you that I am a practicing heterosexual; but that tells you absolutely nothing about what my sexual life is or is not. And when we identify someone as a practicing homosexual, we have labeled them with something that is derogatory to us who are in the majority in the community--and is meaningless in terms of ministry and working with people who identify themselves as being gay men or lesbians or bisexuals. They are identifying themselves when they do so, because that's how they understand their feelings and inner self to be. And it means nothing about what sexual practices may or may not be. Thank you.

BISHOP LAWSON: Thank you. That's a speech against what is before us in recommendation no. 4. Would somebody care to speak for the recommendation? I see back in the back row many waving hands, but I'm not real sure which one of you want the floor. There is a gentleman standing, and I have recognized him; and he is going to microphone 14.

GREGORY DELL (Northern Illinois): Bishop, I move to amend by deleting the words added by the study committee beginning with the words "If a practicing homosexual" and concluding with the words "that lifestyle," and with the second I'd speak very briefly to it.

BISHOP LAWSON: All right, is it seconded? It is seconded. Sir.

DELL: Bishop, as has already been addressed by this conference, this begins to lift up a very confusing and complex matter. As the church tries to sort its mind on issues of homosexuality, it's not clear that the balance to a practicing homosexual is a person who has declared themselves no longer practicing. One could easily argue that the balance to a practicing homosexual is a practicing heterosexual, and, conversely, that the balance to someone who has changed their lifestyle from homosexuality might be a person who has changed their lifestyle from heterosexuality. I think it's time the conference just affirm the integrity of the Council of Bishops in this process--voted to sustain my amendment by deleting this wording so that we can get on with the business of the General Conference.

BISHOP LAWSON: All right. Thank you. Is there someone who would care to speak against this proposal to delete? Yes, sir, you are standing. You're coming to microphone 14.

JOHN MILES (Little Rock): I move the question of all that's before us.

BISHOP LAWSON: Mr. Miles, you are moving all that's before us in recommendation for, I assume?

MILES: Yes, sir.

LAWSON: All right. Thank you. Is that seconded? All right. Now it'll take two-thirds of you to close off this debate. Would you please vote when the light appears.

BISHOP LAWSON: "Yes," 752; "No," 93. You have closed debate. We have two things, a progress we need to make. First of all, we have before us a motion to delete the bold type in the sentence in the middle of that proposal, which reads, "If a practicing homosexual is on the Advisory Committee, the committee shall also include a person who has abandoned that lifestyle." You'll want to vote yes or no now, on whether you agree or disagree with the deletion of it. To vote yes is to delete it. To vote no is to leave it. Would you please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 486; "No," 372, and those items are deleted. I hear a point of order. Where is it located, please? All right. You're going to microphone 10.

JAMES M. LAWSON JR. (California-Pacific): A number of our machines over here were not working.

BISHOP LAWSON: Okay. Thank you for that information. And, in fact, that is really quite critical to our life. We call that to the attention of the technicians. Okay, let me see if I can call this. If you would, no. one, delete that sentence, would you raise your hand? Thank you. If you would not, would you raise your hand? The sentence is deleted. That brings us to the main motion, without the sentence. If you would approve recommendation #4, as amendment with the exception of the bold sentence, would you raise your hand? Thank you. If you would not? And recommendation #4 is approved. And, Charlene, we turn to you.

CHARLENE KRAMMERER (Florida): And you remember, now, that we moved to recommendation no. 6 because 5 will be dealt with in other calendar item. In recommendation no. 6, the committee action was to delete the following from the recommendation. And if you turn in your red book, in section G, p. 280, section G, it's in the right hand column, line 5, there you would see the phrase. The recommendation from the committee is to delete the following: *in same-sex relationships.*

BISHOP LAWSON: So recommendation no. 6 is before you and you see it on p. 280, right hand column, center of the column, G: *Rights of Homosexual Persons*, and that is before you with the exception of the phrase, five lines down, *in same-sex relationships*, and that matter is before you. Someone. Yes, sir. You're going to microphone 13.

DAVID STANLEY (Iowa): Thank you, Bishop. I have an amendment to offer. Amend the main motion as follows: On p. 280, *DCA* vol. I, delete recommendation No. 6 and insert as a substitute paragraph 71F of the Social Principles is amended by inserting before the period at the end of the third paragraph, "and to be protected against violence and unlawful threats." Thus, that sentence of 71F, which appears near the bottom of p. 95 of your *Discipline* would read: "We insist that all persons, regardless of age, gender, marital status, or sexual orientation, are entitled to have their human and civil rights insured and to be protected against violence and unlawful threats. If there is a second, I would like to speak to that amendment.

BISHOP LAWSON: Is it seconded? It is seconded.

DAVE STANLEY: Now you know what this amendment does. Instead of adding a whole new long paragraph to the Social Principles, it adds only eight words and avoids duplication. Because with this amendment, we don't need the new paragraph 71G. In committee, we have been warned again and again, keep Social Principle language short, concise, and avoid duplication. Now, if you turn to the new paragraph 71G, which is on p. 280 of your *DCA*, you'll notice that it really is in three parts. The first sentence says, "Certain basic human rights and civil liberties are due all persons." We are committed to support these rights and liberties for homosexual persons. That is an almost exact duplication of what's already in paragraph 71F. We surely don't need to say it twice, in two different paragraphs. The second sentence of proposed new 71G is the very long sentence. Would you just read that language through. And particularly the language "in protecting their rightful claims where they have shared material resources, pensions, guardian relationships, mutual powers of attorney, and other such lawful claims typically attendant to contractual responsibilities, which involve shared contributions, responsibilities and liabilities, and equal protection before the law." Now, I would like to ask for a show of hands, all of you who understand clearly what that language does, would you please raise your hand?

BISHOP LAWSON: I would like to suggest to you that one of the fun things I get to do is to take votes. I would like to suggest to you...I am sorry that your 3 minutes are up sir, and so, let me ask you, only for clarification not for speech...I'm looking now at paragraph 71F, where is it in that material that you're making this addition?

DAVE STANLEY: The new language, Bishop, the words, "and to be protected against violence and unlawful threats," would go right at the end of the third par. It's the par. at the bottom of the page, that begins "We deplore all forms," and we're down to the last sentence, the sentence, "We insist that all persons, regardless of age, gender, marital status, or sexual orientation, are entitled to have their human and civil rights ensured." The effect of the amendment is to keep that entire sentence, but add to it at the end the words, "and to be protected against violence and unlawful threats."

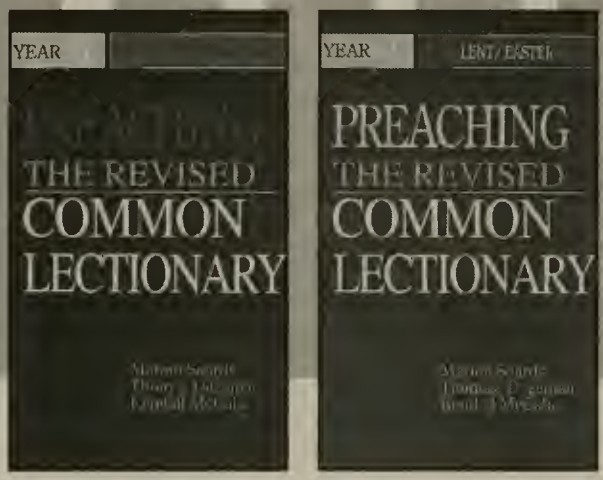
BISHOP LAWSON: All right. Thank you. The matter is before you. Anybody care to speak to it? Yes. You are coming to microphone 3?

BARBARA BLACKSTONE (Western Pennsylvania): I think the delegate that just spoke really is not working in our best interest when he's just trying to save us verbiage, and I think he is aware of that. The committee spent a great deal of time trying to spell out legal rights, which have not been in our Social Creed. These legal rights mean that care agents can have all of those powers that have been spelled out in order to protect somebody when they are in a hospital, when they have shared incomes, a host of things. So this is one time that we don't need to make this whole creed brief. We need, for the first time here, a very clear statement about the human rights, which have always been the intent of the creed and which now is a result of a very thorough study having been spelled out. Now, this is what we have heard our brothers and sisters asking for and we don't need to just trim it down. I think he's aware of that.

BISHOP LAWSON: That's a speech against the amendment. Is there somebody who would care to speak for it? Over here. You are coming out to microphone 2.

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General Conference Actions Span the Globe

Actions from ministries serving Native Americans and other groups in the United States to Christians in the former Soviet Union were approved Tuesday as delegates tackled scores of reports from legislative committees.

The Native American plan outline calls for affording better access to health care and education, evangelizing in "culturally sensitive" ways, equipping pastors to serve Native American congregations, and "eradicating the racism that is the root cause" of the community's cultural isolation. A four-year budget of $1.2 million was referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA).

A wide-ranging set of proposals to bring deaf and hearing-impaired people into a more active role was approved by an overwhelming majority on a show-of-hands vote. Needs of three separate hearing-impaired populations will be addressed.

The plan includes developing new congregations of deaf people using American Sign Language, producing sign-language Christian education resources, training Deaf candidates for the ministry and using new technologies for communication. A proposed four-year budget of $104,500 was referred to GCFA.

Delegates approved a series of recommendations for ministries to older adults. Included are such areas as spiritual growth, education, training, mission, service, and fellowship.

Hailing their decision as a "new horizon for mission," delegates authorized by 879-42 addition of a full-time bishop to supervise the work of the church in the new Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). Bishop Ruediger Minor of Dresden, Germany, told the conference he has made several trips there in recent months, traveling more than 10,000 miles by air and nearly 10,000 miles by mini-van while supervising the

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Early morning on the conference floor, food for body and thought is distributed. Charles E. Barton Jr. (Peninsula) fills the candy bowls for his delegation, while a volunteer sets out the morning's edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*.

Agenda

Wednesday, May 13

8:30 a.m.	Native American Service of Repentance and Healing
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7:30 p.m.	Calendar Items
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9:30 p.m.	Adjournment

Clergywomen's Quartet to Highlight Daily Worship Services

"Sister Spirit," a quartet of clergywomen from the Wyoming Conference, leads Wednesday worship services. They sing at 8:15 a.m. prior to the 8:30 service in the convention center and again at 2 p.m. before the 2:30 worship service at Trinity United Methodist Church.

"Sister Spirit" members, who have been together since 1989, have sung in a variety of settings ranging from a small lakeside pavilion to some of the conference's largest sanctuaries. They sang at annual conference sessions, district-sponsored programs, conference United Methodist Women's gatherings, and the 1991 Northeastern Jurisdiction laity retreat. As four active clergywomen, the members are committed to their calls to ordained ministry within The United Methodist Church.



"Sister Spirit" will help lead worship today. From left, members are Susan Heafield, Rebekah Sweet, Vicki Johnson, Janet Bryant Clark.

Quartet members include the Rev. Janet Bryant Clark, who with her husband, the Rev. Doug Clark, serves the Appalachian and Little Meadows (N.Y.) United Methodist churches; the Rev. Susan Heafield, pastor of the Rome and North Orwell Union (N.Y.) churches; the Rev. Rebekah Sweet, director at Sky Lake Retreat and Conference Center; and the Rev. Vicki Johnson, pastor of Gibson, Lakeside, and South Gibson (N.Y.) United Methodist churches.

Bishop Melvin Talbert of the San Francisco Area preaches in the morning. Liturgist is the Rev. Peter Chen, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, San Jose, Calif. Organist is Melanie Williams, music associate at Christ Church United Methodist, Louisville.

In the afternoon, the Rev. Joseph Chrispin Renner, conference secretary of the Sierra Leone, West Africa, Area will bring the message. Liturgist is Doris J. Rudy, Evanston, Ill., lay leader of the Northern Illinois Conference. Organist is Madge Hoon, Christ Church United Methodist, Louisville.

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Daily Edition, p. 347, col. 1, Item No. 879—This item was referred to GBOD, not recommended, as reported, for nonconcurrence.

'Mother God' Edited; Assembly Adopts Worship Book

Church liturgy adopted for United Methodist use May 11 contains fresher, more diverse references to the Deity than ever before, even some referring to God as "parent" and "both mother and father."

The Book of Worship, first ritual book since the denomination formed in 1968, was overwhelmingly approved (809 to 149) by delegates of the 1992 General Conference meeting here. Designed for use by local church pastors and worship leaders, the book contains official ritual and optional prayers, songs and orders of worship.

A 23-member revision panel worked during 1985-87, sifting through traditional and modern songs, services and prayers in developing a book to satisfy eclectic tastes and concerns.

Bishop Susan M. Morrison, who headed the revision panel, was pleased with the vote, praising the new images for God reflected in many prayers as "a move forward."

Besides traditional references to "father" and "Lord," God is addressed as "Grandfather, Great Spirit," "Author of Life," "Parent," and "God, our grove, our lover, our well."

However, the denomination's law-makers stopped short of allowing direct references to "O Mother God."

Gender-specific references for God stirred discussion about the *Book of Worship.* As with the 1989 *United Methodist Hymnal,* delegates squared off on question of God's feminine and masculine natures, their decisions often hinged on the difference between simile and metaphor.

Two prayers beginning "O Mother God," and "Bakerwoman God" were edited to "O Creator" and "God, like a bakerwoman," ostensibly to make them more palatable to grass-roots United Methodists.

Several delegates, including Jane Turner-Borden of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., tried unsuccessfully to resurrect the direct references to God as mother. "The legislative committee has written out women ... written out 'Mother God,'" she said, calling for reconsideration.

But, beleaguered by a backlog of other business General Conference delegates voted overwhelmingly to sidestep debate on language and trust the work of both the revision panel and the legislative committee.

Along with language updates, the new worship book boasts diversity in ritual from ethnic minority traditions. The new worship book includes a service of "Las Posadas" (Christmas Eve) from Mexico; prayers and songs from Cherokee, Lakota, Dakota and Suquamish traditions and the "Tongsung Kido" (Pray Aloud), a Korean Christian model for praying.

"A Native American Service of Thanksgiving" was deleted at the request of Native American delegates and members of their churchwide caucus, in deference to some tribal leaders who opposed a "Christianized" version of a traditional Indian rite.

During discussion of the *Book of Worship* there was a brief scuffle about a service of infant dedication, rejected earlier by both the revision committee and the legislative committee as an attempt to undermine the historic United Methodist practice of infant Baptism.

The Rev. Riley B. Case, Kokomo, Ind., urged fellow delegates to includes such a service because it was included in the 1963 ritual book of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church (a forerunner of United Methodism). He also favored it for parents who may not support infant Baptism.

However, Bishop George W. Bashore, Pittsburgh, a former Evangelical United Brethren pastor, denied consistent use of the service in his former denomination. He suggested that infant Baptism was historically affirmed in EUB and forerunner churches, and effectively persuaded General Conference delegates to leave out the dedication service.

The book may be released as early as this fall, and priced at $24.95, said the Rev. Andy Langford, Nashville, Tenn., editor.

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A Celebration Through Music

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The Louisville Conference Massed Choir, accompanied by Yamaha piano, Rodgers organ, and a 26-member orchestra, provided the first half of the program. Under the direction of Michael Beattie and Daniel R. Stokes, the musicians from 16 area churches entertained and led the audience/congregation in an abbreviated version of the Festival of Hymns which was originally written for the dedication of the 1989 United Methodist Hymnal.* An interpreter signed the performance for the hearing impaired.

"Now Thank We All Our God" was the first of several hymns arranged for the choir and congregation to sing to each other. The music soared to the brass and crystal chandeliers above. The French horn introduction set the mood perfectly for "Amazing Grace." Women's voices with piano and men's voices with organ led to the triumphal final stanza. Trumpets and sopranos soared an octave above the melody to declare "we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun."

Annie Cain Bolden, wife of associate director Michael Bolden, brought the house to its feet with her last note of "Blessed Assurance." Daniel Light, who holds a master's degree in piano performance from the University of Louisville, brought the choir to a "bluesy," gospel style on the second verse. Each additional verse built to the climactic high note.

The Massed Choir finished its 45-minute segment of the program with "Lift High the Cross." Trumpet, French horn, and tympani contributed to the thrilling finish.

After a 25-minute intermission, Dr. Glenn Draper moved the assembly from "Blessed Assurance" to "I Am Bound for the Promised Land" for the Junaluska Singers' entrance. They continued in the camp song vein with a medley of hymns featuring several solos and duets, interspersed with congregational singing.

The master conductor led the Junaluska Singers and the assembly through a set of spirituals and Advent songs. He said that spirituals are the most popular and requested ways to spread the gospel.

The Junaluska Singers feature sensitive instrumentalists, some wonderfully trained voices and sparkling personalities. Their homespun costumes worn during the first half were exchanged for the women's green dresses with white lace, and the men in tuxes. The second half began in candlelight and ended with a rousing rendition of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," which brought the assembly to its feet as the house lights came up. Their encore was a four-part presentation of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The Junaluska Singers are the official musicians for the Southeastern Jurisdiction administrative council and Lake Junaluska Assembly.

They perform each summer for various programs on the assembly grounds. They also tour and record. Appreciative attendees purchased tapes after the performance. The response to these two groups witnessed to a fine way to spend part of the Sabbath.

—Patricia Ann Meyers

The successor to Hymn Festival Celebration is a Great Day of Singing, available from Cokesbury. It can be adapted to any local church setting for large- or small-membership choirs and churches.



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Macauley Theatre was the setting for the Host Conference Event, which included a hymn sing and a program by the Junaluska Singers.



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Dao Stokes, choirmaster at Christ UMC, Louisville, exhorts his musicians during "Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise."

Bits 'n Pieces

These items are in the "Did you know?" department. If you have interesting tidbits to share about delegates or doings, please jot them down and bring them to Barbara Dunlap-Berg at the *DCA* office on the lower level of the convention center.

First United Methodist Church, Birmingham, Mich., boasts five delegates representing the Detroit Conference. They are the Rev. Juanita J. Ferguson (reserve), Phyllis M. Martz (reserve), the Rev. Lynette Stallworth (reserve), Harold S. Stanton, and the Rev. Robert P. Ward.

Three members of the East Ohio Conference delegation are from Church of the Savior United Methodist Church, Canton. They are the Rev. William R. Harvey, senior pastor; the Rev. Benita Rollins, associate pastor (reserve); and Jean Thompson, a homemaker and full-time volunteer.

Two members of the Little Rock Conference delegation hail from Lakeside United Methodist Church, Lake Village, Ark. Marilynn Loyd is a lay delegate, and her pastor, the Rev. Paulette O'Dell, is a reserve clergy delegate.

Bishop Roy Short's wife of 65 years, Louise, is here with him, as is their son, Riley. She makes sure he gets to the Council of Bishop meetings.

Tom Jackson, lay delegate from the North Georgia Conference, is the third generation of his family to be a delegate to General Conference. His great-grandfather was James E. Dickey, president of Emory University and a bishop of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His grandfather was the Rev. Henry H. Jones of the North Georgia Conference, a delegate to the 1939 Uniting Conference. Jackson first served as a General Conference delegate in 1988.

Everyone had the opportunity to experience music with a greater dimension Sunday afternoon and evening. The Rev. LaVerle Carrington masterfully signed the performance of the Louisville Conference Massed Choir and the Junaluska Singers at Macauley Theater. The rhythm and feeling expressed through his inspired hand movements gave even greater meaning to being "lost in wonder, love, and praise." Carrington directs disability ministries for the Central Illinois Conference.

Among the volunteer marshals for this General Conference is the Rev. Danita R. Anderson, Northern Illinois Conference Council on Finance and Administration president. She is the first and only Black clergywoman to hold this position in her conference and across the United States. This is her third General Conference as a marshal.

People have "discovered" InfoServ's three-minute General Conference summary tapes! During May 5-8, United Methodism's telephone information service received 850 calls for the English-language tape; 102 requests for the Spanish-language version; and 25 calls for the Korean-language tape. These are toll calls, InfoServ director Woodley McEachern notes, and InfoServ's toll-free regular information line continues receiving telephone inquiries related to a variety of issues. The English-language summary tape is available around-the-clock, (615) 742-5432. Korean- and Spanish-language tapes may be heard on request via InfoServ's toll-free line, (800) 251-8140.

Mrs. N.A. Mayes, Houston, Texas, is attending her 12th General Conference. She was elected a delegate to the 1956 and 1960 General Conferences and has attended every session since then, including the special sessions in 1966 and 1970. Although she won't tell her age, Mrs. Mayes admits she was born in the 19th century. She is the widow of the Rev. F.D. Mayes, Texas Conference, and the mother of the Rev. Allan M. Mayes, retired associate general secretary of the General Board of Pensions.

As of noon May 12, gifts to the Albany Area Challenge topped $3,400. Half of that amount was added to that day's offering for the Los Angeles relief (Advance Special No. 901735-2); the other half will help feed Louisville's estimated 11,000 homeless people.

When U. Methodists meet in convention,
They attract everybody's attention.
They meet night and day
'Cause they like it that way,
Passing motions too numerous to mention.

—Vern Bigler



BETTIE STORY PHOTO

Four of the 16 delegates from the Central Illinois Conference are related to Grace UMC in Decatur, Ill. From left are Jimmy Sober, Porter Womeldorff, Donald J. Jones, and Vernie T. Barnett.

Observer, 72, Cherishes 1912 General Conference Medallion

In 1912 Dr. Frank Warren Merrell attended the Methodist Episcopal General Conference in Minneapolis as a clergy delegate from the Rock River (Ill.) Conference. One souvenir was a 1912 General Conference medallion.

Eighty years later the keepsake has returned to General Conference in the possession of the original owner's grandson, the Rev. Roger W. Merrell, 72. Roger followed in the footsteps of his grandfather and his father, the Rev. Lloyd Frank Merrell, who was a member of the Detroit Conference. After 37 years in the ministry, Roger serves as pastor emeritus of Newberg United Methodist Church, Livonia, Mich.

He is obviously proud of his grandfather whose distinguished career included serving as pastor of several churches, district superintendent, conference treasurer, and associate professor of philosophy at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Louisville is the fourth General Conference Roger Merrell has attended. He was also an observer in St. Louis (1988), Baltimore (1984), and Portland, Ore. (1976).

Why does he keep coming back? He says he enjoys "keeping up on the latest developments, the fellowship, and the great inspiration of worship and singing."

Yes, he knows the next General Conference will be in Denver. And in four years at age 76, he plans to be there for "keeping up," inspiration, fellowship, and downhill skiing—which is free for persons 70 years old and over in many ski areas.

—Wilma De Spain



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This 1912 General Conference medallion now belongs to Roger W. Merrell. The obverse reads "Minneapolis, Minnesota May 1912."

TV Focuses on Refugees, Russian Food Lift

Tune in your hotel room televisions at 7-8 a.m. and 9-10 p.m. today for a showcase of our United Methodist TV ministry.

"Why We Care About Refugees" features a compassionate account of the plight of people searching for freedom and peace. Stories of refugee families from El Salvador, Ethiopia, and Haiti are told, along with the testimonies of persons who reached out to help.

"Catch the Spirit" crews visit Moscow in today's program. Co-host Hilly Hicks talks with citizens about Russia's uncertain future. Recently, United Methodists in the United States, in cooperation with the Russian Orthodox Church, participated in a United Methodist Committee on Relief project to help feed hungry Russians. More than 9,000 food parcels were delivered in the first food lift. The request for local church participation created an avalanche of response.

Watch these programs on Channel 8, Brown Hotel; Channel 6, Galt House/Galt House East and Holiday Inn Downtown; Channel 4, Hyatt; Channel 14, Seelbach; and check your Visitel channel listing for other hotels.

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Bishop Thomas Recalls Final Days of Methodism's Central Jurisdiction

Bishop James S. Thomas is the only bishop ever elected by a jurisdictional conference whose members knew they were electing an episcopal leader to serve another jurisdiction.

His story is one man's account of the last days of Methodism's Central Jurisdiction. "It was a jurisdiction," he says, "but it certainly was not central!" The jurisdiction included 18 conferences extending from the Atlantic seaboard to the Pacific, from New Orleans to Chicago, and from northern New York to Liberia.

Bishop Thomas was the 13th bishop elected by Methodism's racially segregated jurisdiction. By June 1964 plans were in place to end the Central Jurisdiction. When delegates met at Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla., that same month and year, they elected James Thomas to the episcopacy on the 17th ballot, knowing that by 1968 the jurisdiction would be no more.

The young bishop was assigned to the Chicago Area of the Central Jurisdiction, which embraced what was then known as the Lexington Conference.

"I was a Central Jurisdiction bishop for 23 days," says Bishop Thomas. "On July 8 I was warmly welcomed at the North Central Jurisdiction Conference, meeting in Cleveland, Ohio. The next day I was assigned to the Iowa Area, the first Black bishop to serve a White episcopal area."

Bishop Prince Taylor also was assigned that year to a Central Jurisdiction Area for less than a month. But since he had already served in Liberia for two quadrenniums, his tenure in the jurisdiction was eight years.

Bishop Taylor thinks the story of the "missionary" bishops is instructive. After the Uniting Conference of 1939, the Methodist Church assigned some of the overseas work to various jurisdictions for the purpose of episcopal supervision. Bishop Taylor says he was not surprised when, in 1956, he—the new bishop—was sent to Liberia. "It was certainly a non-White conference," he said.

He recalls how the Northeastern Jurisdiction met at Syracuse University in 1964. Appropriate actions to enable the transfer of bishops had been taken by the General Conference, the various jurisdictions, and some of the annual conferences in keeping with "amendment nine."

"I was pleased and not surprised," says Bishop Taylor, "when Bishop Ward and Charlie Parlin asked me to come to Syracuse. When I got there, we discovered we still needed the approval of the Central Jurisdiction College of Bishops before the Northeastern Jurisdiction could assign me. So I called my four colleagues in the college that very night. By the next morning I had wires from all of them, and I was voted in by the Jurisdictional Conference. It happened so fast that Charlie Parlin, who was chairman of the Episcopal Committee, didn't have time to write a motion before it came to the floor."

Less than a month after he was assigned to the Baltimore Area of the Central Jurisdiction, Bishop Taylor was assigned to the New Jersey Area of the Eastern Jurisdiction. Before the quadrennium ended, the Central Jurisdiction was history.

Bishop Thomas describes in elaborate detail the complex mechanism set in motion by "amendment nine," citing an intriguing calendar for scheduling conferences and enabling motions, writing resolutions, and developing procedures for moving bishops, phasing out conferences, and transferring churches.

"The plan was probably the best we could get," he says. "But it opened the door for the church to pick off our strongest Black churches one by one, leaving the others to get by as best they could."

As he recalls the events of the '60s, he especially remembers the General Conference of 1960. Delegates were divided as they wrestled with racial inclusiveness. In 1956 a committee had been appointed to study the Central Jurisdiction. Their report, adopted in 1960, was seen by many as a stalling action rather than as a strong effort to eliminate what they believed to be a sin within the church.

Bishop Taylor speaks of the 1960 conference as "moving slowly toward inclusiveness." Bishop Thomas remembers it as a time of bitter disappointment.

Church records reveal that Jim Thomas, a young Black preacher who was not a member of that General Conference but who was present in Denver when it met, rose from his disappointment to serve for the next few years on the Central Jurisdiction's "Committee of Five."

The five set two clear objectives. They would pressure the church to move toward racial inclusiveness and do everything in their power to persuade their Black brothers and sisters not to leave the church they loved so much.

"Some of our finest Black pastors," says Bishop Thomas, "were talking about walking out...leaving the church. We told them, 'We can't leave; it's our church.'" In 1962 the Committee of Five called a group of concerned church leaders together in Cincinati. Most of the group agreed they would not "bolt," as Bishop Thomas puts it.

Asked why Black Christians did not leave the church, his answer was simple and direct. "We knew there were innumerable Christians in the church who kept the prophetic witness alive. They were, to many of us, role models for our Christian lives. Their voices, like their lives, never ceased to insist that the gospel is inclusive. It has always been so."

Asked to name some of the propetic giants of that era, Bishop Thomas names Paul Kern, Dwight Loder, William C. Martin, Richard C. Raines, Ralph Sockman, Ernest Freemont Tittle, and Ralph Ward. "There are many, many others," he says, "all the way back to Wesley and before."

He has especially warm memories of one of his role models, Bishop Raines. "He was a gentle but strong opponent of exclusion of any kind. He insisted on a special service to recognize my inclusion in the North Central Jurisdiction. As I settled in an unfamiliar community in Iowa, he called me many times to be sure I was all right. 'Jim,' he would say, 'I just want you know I'm here any time you need me.' And he always was."

He mentions a colorful, but less well-known figure, the lay delegate of several General Conferences, Chester Smith. Smith came to be known throughout the church as "the conscience of the General Conference" because he was so consistently outspoken for peace, justice, and inclusiveness. Bishop Thomas remembers him with gratitude because he was a "no-compromise Christian."

For 40 years Bishop Thomas has been at the center of the church's slow but certain movement toward inclusiveness. Asked to explain why so many Christians a generation ago, or today, believe in a doctrine of "separate but equal," Bishop Thomas replies, "We can only understand by placing such people in the context of three centuries of stereotyping and an insidious merging of culture and theology which blinds even our best-loved sisters and brothers to what it means to be one human family."

—Vern Bigler



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Bishop James S. Thomas (right) listens at the Black Methodists for Church Renewal dinner on Sunday, May 10. He is joined by Bishop Felton E. May.



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Bishop Prince A. Taylor Jr. was elected to the episcopacy in 1956.

View From the Eye of the Needle

I wonder how many miles of thread and yarn have gone into needlework projects during this General Conference. I've seen cross-stitch, needlepoint, crochet, knitting, and crewel embroidery...busy fingers creating something beautiful and concrete from a plethora of tangled strings.

What a hopeful metaphor for the General Conference and the church as a whole. We are a diversity of multicolored, multi-textured threads. We often are tangled and in knots. It takes time, patience, perseverence, and know-how to turn these threads into something beautiful.

It is the essence of faith to believe that the General Conference and the church can do just that. As one of the hopeful, prayerful needleworkers here, I hope that the church will emerge with something concrete and beautiful that we can live with at the end of this General Conference.

—Patricia Ann Meyers

Eight years of planning culminate as General Conference unfolds

An estimated 20,000 to 30,000 local volunteer hours went into the making of the 1992 General Conference, according to Bill Yates, Local Arrangements Committee co-chair.

Eight years ago the Louisville Conference voted to host General Conference, and about three years ago Bishop Robert H. Spain, Yates and the other co-chair, the Rev. Wallace E. Thompson, pastor of Christ Church United Methodist, began getting the wheels in motion. The three men—along with six vice chairs, a secretary, and a treasurer—met quarterly, then monthly, then weekly.

A retired executive and member of Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church, Yates figures that during the first two years he spent about 30 percent of his time preparing for General Conference and "for the past year . . . 100 percent of every day and every night."

The six vice chairs worked with 40 coordinators, arranging transportation, staffing the first aid station, welcoming delegates at the airport, making preaching assignments, and finding cookie bakers.

"You name any type of transportation needed at any hour, and we have had it," Yates says. "These drivers have had transportation available from 7 a.m. to midnight or after." The cookies—more than a million altogether—arrive from kitchens all over the Louisville area.

Another major feeding effort is the daily luncheon for international delegates, served at Fourth Avenue Church. The General Board of Global Ministries pays for catering, but local volunteers serve and clean up afterward.

"Our conference started setting aside $12,000 a year for four years," Yates said. "It was the least ever to be set aside for a General Conference. We had to raise additional funds." Their fund-raising efforts included the area program, "Lost in Wonder, Love and Praise," and the bishops' reception.

For the opening Communion service, the committee recruited 80 local clergy to serve the sacrament to 4,000 visitors, while the bishops offered the bread and the cup to delegates.

Will the committee's work end with the final General Conference action Friday night? "Volunteers will be very much involved in the 'aftermath,'" Yates said, adding that final work will take up to a month.

Although Yates said no tasks have proven impossible, emergencies have arisen: teeth to be pulled, other types of medical assistance to be provided, barriers to be removed, and reasonably priced housing within walking distance of the convention center to be found.

—Wilma DeSpain

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church's work in CIS for the past several months at the request of the Council of Bishops.

"Everywhere I went ... I found the true marks of the people of God: dedication and enthusiasm for the work, openness for others, and fellowship, but also suffering for Christ's sake," he said. "Human beings are at work, but truly this work is from God," Bishop Minor said.

In another international action, the General Conference on Monday afternoon recognized "Acts of Covenant" with eight churches that developed from world mission work. Under the covenants, The United Methodist Church and each autonomous partner church will recognize one another's baptisms and ordained ministries as authentic. They commit themselves to share Holy Communion and to conduct joint programs and exchange visits.

Covenanting churches are the new Methodist Church of Puerto Rico, the Methodist Church in the Republic of China, the Methodist Church of Indonesia, the Basel Christian Church of Malaysia, the National Primitive Evangelical Methodist Church of Guatemala, the Methodist Church in Nigeria, the Methodist Church in Kenya, and the Methodist Church in Ghana.

Late Monday night, the delegates voted by 485-470 to relocate the General Board of Global Ministries from New York City. A site-selection task force will recommend to the 1996 General Conference a new headquarters location for the board, and spell out funding sources and other factors related to the plan.

The move had been recommended by a task force ordered by the 1988 General Conference. The task force said there should be long-term economic benefit to the church because of lower cost of services, materials, and facility operating costs; and a location closer to the center of United Methodist population could help create a greater sense of ownership among church members.

Late Monday the delegates completed election of the Judicial Council for 1993-96. Named to the church's highest court were Evelynn S. Caterson, Absecon, N.J.; Wesley Bailey, Winston-Salem, N.C.; and the Revs. Zan Holmes, Dallas; Susan Henry-Crowe, Atlanta; and Theodore H. Walter, North Augusta, S.C.

Tuesday afternoon, Tom Matheny, Hammond, La., attorney, was elected to his fifth term as council president. Other officers are Sally Askew, Elberton, Ga., vice president; and the Rev. Wayne W. Coffin, Oklahoma City, secretary.

Four persons were elected to the University Senate—Carolyn Johnson, West Lafayette, Ind.; Marjorie Suchocki, Claremont, Calif.; and the Revs. F. Thomas Trotter, Anchorage, and Julius S. Scott, Augusta, Ga. Trotter and Scott were elected chief executive officers and will be responsible for coordinating the work of the 25-member Senate.

—Robert Lear

Announcements

Unfortunately, the *DCA* staff is unable to provide audiotapes of the Sunday service due to copyright restrictions.

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The Delegate Lounge, located in room 113 on the lower level, is open daily. The Host Committee still has a backlog of nearly 100,000 cookies available for munching in the closing days of General Conference. Delegates are invited to drop by for a refreshing fillup.

Wednesday, May 13

The New York West Area delegation will meet Wednesday, May 13 for dinner, Churchill Downs Room, Hyatt Regency, 6 p.m. Cost is $18 per person. Contact Don Bueg, room 1028, Galt House.

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Today's luncheon forum of the Reconciling Congregation Program will be "Studying Homosexuality," with members of the UMC Study Committee on Homosexuality—Jeanne Barnett, Sally Geis, Tex Sample, David Seamands and Wesley Williams—reflecting on their study process and offering advice to congregations and conferences undertaking such studies. The forum will be in the Finish Line Banquet Room of the Days Inn Hotel at Liberty and Second, 12:45 p.m. A sandwich lunch will be available for $6.50. Please call 585-2200, ext. 615 to reserve.

Northern Covenant will gather for fellowship Wednesday, May 13 after the last plenary, room 203. Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska areas, welcome.

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Ordained and Diaconal Ministry Legislative Committee will meet briefly in room 201 immediately following the morning session on Wednesday, May 13. There are three routine petitions we need to vote on.

Thursday, May 14

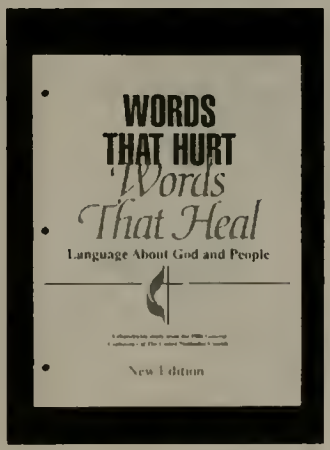
The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women will sponsor a briefing on "Sexual Harassment" and "How To Prevent Sexual Harassment in the Church," Thursday, immediately following noon adjournment (45 minutes only), room 115, convention center.

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The Inter-Jurisdictional Executive Committee on Episcopacy will meet Thursday, May 14, room 203, convention center immediately following the afternoon session.

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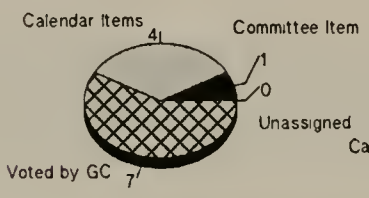
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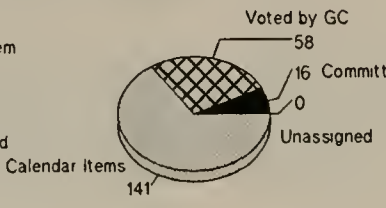
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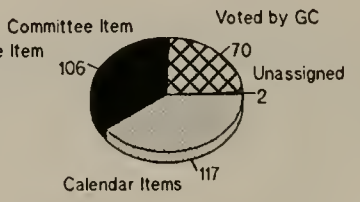
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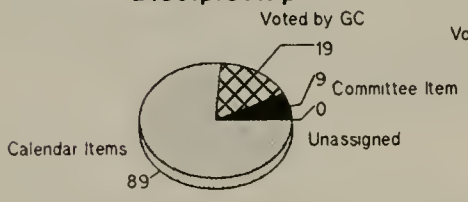
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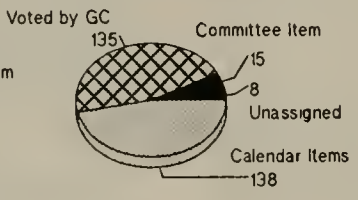
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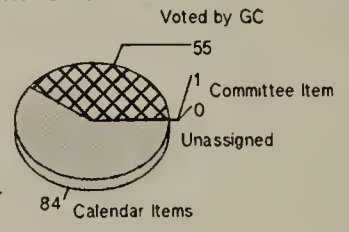
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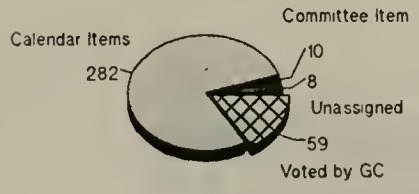
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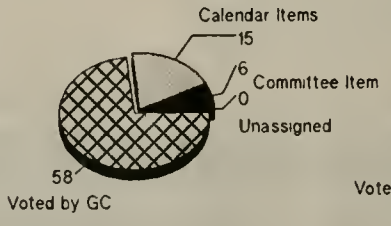
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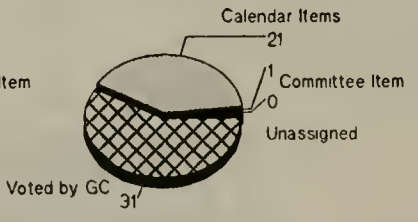
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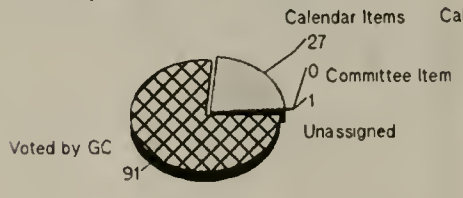
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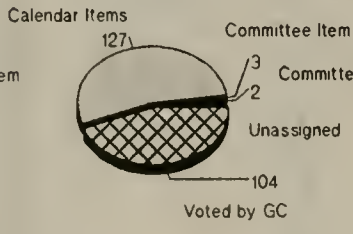
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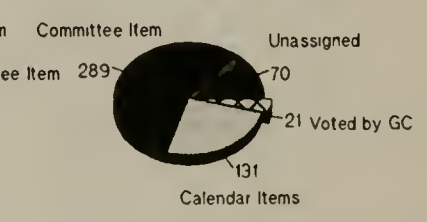
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Data for 5/12/92 Midnight

These charts picture the work done by each legislative committee. "Unassigned" shows the number of petitions that the committee has not yet addresssed. "Committee Items" records the number of petitions being worked on somewhere in the committee. "Calendar Items" indicates the number of petitions voted on and released by the committee. "Voted by GC" shows the number of calendar items that have been voted on by the General Conference plenary. GRAPHS COURTESY OF JOHN AND MEL BRAWN.

Legislative Committee Reports

Church and Society

The committee concurred with petitions to:

- change the language in the Social Principles preamble from "God our Father" to "God our Creator" (with a minority report suggesting use of both Father and Creator);
- lift up a wide variety of practices to achieve environmental justice for a sustainable future, including elimination of over-consumption, altered lifestyles, and measures to protect the air, earth, and water, and conserve energy;
- amend the Social Principles paragraph on "Animal Life" (70 C) to "reject the abuse" of animals used in medical and cosmetic research;
- add words to the Social Principles section on "Our Social Creed" to declare the "right and duty of persons to work *for the glory of God and for the* good of themselves and others...";
- reaffirm the denomination's commitment to "mission and ministry" in Appalachia, coordinated through the Appalachian Development Committee and working with ecumenical, community, and government organizations in programs dealing with the "worsening conditions" in the area;
- call on churches to analyze their water usage as well as upon manufacturers, government, and consumers to develop and use water-conserving techniques and practices;
- lift up conditions of racial harassment, call on church agencies to establish policies addressing such harassment, and urge church and government agencies to deal with hate crimes;
- provide a new resolution on "Sexual Harassment and The United Methodist Church," giving guidance on specific implementation (including educational resources, sexual harassment policies in place at United Methodist agencies and institutions, and advocacy for just laws to eliminate sexual harassment) of the present sexual harassment resolution (pp. 374-77, *1988 Book of Resolutions.*

—Lee Ranck (May 12, 4:45 p.m.)

Additional Petitions

256.

Petition Number: LC-12463-256-D; James and Dorothy O'Quinn, Chesapeake, VA.

Housing Not to be Considered as Part of Compensation or Remuneration.

Amend ¶256.3f:

3f. . . . Housing shall not be considered as part of compensation or remuneration, but shall be considered as a means provided by the local church, and for the convenience of the ~~local church~~ **Annual Conference**, to enable its ministry ~~of the Annual Conference~~.¶

Petitions Ruled Invalid

FM	11837	–0071D
FM	12455	–3000R

733.

Petition Number: MN-12461-0733-D. EPA.

Lay Observers on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.

Amend ¶733.1

1. Each Annual Conference at the first session following the General Conference shall elect, for a term of four years, a Board of Ordained Ministry, consisting of not fewer than six ordained ministers in full connection ~~Lay observers shall be elected~~ **and not fewer than six laypersons who shall** ~~to~~ participate in the work of the board ~~but without vote~~ **except on matters prohibited by Para. 36, Article 2 in the Constitution.**

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1. Each Annual Conference at the first session following the General Conference shall elect, for a term of four years, a Board of Ordained Ministry consisting of not fewer than six ordained ministers in full connection~~:~~ **with a corresponding number of laypersons.** Lay ~~observers~~ **persons** shall be elected to participate in the work of the board ~~but without~~ **with** vote, **except on matters prohibited by Para. 36, Article 2 in the Constitution.**

Report of the General Council on Finance and Administration on General Fund Budgets

The recommendations of the General Council on Finance and Administration related to general apportioned fund budgets are found in summary form on page 301 of the Advance Edition of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, and in the individual fund reports on pages 303-318 of the Advance Edition.

The following reports are included in the pages which follow in this edition of the *DCA*:

- Report of the General Council on Finance and Administration on Budgetary References from the 1992 General Conference.
- A recommended revised budget for the World Service Fund, incorporating a new line item for "1992 General Conference New Programs." This line item would serve as the source of funding for those new programs for which GCFA is recommending allocations from the World Service Fund. This revised budget includes funding for those items without increasing the fund total of $495,652,000 contained in the original recommendation.

Following these reports are informational reports related to the majority and minority reports of the Financial Administration Legislative Committee:

- Budget Information Related to the Minority Report: Quadrennial Total, $472,000,000 — Summary
- Budget Information Related to the Majority Report: Quadrennial Total, $448,928,000 — Summary
- Budget Information Related to the Minority Report: The World Service Fund
- Budget Information Related to the Majority Report: The World Service Fund
- Budget Information Related to the Minority Report: The General Administration Fund
- Budget Information Related to the Majority Report: The General Administration Fund
- Budget Information Related to the Minority Report: The Interdenominational Cooperation Fund
- Budget Information Related to the Majority Report: The Interdenominational Cooperation Fund
- Other Changes Which Would be Needed to Implement the Minority and/or Majority Report
- Programmatic Impact of Three Budget Proposals

Report of the General Council on Finance and Administration on Budgetary References from the 1992 General Conference

The recommendations included in this report are predicated on General Conference approval of the GCFA recommendation for the World Service Fund budget. This report provides $4,000,000 for the programs which have been referred to GCFA for funding recommendations.

In the informational reports related to the majority and minority reports of the Financial Administration Legislative Committee, $2,000,000 and $2,500,000 respectively is reserved for these programs. Should the General Conference adopt either of those reports, GCFA will report recommendations in reduced amounts for these purposes to the General Conference for its action and determination before its adjournment.

Ten legislative committee reports have been adopted by the General Conference and referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration, for recommendations as to how the programs contained in them will be funded. The following are GCFA's recommendations related to these items:

1. Special Program: Substance Abuse. The report as amended and adopted by the General Conference requests the allocation of $2,000,000 from apportioned funds, with additional funds to be sought by way of general Advance Specials.

GCFA recommends that $1,000,000 be included in the World Service Fund budget for the quadrennium on-ratio, and that approval to seek additional funds by means of general Advance specials be requested. The receipts allocated to this program shall be administered by GBGM.

2. Special Program: Campus Ministry. The report as amended and adopted by the General Conference requests $500,000 from apportioned funds and $458,600 from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry World Service Fund allocation.

GCFA recommends that funds be allocated as available to this special program from the budget of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

3. National Plan for Hispanic Ministry. The report as adopted by the General Conference requests $3.1 million in apportioned funds for the implementation of the plan.

GCFA recommends that $2 million for program be included in the World Service Fund budget for the quadrennium, on-ratio, allocated to the general program boards approximately as follows, with final allocation to be determined by the Committee on Hispanic Ministries through the GCOM in consultation with the program boards.

General Board of Church and Society $ 300,000

General Board of Discipleship $ 300,000

General Board of Higher Education & Ministry $ 300,000

General Board of Global Ministries $1,100,000

Consideration may be given by GBGM to the possibility of seeking approval for additional funding through general Advance specials and by the other boards through World Service Special gifts.

The operating costs of the Committee on Hispanic Ministries, including staff, (as outlined in the Advance DCA, page 724), will be determined by the General Council on Ministries and the four program boards in consultation with the Committee on Hispanic Ministries. Such expenditures will come from existing board budgets and/or GCFA contingency funds.

4. 1993-1996 Quadrennial Theme. The report as amended and adopted by the General Conference requests $300,000 for implementation of the Quadrennial Theme, "Celebrate and Witness: Celebrate God's Grace—Witness for Jesus Christ."

GCFA recommends that funds needed for this purpose be allocated by the General Council on Ministries and United Methodist Communications, from their budgets, in such amounts as they may determine.

5. Report of the Task Force on the Feasibility of Relocating the General Board of Global Ministries. The report of the Task Force requested an amount up to $100,000 for a Site Selection Task Force. As amended and adopted by the General Conference, this task force is to bring specific recommendations to the 1996 General Conference as to site, costs, and related matters. It appears that $100,000 would be inadequate to fund the work expected of the task force. GCFA therefore recommends that the expenses of the task force authorized in the report, up to $300,000 for the quadrennium, be paid from the World Service Fund, on a budget approved by GCFA.

6. Developing Congregations for Deaf Ministries. The report as adopted by the General Conference requests $104,500 for the work of a National Coordinating Committee on Deaf Ministries, accountable to the General Board of Global Ministries.

GCFA recommends that the work of the National Coordinating Committee on Deaf Ministries be funded by the General Board of Global Ministries from its budget.

7. Committee on Older Adult Ministries. The report as adopted by the General Conference requests $100,000 for the work of the committee.

GCFA recommends that the work of the Committee be funded by the General Board of Discipleship from its budget.

8. Native American Comprehensive Plan. The report as adopted by the General Conference requests $1,200,000 for the program and its administration.

GCFA recommends that $700,000 be included in the World Service Fund budget for the quadrennium, on-ratio, and that receipts be allocated to the General Board of Global Ministries. GCFA further recommends that any additional funds needed for the implementation of the Plan be provided by the General Board of Global Ministries and/or other program agencies from their budgets, in such amounts as they may determine.

9. Shared Financial Support for Native American Center. The report as adopted by the General Conference requests funding for the Center in the amount of $800,000 for the quadrennium, with specific levels of support assigned to each general program board.

GCFA recommends that the General Council on Ministries, prior to the end of the 1989-92 quadrennium, convene representatives of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the General Board of Global Ministries and the Native American Center to recommend to GCFA the amount and source of additional funding for the Center from their budgets or other sources.

10. Increase Number of Bishops in Northern Europe and West Africa Central Conferences. Provision for additional episcopal areas was not made as the Episcopal Fund budget for the quadrennium was planned. Should the General Conference act to authorize additional areas, GCFA is authorized, if it finds it necessary, to adjust the Episcopal Fund apportionment after the first year of the quadrennium to provide for the expenses of new areas.

Printing of Morning Devotional Addresses in the *Daily Christian Advocate*. Audio and videotape of morning devotional, Episcopal, and Lay addresses are available for purchase; an order form will be found on page 111 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. The estimated cost for printing these addresses in the DCA during the 1992 General Conference is $6,420. This amount would be charged against the General Conference line item in the General Administration Fund. While the Council has not formally acted on this matter, we do not believe that this would be a wise use of general church funds.

General Council on Finance and Administration
Amended Report No. 1

World Service Fund Budget

1993 – 1996

(Substitute for budget printed on page 305, Advance DCA)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Prior Claim:					
General Council on Ministries	$888,000	$910,000	$946,000	984,000	$1,023,000
Interpretation Resources	287,000	336,000	336,000	371,000	371,000
General Council on Finance and Administration	710,000 (1)	1,041,000	1,096,000	1,163,000	1,210,000
Total Prior Claims	1,885,000	2,287,000	2,378,000	2,518,000	2,604,000
On–Ratio:					
Program Agencies					
General Board of Church and Society	2,210,000	2,245,000	2,370,000	2,464,000	2,563,000
General Board of Discipleship	6,462,000	6,600,000	6,895,000	7,170,000	7,457,000
General Board of Global Ministries	23,154,000	23,700,000	24,761,000	25,749,000	26,779,000
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry	4,710,000	4,803,000	5,025,000	5,225,000	5,434,000
HANA Scholarships	550,000	550,000	575,000	608,000	632,000
General Commision on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns	805,000	900,000	1,010,000	1,050,000	1,092,000
General Commission on Religion and Race	770,000	795,000	843,000	877,000	912,000
Minority Group Self–Determination	1,285,000	1,275,000	1,190,000	1,190,000	1,210,000
General Commission on the Status and Role of Women	508,000	550,000	577,000	600,000	624,000
Total Program Agencies	40,454,000	41,418,000	43,246,000	44,933,000	46,703,000
Administrative and Other					
General Council on Ministries	818,000	850,000	877,000	912,000	948,000
United Methodist Communications					
General Services	4,978,000	5,180,000	5,390,000	5,606,000	5,829,000
Telecommunications	2,704,000	2,800,000	2,895,000	3,010,000	3,130,000
Interpretation Services	2,535,000	2,635,000	2,725,000	2,832,000	2,945,000
Special Salary & Pension Aid	2,190,000	1,936,000	2,013,000	2,088,000	2,136,000
American Bible Society	10,000	0	0	0	0
University/College Fund	250,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Project Equality	30,000	31,000	32,000	33,000	35,000
Contingency Reserve	675,000	528,000	460,000	531,000	677,000
1992 General Conference New Programs		1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total Administrative and Other	14,190,000	15,085,000	15,517,000	16,136,000	16,825,000
Total On–Ratio	54,644,000	56,503,000	58,763,000	61,069,000	63,528,000
Grand Total	$56,529,000	$58,790,000	$61,141,000	$63,587,000	$66,132,000

Note (1):
As indicated in Report No. 14, the prior claim for the General Council on Finance and Administration, unlike other prior claims, is an estimate of the income to be received from this source, rather than a firm budget amount. The estimate is heavily influenced by anticipated income from other sources such as interest on short–term investments and an on–ratio share of the General Administration Fund. As total income from those sources has decreased, especially due to the sharp drop in interest rates in recent years, the amount charged to the line item has necessarily increased.

As a result, instead of the $710,000 charge to the World Service Fund, estimated in 1987, the current 1992 estimate is for a charge of $1,388,000. The 1993 estimated charge of $1,041,000 therefore represents a significant decrease in the expected prior claim amount for the General Council on Finance and Administration.

Budget Information Related to the
Minority Report
Financial Administration Legislative Committee

Apportioned General Funds

1993 – 1996

(These budgets do not represent the recommendations of the General Council on Finance and Administration. They were prepared by GCFA to assist the General Conference in making informed decisions about funding national and international mission and ministry.)

Rpt No.		1992 Annual Apportionment	1993	1994	1995	1996
1	World Service	$56,529,000	$56,554,000	$58,215,000	$59,928,000	$61,733,000
2	Ministerial Education	24,814,457	25,293,000	25,869,000	26,497,000	27,073,000
3	Black College	10,050,000	10,080,000	10,270,000	10,574,000	10,780,000
4	Africa University	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
5	Episcopal	12,908,560	13,315,000	13,756,000	14,116,000	14,807,000
6	General Administration	3,937,000	4,005,000	4,165,000	4,356,000	4,642,000
7	Interdenominational Cooperation	1,493,000	1,403,000	1,456,000	1,512,000	1,601,000
	GRAND TOTAL	$112,232,017	$113,150,000	$116,231,000	$119,483,000	$123,136,000

1993	$113,150,000	0.8%
1994	116,231,000	2.7%
1995	119,483,000	2.8%
1996	123,136,000	3.1%
	$472,000,000	

Budget Information Related to the
Majority Report
Financial Administration Legislative Committee

Apportioned General Funds

1993 – 1996

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Rpt No.		1992 Annual Apportionment	1993	1994	1995	1996
1	World Service	$56,529,000	$53,261,000	$54,052,000	$54,855,000	$55,670,000
2	Ministerial Education	24,814,457	25,293,000	25,869,000	26,497,000	27,073,000
3	Black College	10,050,000	9,380,000	9,520,000	9,664,000	9,809,000
4	Africa University	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
5	Episcopal	12,908,560	13,155,000	13,597,000	13,955,000	14,647,000
6	General Administration	3,937,000	3,912,000	4,080,000	4,277,000	4,569,000
7	Interdenominational Cooperation	1,493,000	1,372,000	1,418,000	1,460,000	1,543,000
	GRAND TOTAL	$112,232,017	$108,873,000	$111,036,000	$113,208,000	$115,811,000

1993	$108,873,000	–3.0%
1994	111,036,000	2.0%
1995	113,208,000	2.0%
1996	115,811,000	2.3%
	$448,928,000	

Budget Information Related to the
Minority Report
Financial Administration Legislative Committee

World Service Fund

1993 – 1996

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	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Prior Claim:					
General Council on Ministries	$888,000	$888,000	$912,000	$935,000	$960,000
Interpretation Resources	287,000	330,000	334,000	370,000	371,000
General Council on Finance and Administration	710,000 (1)	1,041,000	1,090,000	1,163,000	1,278,000
Total Prior Claims	1,885,000	2,259,000	2,336,000	2,468,000	2,609,000
On–Ratio:					
Program Agencies					
General Board of Church and Society	2,210,000	2,200,000	2,260,000	2,320,000	2,385,000
General Board of Discipleship	6,462,000	6,440,000	6,625,000	6,820,000	7,020,000
General Board of Global Ministries	23,154,000	23,075,000	23,760,000	24,430,000	25,130,000
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry	4,710,000	4,690,000	4,818,000	4,970,000	5,110,000
HANA Scholarships	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000
General Commision on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns	805,000	850,000	876,000	890,000	924,000
General Commission on Religion and Race	770,000	770,000	792,000	805,000	835,000
Minority Group Self–Determination	1,285,000	1,100,000	1,135,000	1,160,000	1,200,000
General Commission on the Status and Role of Women	508,000	508,000	526,000	548,000	564,000
Total Program Agencies	40,454,000	40,183,000	41,342,000	42,493,000	43,718,000
Administrative and Other					
General Council on Ministries	818,000	810,000	832,000	860,000	880,000
United Methodist Communications					
General Services	4,978,000	4,965,000	5,125,000	5,270,000	5,430,000
Telecommunications	2,704,000	2,695,000	2,760,000	2,835,000	2,920,000
Interpretation Services	2,535,000	2,525,000	2,600,000	2,681,000	2,760,000
Special Salary & Pension Aid	2,190,000	1,936,000	2,013,000	2,088,000	2,136,000
American Bible Society	10,000	0	0	0	0
University/College Fund	250,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Project Equality	30,000	31,000	32,000	33,000	35,000
Contingency Reserve	675,000	400,000	413,000	450,000	495,000
1992 General Conference New Programs		625,000	637,000	625,000	625,000
Total Administrative and Other	14,190,000	14,112,000	14,537,000	14,967,000	15,406,000
Total On–Ratio	54,644,000	54,295,000	55,879,000	57,460,000	59,124,000
Grand Total	$56,529,000	$56,554,000	$58,215,000	$59,928,000	$61,733,000

Note (1):
As indicated in Report No. 14, the prior claim for the General Council on Finance and Administration, unlike other prior claims, is an estimate of the income to be received from this source, rather than a firm budget amount. The estimate is heavily influenced by anticipated income from other sources such as interest on short–term investments and an on–ratio share of the General Administration Fund. As total income from those sources has decreased, especially due to the sharp drop in interest rates in recent years, the amount charged to the line item has necessarily increased.

As a result, instead of the $710,000 charge to the World Service Fund, estimated in 1987, the current 1992 estimate is for a charge of $1,388,000. The 1993 estimated charge of $1,041,000 therefore represents a significant decrease in the expected prior claim amount for the General Council on Finance and Administration.

Budget Information Related to the
Majority Report
Financial Administration Legislative Committee

World Service Fund

1993 – 1996

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	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Prior Claim:					
General Council on Ministries	$888,000	$830,000	$838,000	$846,000	$855,000
Interpretation Resources	287,000	300,000	320,000	360,000	371,000
General Council on Finance and Administration	710,000 (1)	1,000,000	1,096,000	1,196,000	1,278,000
Total Prior Claims	1,885,000	2,130,000	2,254,000	2,402,000	2,504,000
On–Ratio:					
Program Agencies					
General Board of Church and Society	2,210,000	2,060,000	2,080,000	2,100,000	2,127,000
General Board of Discipleship	6,462,000	6,020,000	6,080,000	6,140,000	6,212,000
General Board of Global Ministries	23,154,000	21,640,000	21,866,000	22,087,000	22,350,000
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry	4,710,000	4,390,000	4,433,000	4,477,000	4,530,000
HANA Scholarships	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000
General Commision on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns	805,000	789,000	797,000	805,000	814,000
General Commission on Religion and Race	770,000	724,000	731,000	738,000	748,000
Minority Group Self–Determination	1,285,000	1,100,000	1,135,000	1,168,000	1,180,000
General Commission on the Status and Role of Women	508,000	478,000	483,000	490,000	500,000
Total Program Agencies	40,454,000	37,751,000	38,155,000	38,555,000	39,011,000
Administrative and Other					
General Council on Ministries	818,000	770,000	778,000	786,000	794,000
United Methodist Communications					
General Services	4,978,000	4,678,000	4,728,000	4,775,000	4,830,000
Telecommunications	2,704,000	2,525,000	2,551,000	2,576,000	2,601,000
Interpretation Services	2,535,000	2,365,000	2,410,000	2,434,000	2,460,000
Special Salary & Pension Aid	2,190,000	1,936,000	2,013,000	2,088,000	2,136,000
American Bible Society	10,000	0	0	0	0
University/College Fund	250,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Project Equality	30,000	31,000	32,000	33,000	35,000
Contingency Reserve	675,000	430,000	506,000	581,000	674,000
1992 General Conference New Programs		500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Total Administrative and Other	14,190,000	13,380,000	13,643,000	13,898,000	14,155,000
Total On–Ratio	54,644,000	51,131,000	51,798,000	52,453,000	53,166,000
Grand Total	$56,529,000	$53,261,000	$54,052,000	$54,855,000	$55,670,000

Note (1):
As indicated in Report No. 14, the prior claim for the General Council on Finance and Administration, unlike other prior claims, is an estimate of the income to be received from this source, rather than a firm budget amount. The estimate is heavily influenced by anticipated income from other sources such as interest on short–term investments and an on–ratio share of the General Administration Fund. As total income from those sources has decreased, especially due to the sharp drop in interest rates in recent years, the amount charged to the line item has necessarily increased.

As a result, instead of the $710,000 charge to the World Service Fund, estimated in 1987, the current 1992 estimate is for a charge of $1,388,000. The 1993 estimated charge of $1,000,000 therefore represents a significant decrease in the expected prior claim amount for the General Council on Finance and Administration.

Budget Information Related to the
Minority Report
Financial Administration Legislative Committee

General Administration Fund

1993 – 1996

(This budget does not represent the recommendation of the General Council on Finance and Administration. It was prepared by GCFA to assist the General Conference in making informed decisions about funding national and international mission and ministry.)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Prior Claim:					
Interpretation Resources	$3,000	$14,000	$14,000	$15,000	$15,000
On–Ratio:					
General Commission on Archives and History	600,000	675,000	698,000	722,000	747,000
Historic Shrines, Landmarks, and Sites	25,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
General Conference	900,000	741,000	763,000	786,000	810,000
General Council on Finance and Administration	1,685,000	1,803,000	1,906,000	2,031,000	2,238,000
World Methodist Council	315,000	340,000	352,000	364,000	377,000
Judicial Council	49,000	53,000	49,000	49,000	59,000
National Youth Ministry Organization	110,000	135,000	141,000	146,000	153,000
Contingency Reserve	250,000	214,000	212,000	213,000	213,000
Total	$3,937,000	$4,005,000	$4,165,000	$4,356,000	$4,642,000

Budget Information Related to the

Majority Report

Financial Administration Legislative Committee

General Administration Fund

1993 – 1996

(This budget does not represent the recommendation of the General Council on Finance and Administration. It was prepared by GCFA to assist the General Conference in making informed decisions about funding national and international mission and ministry.)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Prior Claim:					
Interpretation Resources	$3,000	$14,000	$14,000	$15,000	$15,000
On–Ratio:					
General Commission on Archives and History	600,000	675,000	695,000	716,000	738,000
Historic Shrines, Landmarks, and Sites	25,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
General Conference	900,000	741,000	763,000	786,000	810,000
General Council on Finance and Administration	1,685,000	1,803,000	1,906,000	2,031,000	2,238,000
World Methodist Council	315,000	326,000	337,000	349,000	361,000
Judicial Council	49,000	53,000	49,000	49,000	59,000
National Youth Ministry Organization	110,000	135,000	141,000	146,000	153,000
Contingency Reserve	250,000	135,000	145,000	155,000	165,000
Total	$3,937,000	$3,912,000	$4,080,000	$4,277,000	$4,569,000

Budget Information Related to
Minority Report
Financial Administration Legislative Committee

Interdenominational Cooperation Fund

1993 – 1996

(This budget does not represent the recommendation of the General Council on Finance and Administration. It was prepared by GCFA to assist the General Conference in making informed decisions about funding national and international mission and ministry.)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Prior Claims:					
Interpretation Resources	$43,000	$46,000	$46,000	$47,000	$47,000
General Council on Finance and Administration	13,000 (1)	26,000	28,000	29,000	32,000
Total Prior Claims	56,000	72,000	74,000	76,000	79,000
On–Ratio					
National Council of Churches	721,000	675,000	698,000	722,000	764,000
World Council of Churches	436,000	355,000	367,000	380,000	402,000
Consultation on Church Union	65,000	41,000	43,000	45,000	47,000
Approved Travel	95,000 (2)	154,000	159,000	165,000	174,000
Special Ecumenical Needs	65,000	36,000	37,000	38,000	40,000
Contingency Reserve	55,000	70,000	78,000	86,000	95,000
Total On–Ratio	1,437,000	1,331,000	1,382,000	1,436,000	1,522,000
Grand Total	$1,493,000	$1,403,000	$1,456,000	$1,512,000	$1,601,000

Notes to Budget:

(1) As indicated in Report No. 14, the prior claim for the General Council on Finance and Administration, unlike other prior claims, is an estimate of the income to be received from this source, rather than a firm budget amount. The estimate is heavily influenced by anticipated income from other sources, such as interest on short–term investments and an on–ratio share of the General Administration Fund. As total income from those sources has decreased, especially due to the sharp drop in interest rates in recent years, the amount charged to the line item has necessarily increased.

As a result of the $13,000 charge to the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, estimated in 1987, the current 1992 estimate is for a charge of $33,000. The 1993 estimated charge of $26,000 therefore represents a significant decrease in the expected prior claim amount for the General Council on Finance and Administration.

(2) Approved travel for United Methodist representation to ecumenical organizations was severely underfunded during the 1989–92 quadrennium. Contingencies from this fund and from the World Service Fund were used. This budget anticipates projected expenses for minimal travel.

Budget Information Related to the

Majority Report

Financial Administration Legislative Committee

Interdenominational Cooperation Fund

1993 – 1996

(This budget does not represent the recommendation of the General Council on Finance and Administration. It was prepared by GCFA to assist the General Conference in making informed decisions about funding national and international mission and ministry.)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Prior Claims:					
Interpretation Resources	$43,000	$46,000	$46,000	$47,000	$47,000
General Council on Finance and Administration	13,000 (1)	26,000	28,000	29,000	32,000
Total Prior Claims	56,000	72,000	74,000	76,000	78,000
On–Ratio					
National Council of Churches	721,000	660,000	680,000	696,000	732,000
World Council of Churches	436,000	340,000	349,000	357,000	380,000
Consultation on Church Union	65,000	40,000	41,000	42,000	43,000
Approved Travel	95,000 (2)	154,000	159,000	165,000	174,000
Special Ecumenical Needs	65,000	36,000	37,000	38,000	40,000
Contingency Reserve	55,000	70,000	78,000	86,000	95,000
Total On–Ratio	1,437,000	1,300,000	1,344,000	1,384,000	1,464,000
Grand Total	$1,493,000	$1,372,000	$1,418,000	$1,460,000	$1,543,000

Notes to Budget:

(1) As indicated in Report No. 14, the prior claim for the General Council on Finance and Administration, unlike other prior claims, is an estimate of the income to be received from this source, rather than a firm budget amount. The estimate is heavily influenced by anticipated income from other sources, such as interest on short–term investments and an on–ratio share of the General Administration Fund. As total income from those sources has decreased, especially due to the sharp drop in interest rates in recent years, the amount charged to the line item has necessarily increased.

As a result of the $13,000 charge to the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, estimated in 1987, the current 1992 estimate is for a charge of $33,000. The 1993 estimated charge of $26,000 therefore represents a significant decrease in the expected prior claim amount for the General Council on Finance and Administration.

(2) Approved travel for United Methodist representation to ecumenical organizations was severely underfunded during the 1989–92 quadrennium. Contingencies from this fund and from the World Service Fund were used. This budget anticipates projected expenses for minimal travel.

Other Changes Which Would be Needed to Implement the Minority and/or Majority Report

Report No. 2
Ministerial Education Fund

The following changes would be recommended for Report No. 2, should the General Conference choose to adopt the majority or minority report of the Financial Administration Legislative Committee, as found in Calendar No. 141:

Advance DCA, page 306: Amend item 3, **Apportionment**:

a) The apportionment shall be defined as 2 percent of the sum of the following local church expenditures: local church current program expenses, local church operating expenses, plus 45% of the amount paid for salaries and expenses of pastors and associates. The base...for the years 1988, 1989, and 1990.
b) ...the following annual apportionments:

1993	24.15%	$25,293,000
1994	24.70%	25,869,000
1995	25.30%	26,497,000
1996	25.85%	27,073,000
Total:	100.00%	$104,732,000

Report No. 5
The Episcopal Fund

The following changes would be recommended for Report No. 5, should the General Conference choose to adopt the majority report of the Financial Administration Legislative Committee, as found in Calendar No. 141:

Advance DCA, page 311: Amend item 1, **Amount of Salary**, the second paragraph:

Bishops' salaries for calendar 1993 shall remain at the level established for calendar 1992. The annual increase in bishops' salaries for calendar 1994, 1995, and 1996 shall be set...

Advance DCA, page 315: Amend Section **VII. Apportionment for the Episcopal Fund**, the second paragraph:

The apportionment for calendar 1993 shall be at a rate of 2.44% of such salaries.

Report No. 14
Budget of the General Council on Finance and Administration

The following changes would be recommended for Report No. 14, should the General Conference choose to adopt either the majority or the minority report of the Financial Administration Legislative Committee, as found in Calendar No. 141:

Advance DCA, page 329: Amend the annual budget amounts as follows:

1993	$4,088,000	(2.20%)
1994	4,311,000	5.46%
1995	4,581,000	6.26%
1996	5,024,000	9.66%

Amend the second sentence of the second paragraph as follows:

...The projected quadrennial total equals an amount that could be produced by an annual increase of less than 3%.

Add the following sentence to the end of the second paragraph:

The council maintains no operating reserves.

PROGRAMMATIC IMPACT OF THREE BUDGET PROPOSALS

When the Church of Jesus Christ compromises its redemptive capacity to dream, it forfeits its highest calling: to be the community of faith. The writer of "Hebrews" makes the bold declaration that faith possesses substance.

It is when redemptive dreams take on genuine substance that we see how pragmatic and costly it is to be a follower of Jesus. The presumed first earthly father of the Church, Simon Peter, had the same characteristic as many who came after him: he boldly mouthed the faith, but stumbled miserably when our Lord firmly insisted there is a world of difference between platitude and profession.

This is the moment when the idealism of our faith is translated into action.

Plainly, we who serve on the GCFA believe all of us are called to dream faithfully, to convert faith to substance, and to clearly show the way from platitude to consequence. That call is further clarified by the General Conference's summons to "Celebrate and Witness." The reality that we now encounter is that if certain budgets are approved, the consequence will be the diminishment, and in some cases, the loss of programs and services we at one time believed to represent the best substance of our faith-expression.

Let us be specific.

(The following data has been compiled with the assistance of General Agency staff. Final decisions would, of course, be made by the elected board members.)

THE GCFA PROPOSED BUDGET: $495,652,000

Under the GCFA proposed budget, there would be the following consequences:

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

1. A major reduction of the University/College Fund used for one-time grants for any of the 123 institutions in need of emergency assistance during times of financial stress, usually three or four annually.
2. Serious curtailment of campus ministry. Specifically, assistance to annual conferences will be eliminated and efforts to establish a national student movement will be thwarted. Funding would be curtailed for the special program on campus ministry approved by General Conference with support from 38 annual conferences.

General Commission on Communication

1. Reduce the number of "Catch the Spirit" TV programs by 30%.
2. Reduce the number of issues of local church program journals The Interpreter and el Interprete.

General Board of Church & Society

1. Native American Comprehensive Plan cannot be addressed.

General Commission on Religion and Race

1. Thwarts the new initiative to address racism as a global issue; no funds to provide resources and assistance to the Central Conferences.

General Commission on the Status and Role of Women

1. Eliminates the catalytic ability of the church to act on emerging issues such as violence against women.

THE MINORITY REPORT BUDGET: $472,000,000

In addition to the reductions accompanying the GCFA-proposed budget, this quadrennial budget will result in the sacrifice of these programs:

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

1. Reduction in the Ministerial Education Fund could result in a $200 tuition increase per student at a time when seminary students are graduating with an average debt load of $20,000 per student.

2. Reduction in the Black College Fund at a time when the eleven historically black colleges are experiencing enrollment increases.

3. A significant reduction in recruitment and enlistment of high school and college students for the ordained and consecrated ministries in a time when 40% of current clergy are nearing retirement before the end of the decade and at a time when there is increased interest in the ministry.

4. Reduction in support for ethnic centers in seminaries to train ethnic pastors and those who will work with ethnic congregations.

General Board of Discipleship

1. A 17% reduction in resources and assistance to annual conferences, districts, and local churches in the program areas of Christian education and age-level ministries, covenant discipleship, ethnic local church, evangelism,family ministries, ministry of the laity, stewardship, United Methodist Men, and worship.

General Board of Church and Society

1. Eliminate the ability to follow up on referrals from the General Conference when appropriations do not accompany legislation. Historically, the board has been able to respond to unfunded legislation though at the expense of ongoing programs.

2. Cease Infant Formula work.

3. Eliminate Genetic Science Task Force follow-up.

4. Reduce ecumenical and coalitional activities.

5. Reduce the joint New York and Washington Seminar Program, which provides leadership training for student, adult and ordination groups from various annual conferences.

6. Reduce the ethnic local church grant program, which assists local churches in expanding their ethnic ministries.

7. Reduce resources provided to annual conferences for leadership training.

8. Reduce the number of ethnic local church interns from the present 20 per year.

9. Cancel the quadrennial convocation to train and inspire local church leaders and Annual Conference Boards of Church and Society.

10. Eliminate publishing of the Social Principles in Spanish.

11. Eliminate publishing of the Social Principles in Korean.

General Commission on Communication

1. Reduce InfoServ 800 lines and the time open.

2. Discontinue the InfoServ local church address line.

3. Reduce the number of "Catch the Spirit" TV programs by 50%.

4. Reduce support for conference communication, promotion, and interpretation efforts.

5. Further reduce issues of local church program journals Interpreter and el Interprete.

6. Cancel media training for new bishops and other church leaders.

7. Reduce communication training for local church leaders.

8. Discontinue development of Christian values TV series for children.

9. Reduce United Methodist-centered public media broadcast TV specials from 3 to 2 a year.

10. Reduce news coverage of important United Methodist events in the public media and church press.

11. Curtail new initiatives for support of conference and local church radio ministries.

12. Reduce support for minority communications projects.

13. Discontinue communication intern program.

14. Reduce communication education scholarship programs.

15. Curtail educational and programmatic video projects directed to local churches.

General Council on Ministries

1. Reduce assistance to annual conferences and district councils on ministry in the areas of research and futuring.

2. Reduce assistance to and cooperation among general agencies in the areas of research and futuring.

3. Eliminate annual training event for new annual conference cabinet members.

4. Reduce ability to act on work on General Conference referrals and reports to General Conference.

General Commission on Status and Role of Women

1. Eliminate the church's proactive ability to respond to sexual harassment and abuse by elimination of field service contacts, production of resource packets, consultation with bishops and district superintendents, and research and data gathering activities.

2. Eliminate the church's ability to mediate disputes such as sex discrimination charges involving sexual harassment.

3. Eliminate programs conducted in annual conferences for women in leadership.

4. Reduce number of annual conferences and other constituency groups which receive direct assistance from 57 per year to 30 per year.

5. Reduce the number of issues of "The Flyer" from 4 to 2 annually.

6. Reduce the number of seminaries, general boards, and agencies which would be monitored from 3 to 1 annually.

7. Reduce the production of churchwide resources.

8. Eliminate the three regional training events which prepare women for leadership roles at all levels of the church structure.

General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns

1. Eliminate the implementation of new programs mandated by General Conference such as dialogue with churches from the evangelical and pentecostal traditions.

2. Reduce the number of annual conferences which would receive training programs, leadership and planning assistance.

3. Eliminate preparation of an ecumenical history of the United Methodist Church which has been under way for 5 years.

4. Eliminate resources provided to United Methodists in the area of ecumenical and interreligious programs of reconciliation and dialogue.

5. Eliminate official United Methodist presence in national dialogues when invited to participate in ending centuries-held schisms such as with the Lutherans, Roman Catholics, and Episcopalians.

6. Terminate scholarships for seminary students which enable learning experiences of formation in an ecumenical and global context.

7. Severe reduction of training materials and programs provided annual conferences.

8. Significantly reduce the United Methodist voice at ecumenical tables when critical national and global decisions are made.

9. Reduce support for seminarian attendance at the National Workshop on Christian Unity.

General Commission on Religion and Race

1. Decrease number and amount of grants from the Minority Group Self Determination Fund. Fund is accessible to projects sponsored by local United Methodist congregations, community groups and United Methodist related groups where the decision making group is predominantly racial and ethnic minority persons.

2. Reduce by 7% the approximately 250 projects traditionally funded per quadrennium. Examples of projects currently funded:

A. In Oklahoma City - A community group is sponsoring a project which addresses drug and alcohol abuse with Native American Youth from many of the approximately 15-20 tribes in that metropolitan area.

B. In California - A Vietnamese-language newspaper, sponsored by a local United Methodist congregation, that provides to the community a channel of communication that is not otherwise available. A by-product has been an increase in members.

C. In Virginia - a Black congregation is sponsoring a community tutorial program that has seen significant increase in grades for the elementary school participants.

D. In Arkansas - A Black congregation is sponsoring in the community an innovative program addressing the crisis of substance.

E. In many communities - Hispanic congregations are providing classes in English as a second language as well as orientation classes to help expedite the transition into the community for new immigrants.

3. Severe curtailment of current emphasis on ministry through and with annual conferences. The thrust is predicated in on-site training and consultation and assistance with Commissions on Religion and Race; Cabinets, Boards of Ordained Ministry and other annual conference agencies.

A. There would be fewer consultations with Cabinets and Boards of Ordained Ministry to assist in achieving more effective cross-racial appointments.

B. There would be fewer consultations with districts and local congregations around situations where ethnic minority congregations share facilities with predominantly white congregations.

C . There would be reduced resourcing of training and educational experiences to increase effective ministry in a multicultural church and society.

4. The Commission would not be able to resource the Task Force to Study Racism in Rural Areas, currently under consideration by the General Conference.

5. There would be a reduction in the on-site monitoring of theological schools, general agencies and annual conferences for racial inclusiveness in employment, participation and program delivery.

6. Less follow-up monitoring to determine the effectiveness of the mergers of the former Central Jurisdiction (all Black) annual conferences with the geographical annual conferences.

General Board of Global Ministries

1. Send fewer missionaries from the United States when those who leave service are not be replaced.

2. Transfer of significant financial support for missionaries to the local church.

3. Reduce programs at the Mission Resource Center for the training of missionary personnel.

4. Reduce grants to partner churches in the Central Conferences, autonomous churches in Africa, Latin America and Asia for program and personnel. Reduce funds and services to the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, the Alaska Missionary Conference and the Rio Grande Conference. Reduce funds and services to the newly created autonomous affiliated Methodist Church of Puerto Rico.

5. Reduce leadership development grants and scholarship assistance for students and emerging leaders of partnership churches.

6. Curtail new program initiatives such as HIV/AIDS ministry, church and community based health care programs and the Russia initiative.

7. Reduce implementation of racial-ethnic programs funded from World Service (outside GCFA-designated funds) for church development, outreach ministries and salary support.

8. Reduce ability to support new program initiatives of the 1992 General Conference, specially Substance Abuse and Violence, the National Plan for Hispanic Ministries and the Native American Comprehensive Plan.

9. Reduce allocations for Africa Church Growth and Development programs.

10. Reduce the number of church and community workers.

11. Reduce placement opportunities for young adults in both mission intern and US-2 programs.

12. Reduce funding for urban and town and country ministries.

13. Reduce support for annual conference programs of mission education training and resource development programs.

14. Reduce grants for church redevelopment and new church starts and redevelopment.

MAJORITY REPORT BUDGET: $448,928,000

Adoption of this budget will result not only in the reductions cited above, but in these additional loss consequences to our witness:

Episcopal Fund

1. Salaries for bishops will be frozen in the first year of the quadrennium at their 1992 level.

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

1. Major reduction for provision of expert assistance to Africa University.

2. Reduction in the Ministerial Education Fund could result in a $400 tuition increase per student at a time when seminary students are graduating with an average debt load of $20,000 per student.

General Board of Discipleship

1. A 33% reduction in resources and assistance to annual conference, districts and local churches in the program areas of Christian education and age-level ministries, covenant discipleship, ethnic local church, evangelism, family ministries, ministry of the laity, stewardship, United Methodist Men, and worship.

General Board of Church and Society

1. Eliminate ecumenical and coalitional work to transform Christian faith into social action.

2. Eliminate joint New York and Washington Seminar Program, which provides leadership training to student, adult, and ordination groups from annual conferences.

3. Eliminate ethnic local church grant program, which helps local churches expand their ethnic ministries.

4. Further reduce resource assistance and training programs for annual conferences.

5. Eliminate the ethnic local church intern program.

General Commission on Communication

1. Drastically reduce InfoServ 800 lines and time open.

2. Cancel "Catch the Spirit" TV program.

3. Drastically reduce support for conference promotion, communication and interpretation efforts.

4. Reduce United Methodist-centered public media broadcast TV specials from 3 to 1 a year.

General Commission on the Status and Role of Women

1. Reduce from 57 to 25 the number of annual conferences and other constituent groups which would receive direct assistance.

2. Reduce publication of "The Flyer" from 4 issues annually to 1.

3. Eliminate monitoring of seminaries and general boards and agencies.

4. Eliminate production of churchwide resources.

General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns

1. Eliminate training materials and programs for annual conferences.

2. Eliminate support for seminarian attendance at National Workshop on Christian Unity.

General Commission on Religion and Race

1. Further decrease number of grants from the Minority Group Self Determination Fund. Approximately 15% cut from the estimated 250 currently funded per quadrennium.

2. Further reduce ministry with and through the annual conferences.

3. Eliminate on-site monitoring of theological schools, general agencies and annual conferences would be eliminated.

General Board of Global Ministries

1. Reduce the number of missionary positions sent from the United States.

2. Possibly eliminate programs at the Mission Resource Center for the training of Missionary personnel.

3. Further reduce grants to partner churches such as Central Conferences, autonomous churches in Africa, Latin America and Asia for program and personnel. Possibly eliminate funds and services to the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, the Alaska Missionary Conference and the Rio Grande Conference. Possibly eliminate funds and services for that newly created autonomous affiliated Methodist Church of Puerto Rico.

4. Eliminate new program initiatives such as HIV/AIDS ministries, church and community based health care programs and the Russia initiative.

5. Eliminate implementation of racial-ethnic programs funded from World Service funds (outside GCFA designated funds) for church development, outreach ministry and salary support.

6. Eliminate the GBGM ability to support new program initiatives of this General Conference.

7. Greatly reduce grants for church redevelopment and new church starts and redevelopments.

Accompanying these program reductions will be corresponding reductions in travel, facilities, and staff.

Calendar Items

Consent Calendar No. 5
Rule 27.3-4
Advance DCA, page 98

786, 788, 793, 794, 795, 798, 805, 810, 813, 814, 818, 819, 820, 828, 838, 853, 854, 856, 858, 860, 861, 864, 866, 868, 869, 873, 874, 875, 877, 883, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 892, 893, 895, 896, 898, 902, 904, 905, 906, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 915, 926, 932, 940, 942, 943, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 953, 954, 957, 958, 966, 967, 968, 970, 971, 972, 973, 975, 979, 982, 985, 986, 987, 992, 993, 994, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000, 1001, 1003, 1005, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1018, 1019, 1025, 1029, 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1073, 1092, 1100, 1102, 1107, 1113, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1119, 1120, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1128, 1129, 1130, 1132, 1133, 1134, 1137, 1138, 1139, 1141, 1143, 1145, 1146, 1153, 1159, 1164, 1178, 1183, 1184, 1185, 1188, 1189, 1192, 1193, 1194, 1196, 1199, 1202, 1203, 1204, 1205, 1206, 1208, 1209, 1210, 1211, 1212, 1213, 1218, 1227, 1228, 1231, 1235, 1238, 1241, 1242, 1244, 1245, 1249, 1250, 1255, 1256, 1275, 1277, 1278, 1279, 1280, 1281, 1282, 1283, 1284, 1286, 1287, 1288, 1289, 1290, 1291, 1292, 1293, 1294, 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298, 1299, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310, 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1317, 1318, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1324, 1326, 1330, 1331, 1332, 1334, 1335, 1336, 1337, 1338, 1339, 1340, 1342, 1345, 1346, 1347, 1349, 1350, 1351, 1352, 1353, 1354, 1356, 1358, 1360, 1362, 1363, 1365, 1366, 1367, 1368, 1369, 1370, 1371, 1372, 1373, 1374, 1375, 1376, 1377, 1378, 1379, 1380, 1381, 1382, 1383, 1386, 1387, 1388, 1390, 1391, 1392, 1394, 1395, 1396, 1398, 1399, 1400, 1402, 1403, 1404, 1405, 1406, 1407, 1408, 1409, 1410, 1411, 1412, 1413, 1414, 1415, 1416, 1419, 1421, 1422, 1423, 1425, 1426, 1427, 1429, 1430, 1431, 1432, 1433, 1435, 1436, 1437, 1439, 1440, 1441, 1442, 1444, 1445, 1447, 1448, 1450, 1451, 1452, 1453, 1454, 1455, 1456, 1457, 1458, 1459, 1461, 1462, 1465, 1466, 1468, 1469, 1470, 1471, 1472, 1473, 1474, 1475, 1476, 1477, 1478, 1479, 1480, 1481, 1482, 1483, 1484, 1485, 1486, 1487, 1488, 1489, 1490, 1491, 1492, 1493, 1494, 1495, 1496, 1497, 1498, 1499, 1505, 1506, 1509

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Removal from Consent Calendar No. 4

Delegates have requested these calendar items to be removed from Consent Calendar No. 4: 811, 1072, 1175.

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Calendar items printed with an * after the calendar number will automatically be placed on the Consent Calendar. If any five delegates wish to remove an item from the Consent Calendar for plenary consideration, the delegates shall complete the approved form in Room 102 by 3 p.m. on the day the calendar item first appears in the DCA. Calendar items which contain a minority report will be indicated by the initials "MR" in parentheses.

Corrections to Calendar

P. 244 Vol. 4 No. 4

292* LC011

Subject: The Basic Membership of the Council on Ministries.
Petition: LC-10780-0258-D
Page in Advance DCA: 842
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 78; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/6

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Delete: "The basic membership of the C.O.M. shall include the following in so far as the office and relationships exist within the local church: the Pastor and other staff persons who are engaged in program work, the chairperson of the Administrative Board; the lay leader; the president of the United Methodist Women; the president of the United Methodist Men; the superintendent of the church school; ~~the director of church music, provided that the person is a full, affiliate, or an associate member of the United Methodist Church; the coordinate of age levels...~~"

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Minority Report

The undersigned believing that imporatant emphasis on evangalism would be gained by the creation of a General Board of Evangalism,

Resolve:

That the report and resolution found at p. 670 of *Advanced DCA* (Redbook), petition no. GJ-10697-3000, be approved as written.

Scott A. Williams
Wesley Hamrick
Reginald W. Ponder
Dale C. Waters
William S. Deel
Richard Stockton
Taylor Phillips
Mary Virginia Taylor

End of Calendar Corrections

1277* CO004

Subject: Amend the Term "Executive Session."
Petition: CO-10600-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 219
Membership: 79; Present: 52;
For: 52; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1278* CO009

Subject: Composition and Character of the Annual Conference.
Petition: CO-10599-0701-D
Page in Advance DCA: 211
Membership: 79; Present: 68;
For: 65; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1279* CO023

Subject: Composition of the Annual Conference. Amend para. 701

Petitions: CO-10004-0701-D, CO-10045-0701-D, CO-10046-0701-D, CO-10047-0701-D, CO-10114-0701-D, CO-10184-0701-D, CO-10185-0701-D, CO-10186-0701-D, CO-10187-0701-D, CO-10379-0701-D, CO-10793-0701-D, CO-11003-0701-D, CO-11126-0701-D, CO-11190-0701-D, CO-11509-0701-D, CO-11701-0701-D, CO-11937-0701-D, CO-12059-0701-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 211, 211, 212, 1098, 211, 211, 212, 212, 212, 212, 213, 213, 1098, 1098, 1099, 1099, 1099, 1100.
Membership: 79; Present: 64;
For: 62; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1280* CO030
Subject: Inclusive delegation from annual conferences
Petition: CO-11350-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1105
Membership: 79; Present: 64;
For: 62; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1281* CO031
Subject: Executive Session
Petition: CO-11351-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1105
Membership: 79; Present: 52;
For: 52; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1282* CO039$
Subject: Study the feasibility of holding Biennial Regional Annual Conferencea.
Petition: CO-11550-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1105
Membership: 79; Present: 64;
For: 62; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1283* CO046
Subject: Number of lay members of Annual Conference
Petition: CO-11348-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1104
Membership: 79; Present: 64;
For: 63; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1284* CO047
Subject: Commend Rev. Donald E. Wildman for His Efforts Regarding Sex and Homosexual Activity in the Media
Petition: CO-11938-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1108
Membership: 79; Present: 53;
For: 46; Against: 4; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1285 CO056
Subject: Term Episcopacy.
Petition: CO-11699-0506-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1089
Membership: 79; Present: 60;
For: 51; Against: 8; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1286* CO067
Subject: Responsibilities of the Secretary - Designate of General Conference.
Petition: CO-11755-0605-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1091
Membership: 79; Present: 56;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1287* CO068
Subject: Rules of Order of General Conference.
Petition: CO-11756-0606-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1091
Membership: 79; Present: 56;
For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1288* CO069
Subject: Voting requirements for clergy benefits.
Petition: CO-11242-0607-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1091
Membership: 79; Present: 56;
For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1289* CO070
Subject: The Functions of the Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy.
Petition: CO-11243-0612-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1095
Membership: 79; Present: 54;
For: 53; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1290* CO072
Subject: Composition of the voting membership of General Conference.
Petitions: CO-11117-0602-D, CO-11282-0602-D, CO-11507-0602-D, CO-11547-0602-D, CO-11958-0602-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1090, 1091, 1091, 1090, 1091.
Membership: 79; Present: 56;
For: 55; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1291* CO073
Subject: Petitions to General Conference.
Petitions: CO-10567-0608-D, CO-10810-0608-D, CO-11345-0608-D, CO-11508-0608-D, CO-11792-0608-D, CO-12164-0608-D, CO-12196-0608-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 208, 208, 1091, 1092, 1092, 1092, 1092.
Membership: 79; Present: 54;

For: 54; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1292* CO075

Subject: Celebrating 100 years of Lay Education in the trad ition of Scarritt Bennett Center
Petition: CO-11401-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1107
Membership: 79; Present: 65;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1293* CO080

Subject: Presence of Conference Council Director at Cabinet Meetings.
Petitions: CO-10381-0726-D, CO-12060-0726-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 216, 1102.
Membership: 79; Present: 68;
For: 67; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1294* CO087

Subject: Annual Conference Council on Ministries.
Petition: CO-11807-0726-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1102
Membership: 79; Present: 66;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1295* CO094

Subject: Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy.
Petition: CO-11794-0612-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1095
Membership: 79; Present: 54;
For: 54; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1296* CO095

Subject: Inter-Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy
Petition: CO-11804-0612-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1095
Membership: 79; Present: 54;
For: 54; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1297* CO096

Subject: Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy's Responsibilities.
Petitions: CO-10180-0612-D, CO-12053-0612-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1096, 1096.
Membership: 79; Present: 57;
For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1298* CO097

Subject: Members of Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy.
Petition: CO-11283-0623-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1097
Membership: 79; Present: 57;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1299* CO098

Subject: Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy.
Petitions: CO-10181-0623-D, CO-12086-0622-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 210, 1096.
Membership: 79; Present: 57;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1300 CO104

Subject: Speaking for the Church.
Petition: CO-10100-0610-D
Page in Advance DCA: 208
Membership: 79; Present: 53;
For: 33; Against: 17; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1301 CO105

Subject: Speaking for the Church.
Petitions: CO-10101-0610-D, CO-11456-0610-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 209, 1092.
Membership: 79; Present: 53;
For: 47; Against: 6; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1302* CO106

Subject: Speaking for the Church.
Petition: CO-12165-0610-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1093
Membership: 79; Present: 53;
For: 52; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1303* CO108

Subject: Responsibilities of the Secretary of General Conference.
Petition: CO-11757-0611-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1093
Membership: 79; Present: 53;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1304* CO109

Subject: Resolutions and positions adopted by the General Conference.
Petitions: CO-11346-0611-D, CO-11596-0611-D, CO-11597-0611-D, CO-11793-0611-D, CO-12259-0611-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1093, 1093, 1093, 1094, 1094.
Membership: 79; Present: 53;
For: 52; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1305* CO110

Subject: Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy.
Petition: CO-10179-0612-D
Page in Advance DCA: 209
Membership: 79; Present: 56;
For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1306* CO112

Subject: The Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy.
Petition: CO-11284-0623-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1097
Membership: 79; Present: 57;
For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1307* CO113

Subject: Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy.
Petition: CO-11457-0623-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1097
Membership: 79; Present: 57;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1308* CO114

Subject: Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy.
Petition: CO-11796-0623-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1097
Membership: 79; Present: 57;
For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1309* CO115

Subject: Duties of the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy.
Petition: CO-12055-0623-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1097
Membership: 79; Present: 57;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1310* CO116

Subject: Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy.
Petition: CO-12166-0623-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1097
Membership: 79; Present: 55;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1311* CO117

Subject: District Director of Ethnic Local Church Concerns.
Petition: CO-10839-0700-D
Page in Advance DCA: 811
Membership: 79; Present: 52;
For: 50; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend by changing **shall** in line 3 to **may**, and **shall** in line 5 to **would.**

(New Par. bet. Par. 750 and Par. 751)

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1312* CO123

Subject: Concordat Agreements.
Petition: CO-11754-0653-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1019
Membership: 79; Present: 53;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1313* CO124

Subject: Speaking for the Church.
Petition: CO-12020-0610-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1093
Membership: 79; Present: 53;
For: 48; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1314* CO125

Subject: The Membership of Jurisdictional Conferences.
Petition: CO-11803-0608-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1092
Membership: 79; Present: 56;
For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1315* CO126

Subject: The Membership of Jurisdictional Conferences.
Petition: CO-10812-0614-D
Page in Advance DCA: 209
Membership: 79; Present: 55;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1316* CO127

Subject: Interjurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy.
Petition: CO-11189-0612-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1095
Membership: 79; Present: 55;
For: 54; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1317* CO131

Subject: Editorial Changes Submitted by General Conference Delegates.
Petition: CO-12080-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1106
Membership: 79; Present: 55;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1318* CO132

Subject: Editorial Change.
Petitions: CO-10963-3000-R, CO-12097-3000-R.
Pages in Advance DCA: 4-209, 1105.
Membership: 79; Present: 55;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1319* CO133

Subject: Inclusiveness at General and Jurisdictional Conferences.
Petition: CO-11349-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1104
Membership: 79; Present: 54;
For: 53; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1320* CO134

Subject: Annual Conference Executive Session. Amend para. 704.6.
Petition: CO-10031-0704-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1100
Membership: 79; Present: 59;
For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1321* CO135

Subject: Mandates Time for a Laity Report at Annual Conference.
Petition: CO-10737-0704-D
Page in Advance DCA: 214
Membership: 79; Present: 61;
For: 60; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1322* CO136

Subject: The Jurisdictional Conference.
Petition: CO-12085-0613-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1096
Membership: 79; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1323* CO137

Subject: Information on the Status of Business During the General Conference.
Petition: CO-11797-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1106
Membership: 79; Present: 63;
For: 57; Against: 5; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend last paragraph, line 1, after "The Petitions Secretary shall **consider arranging for the setting up and maintaining of an electronic bulletin board system...**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1324* CO138

Subject: Election and assignment of Bishops.
Petition: CO-11119-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1104
Membership: 79; Present: 54;
For: 50; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1325 CO141

Subject: Lay Observers Elected the Board of Ordained Ministry.
Petition: CO-10119-0704-D
Page in Advance DCA: 214
Membership: 79; Present: 55;
For: 41; Against: 14; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence with substitute as amended as follows:

Substitute: Amend Para. 704.6 so that it will read:

6. The Annual Conference...in open session ~~provided that the conference or the bishop may order an executive session of the clergy members to consider questions relating to matters of ordination, character, and conference relationships~~. **Questions relating to matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy shall be the business of the clergy session. The actions of the clergy session shall be for and on behalf of the Annual Conference. The provisions of The Book of Discipline applicable to an Annual Conference shall also be applicable to the clergy session. All clergy members (Para. 701.1) of the Annual Conference and the elected lay members or observers of the Board of Ordained Ministry may attend and shall have voice in the clergy session. Only the ordained clergy in full connection may vote (Para. 701.1a). Others may be admitted by express action of the clergy session but shall not have vote, nor, unless specifically granted by the clergy session, shall have voice (Para. 422).**

~~An executive session shall consist of the ordained ministers in full connection unless others are admitted by express action and invitation of the executive session. No one so invited shall have vote, nor, unless specifically granted by the executive session, shall have voice (Para. 422).~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1326* CO142

Subject: Committee to Propose Revisions in the Book of Discipline.
Petition: CO-12130-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1106
Membership: 79; Present: 54;
For: 52; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1327 CO144

Subject: Two Quadrennia, Maximum Years a Bishop Assigned to an Area.
Petition: CO-12095-0507-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1089
Membership: 79; Present: 57;
For: 50; Against: 6; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1328 CS001
Subject: Amendment to the Social Creed.
Petition: CS-11128-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1069
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 41; Against: 27; Not Voting: 16;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1329 CS012
Subject: Task Force on the American free Trade Agreement.
Petition: CS-11463-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1073
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 46; Against: 30; Not Voting: 8;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1330* CS013
Subject: Task force to study the North American free trade agreements' impact on the Western Hemisphere.
Petition: CS-11290-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1067
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1331* CS014
Subject: Task force to study the impact of trade relations between the U.S. and Cuba.
Petition: CS-11292-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1067
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1332* CS015
Subject: Task force to study U.S. Japanese business practice and impact on trade relations.
Petition: CS-11288-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1067
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1333 CS020
Subject: Military Service - War and Peace.
Petition: CS-12201-0074-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1033
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 65; Against: 16; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1334* CS061
Subject: War and Peace.
Petition: CS-11994-0075-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1034
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1335* CS062
Subject: Concern for war and peace.
Petition: CS-11256-0075-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1034
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1336* CS063
Subject: Military Service.
Petition: CS-11813-0074-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1032
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1337* CS064
Subject: The Political Community Criminal Justice and Military Service.
Petition: CS-11993-0074-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1033
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1338* CS065
Subject: National policies of enforced military service.
Petition: CS-11254-0074-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1034
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 75; Against: 4; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1339* CS066
Subject: Military Force Guided by the Standards Expressed in the Church's Tradition.
Petition: CS-12167-0075-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1034
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 80; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1340* CS077
Subject: The World Community.
Petition: CS-12211-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1073
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 75; Against: 2; Not Voting: 7;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1341 CS084
Subject: A Call for Increased Committment to End World Hunger and Poverty.
Petition: CS-10724-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 184

Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 73; Against: 8; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

pg 185, B.2,2nd column

2. Maldistribution of Wealth. Corrupt practices of entrenched politicians and neo-colonial governments favor monopolistic policies of privileged families and corporations.

3. Policies of lending insititutions. The stiff policies **and conditions** imposed on undeveloped and under-developed nations by lending institutions, such as the World Bank (IBRD) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), have resulted, in many cases, as in the Philippines, in unjustly favoring the interests of the privileged few, and further aggravating and perpetuating the sad state and the ill efffects of poverty and dehumanization of peoples in weak and defenseless nations.

These lending practices are also widespread in disadvantaged communities in developed nations.

Make original 2 to become 4.

Make original 3 to become 5.

Make original 4 to become 6.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1342* CS085

Subject: Increase commitment to end World Hunger and Poverty.
Petition: CS-11325-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1070
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1343 CS100

Subject: Low Intensity Conflict.
Petition: CS-11196-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1076
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 45; Against: 33; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

delete the entire petition

replace it with the following

A Resolution on Low Intensity Conflict

Whereas, our sisters and brothers in Christ from around the world tell us of a new kind of war threatened or raging in their own countries; and

Whereas: often these attacks are on those who stand with the poor; and

Whereas: governments, particularly of superpowers, have developed an intentional strategy for wars against the poor at home and abroad called "Low Intensity Conflict," and

Whereas: Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, calls us to resist war in all forms and to work and pray for peace.

Be it therefore resolved:

that the General Conference condemn this strategy called "Low Intensity Conflict" and instruct its secretary to send a letter to the Secretary General of the United Nations with a copy to the United States President, and,

Call on the General Board of Church and Society to use its existing means of communication to inform and educate United Methodists concerning this military strategy.

c.f. Jack Nelson - Pallmeyer, War Against the Poor, (Maryknoll) cited by Bishop White in the Episcopal Address to the 1992 General Conference.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1344 CS101

Subject: Nuclear Disarmament: The Zero Option.
Petition: CS-11782-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1078
Membership: 99; Present: 83;
For: 75; Against: 6; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Advance DCA, Volume II, page 1079, left hand column, third asterisk

... Great Britain, France, and China should join the schedule. The process should be implemented in an agreed **and verified** sequence that is balanced ...

right hand column, fourth asterisk

~~We anticipate that Great Britain, France, and China will choose to eliminate all of their tactical nuclear weapons and that any unadmitted possessors will do likewise.~~

All nations possessing tactical nuclear weapons should eliminate them in an agreed and verified sequence that is balanced so that at no stage could any nation gain an advantage.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1345* CS103

Subject: Nuclear safety in the United States.
Petition: CS-11359-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1037
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 76; Against: 3; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

p. 1037

D. Phasing...Plant,~~and~~ a thorough...at these sites~~.~~, **and no more nuclear arms testing**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1346* CS104

Subject: Comprehensive test ban treaty.
Petition: CS-11427-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1080
Membership: 99; Present: 82;
For: 73; Against: 2; Not Voting: 7;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1347* CS105

Subject: Discontinue Tests of Nuclear Weapons.
Petition: CS-10294-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 198
Membership: 99; Present: 82;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1348 CS115

Subject: Nuclear Weapons Production at the General Electric Company.
Petition: CS-11675-3000-R

Page in Advance DCA: 1065
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 64; Against: 14; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

c) encourage all local churches, annual conferences and other agencies to follow the good example of the Board of Pensions in divesting of its GE stock and notifying GE of the reasons for its action.

re-number c) and d) to "d)" and "e"

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1349* CS139
Subject: Concern for El Salvador.
Petition: CS-11558-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1075
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 81; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

page 1 ... El Salvador.

2. ~~Calls for a halt to all U.S. war related aid to the Salvadoran armed forces. And by our action of withdrawing military support, w~~We encourage all other ...

3. Supports efforts in ~~negotiated~~ peace**making**~~keeping~~ and the ...

5. Supports the **voluntary** repatriation of ...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1350* CS146
Subject: Environmental Justice for a Sustainable Future.
Petition: CS-10584-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 128
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 78; Against: 5; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

p. 129 4th paragraph under "Energy"

***Support a call for a sustainable National Energy policy.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1351* CS147
Subject: The Natural World and Animal Life.
Petition: CS-11989-0070-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1021
Membership: 99; Present: 81;
For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

pg 1021, first sentence:

...pets and others domestic animals, **animals used in research,** and the painless...,

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1352* CS158
Subject: The Natural World.
Petition: CS-12349-0070-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1021
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1353* CS159
Subject: The natural world and animal life.
Petition: CS-11245-0070-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1021
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 81; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1354* CS160
Subject: Energy Resources Utilization.
Petition: CS-10091-0070-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1020
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 83; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1355 CS177 (MR)
Subject: Preamble to the Social Principles.
Petition: CS-10546-0070-D
Page in Advance DCA: 124
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 46; Against: 36; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends concurrence.

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( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1356* CS178
Subject: Our Preamble.
Petition: CS-12061-0070-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1021
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 80; Against: 2; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1357 CS182
Subject: The Pure Unfermented Juice of the Grape in Holy Communion.
Petition: CS-11939-0070-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1021
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 69; Against: 9; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1358* CS200
Subject: Justice for Reverend Alex Awad.
Petition: CS-11674-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1073
Membership: 99; Present: 82;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 13;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1359 CS201
Subject: End U.S. Military presence in Bolivia.
Petition: CS-11298-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1082
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 62; Against: 14; Not Voting: 8;

Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1360* CS203

Subject: Central America: Peace and Just Life Justice with Freedom
Petition: CS-10717-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 189
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 76; Against: 3; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 189,

Title: Central America: Peace and ~~Just Live~~ **Justice With Freedom**

Page 190, 2nd column, 3rd Paragraph:

~~Because of the cries for peace,...for the Salvadoran people."~~

2nd column, Last paragraph, #1:

~~Withdraw economic support~~ **Support** ~~to the military forces in El Salvador, and transfer~~ aid to a reconstruction fund which can be used to rebuild the Salvadoran nation ~~after a negotiated peace aggreement is reached;~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1361 CS214 (MR)

Subject: Discontinue all Forms of Support to RCAR.
Petition: CS-10608-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 135
Membership: 99; Present: 90;
For: 46; Against: 44; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 135, line 8:

which ~~allows any and all abortions including those for birth control purposes or for gender selection in the first trimester and allows regulation of abortions in the second trimester only to protect the mother,~~ **states that States may not regulate abortion in the first trimester and allows regulation of abortions in the second trimester, only to safeguard women's health; and that States may regulate abortion in the third trimester to protect a viable fetus, except when the woman's life or health is in danger,** thus putting the RCAR position...

Minority Report

We oppose concurrence and support non-concurrance. The Religious Coalition on Abortion Rights is the only eccumenical religious organization that defends the religious liberty of faith groups on matters relating to the legal right to medically safe abortion. It represents the various member denominational groups affiliated with it in trying to keep the government from imposing the doctrine of any one religious group's position on abortion issues.

The effort to keep United Methodist agencies from cooperating with RCAR is also an effort to silence United Methodist women and men who want to work on these issues with persons from other faiths. RCAR, unlike more assertive organizations for abortion rights, is a moderate coalition which does not interfer in or seek to influence the position or actions of any of its denominationally related groups. Instead, it seeks to represent the positions of those groups before government and with each other toward the aim of maintaining religious liberty for all.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1362* CS224

Subject: Responsibilities of the General Board of Church and Society.
Petition: CS-10545-1104-D
Page in Advance DCA: 127
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 83; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Social Justice~~.~~, **according to guidelines stated in the Discipline**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1363* CS233

Subject: Understanding Living and Dying as Faithful Christians.
Petition: CS-10656-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 138
Membership: 99; Present: 85;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 139, 2, The Human Condition, paragraph 1, line 4:

either denying or exalting death. Our propensity, **however**

~~God has made death as well as life to be a part of creation~~ **Death as well as life is a part of human existance.**

Page 139, 3, The Healing Christ,line 1:

Through Jesus Christ God has entered ~~the~~ human suffering

Page 139, 4, Steward of Life, paragraph 4, line 2

~~ceases~~ **cease**

Page 139, 5, Christian Hope, line 2:

and die,

Page 140, 3, Relationships and Care, paragraph 1, line 4:

frequently require difficult decisions. **Religious, cultural, and per**

sonal differences among family and friends must be considered with special

sensitivity.

paragraph 2, line 2: ~~nurses~~ **support staff**

Page 140, a. Communications with the dying person and family

paragraph 1, line 6: and neither patients ~~or~~ **nor** families avail

able

paragraph 2, line 8: can offer **support and** guidance **to those in**

volved in decision-making.

Page 140, b. Suicide, paragraph 2:

...ering suicide~~,~~. delete the rest of the paragraph

Page 140, b. Suicide, paragraph 3, lines 6-9:

~~A particular~~ **An Important** pastoral concern is the guilt and stigma

often felt by survivors, **particularly** when ~~survivors~~ **they** have

not been included in prior considerations. ~~A particular pastoral concern~~

is the guilt and stigmas that often result.

Page 140, 3rd paragraph, 4th line

~~or assisted suicide~~

Page 140, right hand column, 2nd paragraph under "b. suicide" (1) God's **sacred gift of life**

Page 140, 1st paragraph at top of page

and neither patients or ~~families~~**family members**

Page 141, 1. Respect for Persons: Holy Dying

paragraph 3, line 1: medical intervention ran **at**

paragraph 3, line 10: and ~~block~~ circulation may...

Page 141, 2. Justice for all

paragraph 1, lines 1-2: All persons deserve to ~~have access to the means~~

necessary for a dignified death **to be able to die with dignity,**

regardless of age,

Page 141, 3. Self-Determination

paragraph 1, line 7: a proxy or **execute** a durable power

Page 142, 4. Pain and Dying

paragraph 2, line 4: can ~~by~~ **be** alleviated

paragraph 2, line 7: in the early ~~states~~ **stages** of certain diseases

Page 142, 6. United Methodist Response

b., line 1: for care of ~~the dying~~ **dying persons**

d., line 2: ~~hospital~~ ethnic committees **in hospitals and nursing**

facilities and

d.,line 4: on behalf of ~~the~~ dying **persons** and

e., line 3: treatment of ~~the~~ dying **persons** .

f., lines 8-10: the human community ~~promote~~ **embody** mercy and jus

tice **for all persons** ~~affecting both individual persons and social sys~~

tems.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1364 CS236 (MR)

Subject: Opposition to a call for a Constitutional Convention.
Petition: CS-11129-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1067
Membership: 99; Present: 88;
For: 77; Against: 8; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Advance DCA, Volume II, pages 1067-68, Petition 11129

delete all of petition

Book of Resolution, Page 458-462:

1st paragraph through the last paragraph: ...for the ordering of society." ~~With the rules for governing, ...which has served as well for two centuries.~~ Therefore, Be it resolved that the General Conference: ...

Minority Report

Our constitution wisely gives the people, through their state legislatures, the right to call a constitutional convention. This is the only way the people can get action on a constitutional amendment that an unresponsive Congress refuses to propose. Thomas Jefferson said the people's right to call a convention is a safe guard of freedom.

Under Article V of our constitution, two-thirds of the state legislatures can call a convention . The state legislatures or the Congress have the power to limit a convention to proposing only one amendment. A convention cannot amend the Constitution. It can only propose an amendment, which then requires ratification by 38 states.

This resolution opposing any constitutional convention shows a lack of faith in the American people and in our constituion.

There is no "Christian position" on this issue. Christians can be for or against calling a convention. There is no good reason for the Church to take any stand on this issue.

We propose this substitute motion: Delete the resolution on "Opposition to a Call for a Constitutional Convention", on pages 458 through 462 of the Book of Resolutions.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1365* CS239

Subject: Native American Social Witness Program.
Petition: CS-12144-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1223
Membership: 99; Present: 93;
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 1223, paragraph 4:

...resolved, that ~~the 1992 General Conference mandate that~~ the General Board of Church and Society make available, **on request,** to every Native American United Methodist Church and ministry ~~a~~ **training and** consultation ~~program~~ on social witness...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1366* CS259

Subject: Native American Religious Freedom Act of 1978.
Petition: CS-12226-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1228
Membership: 99; Present: 93;
For: 91; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 1228, Title: ~~Native American~~ **Indian Religious Freedom Act** ~~of 1978~~

Whereas, tribal people have gone into the high places, lakes, and isolated sanctuaries to pray, receive guidance from God, and train younger people in the ceremonies that constitute the spiritual life of Native American communities; and

Whereas, when tribes were forcibly removed from their homelands and forced to live on restricted reservations, many of the ceremonies were prohibited; and

Whereas, most Indians do not see any conflict between their old beliefs and the new ~~religions~~ **religion of the Christian church; and**

Whereas, during this century, the expanding national population and the introduction of corporate farming and more extensive mining and timber industry activities reduced the isolation of rural America making ~~Whereas,~~ it ~~was~~ difficult for small... non-Indians; and

Whereas, federal agencies began to restrict Indian access to sacred sites by establishing increasingly narrow rules and regulations for managing public lands; and

Whereas, in 1978,...their traditional religions; and

Whereas, today a major crisis exits ~~in Indian country~~ in that there is no real protection for the practice of traditional **Indian** religions within the framework...evidentiary hearing; and

Whereas, congress has passed many laws which are designed to protect certain kinds of lands and resources for environmental and historic preservation, none of these laws are designed to protect the practice of Indian religion on sacred sites~~.~~, and

Whereas, the only existing law directly addressing this issue, the American **Indian** Religious Freedom Act ~~of 1978~~, is simply a policy **which** ~~statement with "no teeth" and~~ provides ~~to~~ **limited** legal ~~cause of action~~ **relief** to aggrieved **American Indian religious** practicioners.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ~~the 1992 General Conference direct~~ the...Ministries~~,~~ and the General Board of Church and Society ~~to~~ make available to the church information on the American Indian Religious Freedom Act ~~of 1978,~~; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that **the General Board of Church and Society** ~~The United Methodist Church~~ support~~, by whatever means necessary,~~ legislation which will provide for a legal cause of action when sacred sites may be impacted by governmental action. Proposed legislation **should** ~~would~~ also provide for more extensive notice to and consultation with tribes and affected parties, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ~~the 1992 General Conference direct~~ that~~, in court cases related to the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978,~~ the **General Board of Church and Society may** ~~United Methodist Church~~ enter and support ~~the legal cause of action, and~~ **court cases relating to the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, and**

~~BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the 1992 General Conference communicate with Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Chair the chair of the Senate...will support, through the above actions, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978 to ensure that the principle of religious freedom...~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Board of Church and Society communciate with the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs declaring the position of the United Methodist Church expressed through the May 1992 General Conference, is to strengthen the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978 and preserve the God given and constitutional rights of religious freedom for American Indians.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1367* DI085

Subject: Jurisdictional Committee on UMM.
Petitions: DI-10297-0635-D, DI-12262-0635-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 236, 1110.
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1368* DI086

Subject: Conference Board of Laity.
Petition: DI-12024-0730-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1111
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 84; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1369* DI087

Subject: Conference Board of Laity.
Petition: DI-10746-0730-D
Page in Advance DCA: 238
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1370* DI088

Subject: Annual Conference United Methodist Men's Organization.
Petition: DI-10747-0743-D
Page in Advance DCA: 238
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1371* DI089

Subject: Establish an Annual Conference UM Men Organization.
Petition: DI-10314-0741-D
Page in Advance DCA: 810
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1372* DI103

Subject: Men's Work Responsibilities.
Petitions: DI-10298-1222-D, DI-12264-1222-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 247, 1115.
Membership: 107; Present: 89;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1373* DI104

Subject: Commission on Central Conference Affairs.
Petition: DI-11799-1204-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1113
Membership: 107; Present: 99;
For: 96; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1374* DI105

Subject: Establish a Conference United Methodist Men Organization.
Petition: DI-12276-0742-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1208
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1375* FA005

Subject: Organization of the General Board of Publications.
Petition: FA-10551-1702-D
Page in Advance DCA: 385
Membership: 93; Present: 92;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1376* FA006

Subject: Membership of the General Board of Publications.
Petition: FA-10552-1706-D
Page in Advance DCA: 385
Membership: 93; Present: 92;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1377* FA007

Subject: The United Methodist Publishing House.
Petition: FA-11029-1709-D
Page in Advance DCA: 385
Membership: 93; Present: 92;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1378* FA009

Subject: Agencies and instrumentalities of the United Methodist Publishing House.
Petition: FA-11031-1711-D
Page in Advance DCA: 386
Membership: 93; Present: 92;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1379* FA010

Subject: The objectives of The United Methodist Publishing House.
Petition: FA-11032-1713-D
Page in Advance DCA: 386
Membership: 93; Present: 92;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1380* FA012

Subject: Duties and responsibilities of The United Methodist Publishing House.
Petition: FA-11033-1718-D
Page in Advance DCA: 386
Membership: 93; Present: 92;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1381* FA013

Subject: Officers of the corporation of the United Methodist Publishing House.
Petition: FA-11035-1721-D
Page in Advance DCA: 387
Membership: 93; Present: 92;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1382* FA014

Subject: The executive officer of the United Methodist Publishing House.
Petition: FA-11036-1722-D
Page in Advance DCA: 387
Membership: 93; Present: 92;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1383* FA015

Subject: Printing for church agencies.
Petition: FA-11037-1741-D
Page in Advance DCA: 387
Membership: 93; Present: 92;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1384 FA055

Subject: World Service Apportionments.
Petition: FA-12004-0710-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1208
Membership: 93; Present: 66;
For: 55; Against: 10; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1385 FA056

Subject: Methods or formulas for the approved Connectional Ministries budget amounts.
Petition: FA-11261-0711-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1146
Membership: 93; Present: 67;
For: 39; Against: 24; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1386* FA058

Subject: Commission on Equitable Salary.
Petition: FA-11202-0722-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1149
Membership: 93; Present: 67;
For: 65; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1387* FA061

Subject: Reporting of travel and other expenses.
Petition: FA-11372-0724-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1149
Membership: 93; Present: 58;
For: 54; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1388* FA063

Subject: Compensation for clergy appointed beyond the local church.
Petition: FA-11373-0725-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1149
Membership: 93; Present: 58;

For: 54; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1389 FA105

Subject: Replace the Word "Apportionment" with "Covenant Gifts".
Petitions: FA-10368-3000-R, FA-11050-3000-R, FA-12215-3000-M.
Pages in Advance DCA: 488, 488, 1174.
Membership: 93; Present: 69;
For: 62; Against: 6; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1390* FA108

Subject: Clergy Support.
Petition: FA-10111-0721-D
Page in Advance DCA: 374
Membership: 93; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1391* FA109

Subject: Composition of the Commission on Equitable Salaries.
Petition: FA-10548-0722-D
Page in Advance DCA: 375
Membership: 93; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

1. It is recommended that in selection

2. commission members ~~shall ensure insofar as possible adequate representation of racial and ethnic persons and women~~ **consideration shall be given to inclusiveness.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1392* FA111

Subject: Apportionments Voluntary, Not Mandatory.
Petition: FA-11836-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1162
Membership: 93; Present: 66;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1393 FA176

Subject: Other Administrative Responsibilities of the General Council on Finance and Administration.
Petition: FA-10900-0907-D
Page in Advance DCA: 380
Membership: 93; Present: 68;
For: 43; Against: 15; Not Voting: 10;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1394* FA183

Subject: Health Insurance for ministers.
Petition: FA-11475-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1166
Membership: 93; Present: 81;
For: 75; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1395* FA184

Subject: Optional enrollment of full-time employees of local churches in the church's medical insurance.
Petition: FA-11265-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1169
Membership: 93; Present: 81;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1396* FA191

Subject: Membership of the General Council on Finance and Administration.
Petition: FA-11824-0905-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1151
Membership: 93; Present: 71;
For: 66; Against: 1; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

"..... at least two of whom shall be racial and ethnic persons, with ~~one layman, one laywoman and one clergy being~~ **consideration being given to the selection of** members of Central Conferences, and with most of them. . . ."

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1397 FA208 (MR)

Subject: UMCare
Petition: FA-10938-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 472
Membership: 93; Present: 83;
For: 45; Against: 36; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

#1. Amend Section 3.02b (2) and Section 3.02d by adding to each section a sentence which shall read as follows:

However, it shall exclude a person who is employed by a general agency as a missionary of The United Methodist Church.

#2. Amend Section 2.28 by adding the following:

. . . . located in the United States **of America:**

#3. Add a new subsection 3.04d(4) which shall read as follows:

(4) If a Plan Sponsor "employs" less than four Employees, the seventy percent requirement shall be reduced to a fifty percent requirement.

#4. Amend subsection 3.07d by deleting the following:

~~(2) The eligibility and participation of the surviving Spouse of a person who was a Participant in UMCare at the time of his/her death shall cease at the time of remarriage to someone other than a Participant in the Plan.~~

#5. Amend subsection 3.07g to read as follows:

g. A Plan Sponsor **described in Section 2.22d** or an Employee may be excluded from continued participation in the Plan for failure to make required contributions on a timely basis.

(1) The Board shall notify in writing by certified mail/return receipt requested the Plan Sponsor

and the Employee of their failure to make required contributions on a timely basis.

(2) If the Plan Sponsor and/or the Employee fails to make the required contributions within sixty days of such notice, the Plan Sponsor and/or the Employee shall cease to be a Plan Sponsor or a Participant.

(3) Such terminated Employee shall have the right to re-enroll if he/she meets the enrollment requirements of Section 3.06 herein.

(4) Such terminated Plan Sponsor shall not be eligible to re-adopt this plan for a period of three years after such termination.

#6. Add a new subsection 3.07h which shall read as follows:

h. An Employee who is described in Section 3.02 herein shall not be required to participate in the Plan if said Employee provides to the Board, in lieu of an election made pursuant to Article V, a certification that such person is a member of an American Indian tribe recognized by the government of the United States of America which entitles such person to free health care benefits, in accordance with Section 1601 et seq. of Title 25 of the United States Code, as amended from time to time, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, through the Indian Health Service of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

#7. Add a new subsection 3.07i which shall read as follows:

i. An Employee who is described in Section 3.02 herein shall not be required to participate in the Plan if said Employee provides to the Board, in lieu of an election made pursuant to Article V, a certification that such person is receiving health care coverage, the premium for which is not paid in whole by the Employee, as the result of such Employee's prior employment that entitles him/her to such coverage, from a health care plan of the United States government, other than Medicare, or from the health care plan of a former employer.

#8. Renumber the current 3.07h as **3.07j**

#9. Amend Section 4.01:

his/her Account a specified amount (of his/her Compensation if an Active Participant or of his/her personal contribution if a Retired Participant) for such Period . . .

#10. Amend 4.05a to read as follows:

by the Plan Sponsor. **However, in the event the Participant who is described in Sections 3.02 or 3.04 herein, fails to make the contributions required pursuant to Sections 4.01 and 4.03, the Plan Sponsor shall remit to the Board the amount which has not been paid pursuant to Sections 4.02 and 4.03 above, in addition to the Non-elective Contribution.**

#11. Amend Section 4.05d to read as follows:

twenty years of service. **In the event that such Retired Participant has more than 20 years of service as described hereinabove, the premium shall be prorated among the Plan Sponsors based upon the following formula: a fraction, where the numerator is the number of applicable years served in a Conference/General Agency and where the denominator is the total number of applicable years, times twenty.**

#12. Amend Section 7.03b(5)(a) & (b) as follows:

a. ~~$1,000,000~~ **$2,000,000** unless noted otherwise.

b. ... substance abuses expenses **for outpatient treatment.**

#13. Amend Section 7.05 as follows:

Such wellness benefits ~~may~~ **shall** include, but not ...

#14. Amend Section 7.07 to read as follows:

7.07. Pre-Existing Conditions. If ~~the~~ **a** Participant **described in Section 3.03 or Section 3.04 herein** was receiving care ...

#15. Amend Section 7.13a to read as follows:

area cost factors **for a twelve-month period ending between January 1, 1993 and June 30, 1993** ~~in effect immediately prior to the first Plan Year~~ for those Plan Sponsors ...

#16. Delete Section 17.04 and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

17.04 Prior to the effective date, the Board shall complete a cost analysis study with respect to the best method or methods of administering each of the Programs hereunder. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, a solicitation of proposals from various service providers. Thereafter, the Board shall review on a periodic basis the selected method or methods.

#17. Amend Section 3.04b(3)(a), Section 3.05b(1), by replacing "17 1/2 hours" with "30 hours", and conform all other portions of the Plan in the same way by substituting "30 hours" in place of "17 1/2 hours" wherever the latter appears.

#18. Amend section 3.04c by deleting the following:

~~, but may exclude lay employees who are normally scheduled to work less than 30 hours per week.~~

#19. Paragraph 3.06d(3) delete all.

MINORITY REPORT

Whereas each annual conference ought to have the right to review the health care plan and decide for itself if it wants to participate,

And Whereas various conferences have health care plans that expire at different dates,

And whereas this plan is very complex and will no doubt have many problems of unknown nature for its first few years,

And whereas if only **excellence** will entice annual conferences, this will be a strong incentive to improve the plan and thus attract other annual conferences,

Be it resolved that the General Board of Pensions be instructed to develop a health care plan which incorporates the aspect of voluntary participation by the annual conferences and that this plan be presented for approval at the 1996 General Conference.

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1398* FA212

Subject: Annual Conference Board of Trustees.
Petition: FA-10205-2512-D
Page in Advance DCA: 388
Membership: 93; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1399* FA213

Subject: Annual Conference property.
Petition: FA-11207-2512-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1158
Membership: 93; Present: 58;
For: 56; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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1400* FA214

Subject: Annual Conference Investment Stewardship.
Petition: FA-11684-2512-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1158
Membership: 93; Present: 57;
For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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1401 FA215

Subject: Local Church Investment Stewardship.
Petition: FA-12233-2523-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1160
Membership: 93; Present: 56;
For: 47; Against: 7; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

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1402* FA216

Subject: National Association of Commission on Equitable salaries.
Petition: FA-11375-0907-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1154
Membership: 93; Present: 60;
For: 56; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

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1403* FA225

Subject: Local Church Board of Trustees.
Petition: FA-10905-2506-D
Page in Advance DCA: 387
Membership: 93; Present: 67;
For: 65; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

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1404* FA226

Subject: Landmark Policy.
Petition: FA-10299-2512-D
Page in Advance DCA: 388
Membership: 93; Present: 67;
For: 61; Against: 5; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

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1405* FA234

Subject: Grievance procedures.
Petition: FA-12327-2626-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1195
Membership: 93; Present: 58;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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1406* FA235

Subject: Obligation and responsibility of the General Commission on Finance and Administration.
Petition: FA-12387-0906-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1143
Membership: 93; Present: 59;
For: 58; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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1407* GJ049

Subject: Disobedience to the Order and Discipline of the Church.
Petition: GJ-10661-0440-D
Page in Advance DCA: 620
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1408* GJ050

Subject: Special Provisions for Ordained Ministers.
Petition: GJ-10436-0440-D
Page in Advance DCA: 900
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence amended as follows:

In the first sentence: Replace ~~pastor~~with **clergy member or local pastor**

In the second sentence: Replace ~~or-dained minister~~ with **clergy member or local pastor**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1409* GJ074

Subject: 74e Global Nature of the United Methodist Church.
Petition: GJ-11007-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 667
Membership: 80; Present: 76;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Delete paragraphs #1,2 and 3 and insert:

Whereas, there must be developed a truly global church which has an

integrity which affords dignity for all parts of the United Methodist

Church. Our church must be an expression of the global nature of our

church membership. "A member of a local United Methodist Church is a member of the total United Methodist connection." (par 210), and

Whereas, there must be equity (parity) between what are now called Centeral Conferences and Jurisdictional Conferences; and

Whereas, we must provide for connectional unity with the flexibility and freedom for meeting regional needs; and

Whereas, we must redefine some General Conference responsibilities as regional ones. Much of the current General Conference agenda is focused exclusively on United States issues and needs. At least some of this agenda could be handled in a North American Regional Conference just as similar regional agenda could be addressed in other Regional Conferences; and

Whereas, we must be sensitive to how God seeks to manifest the Gospel in each unique culture and nation. We must also maintain a vital global connection in order to prevent both narrow parochialism and detrimental regionalism; and

Whereas, our global vision for the United Methodist Church includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Provision of a means by which The United Methodist family can live and serve together in a common dignity and respect as together we respond

to the mission of Jesus Christ.

2. A serious responsiveness to the unique needs and expressions of faith in each of the regions of the world and provision for freedom for creative response to unique characteristics.

3. Connection of our global United Methodist membership at essential points and through common global mission.

4. Responsiveness to the radically changed and changing world culture in which we are called to do ministry in Christ's name.

The following paragraph should read: "Therefore be it resolved that the General Conference authorize the Council of Bishops, in cooperation with the General Council on Ministries, the General Council on Finance and Administration, the General Board of Global Ministries, the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, and the Commission on Central Conference Affairs (selecting at least three non-episcopal members) to continue to develop this proposal on the Global Nature of the United Methodist Church and to report to the General Conference 1996;"

Delete the following paragraphs beginning with "Some issues to be studied.."

The last paragraph should read: "And be it further resolved that the Council of Bishops submit the attached report as a progress report to the General Conference."

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1410* GJ104

Subject: Report on 1992 "The Year of a New Beginning".
Petition: GJ-10864-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 560
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence amended as follows:

To be effective immediately

upon adoption by the

1992 General Conference.

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1411* GJ105$

Subject: Toward a New Beginning Beyond 1992.
Petition: GJ-10733-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 675
Membership: 80; Present: 71;
For: 67; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence amended as follows:

This petition to take effect

immediately upon adoption by

the 1992 General Conference.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1412* GJ107

Subject: Report on Sexual Harassment in Church and Society in the USA.
Petition: GJ-10882-3000-A
Page in Advance DCA: 594
Membership: 80; Present: 68;
For: 65; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence amended as follows:

On page 594 of the Advance DCA under Process and Implementation

in the second column, the third paragraph which begins,

"A survey instrument..., after the word "in" delete ~~the Social Principles~~, and add **on pages 374-377 of the 1988 Book of Resolutions:**

Social harassment is any unwanted sexual advance or demand, either verbal or physical, which is perceived by the recipient as demeaning, intimidating or coercive. Sexual harassment must be understood as an exploitation of a power relationship rather than as an exclusively sexual issue. Sexual harassment also includes the creation of a hostile or abusive working environment resulting from discrimination on the basis of gender.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1413* GJ110

Subject: Quadrennial Emphasis on Reclaiming the Cities.
Petition: GJ-11044-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 678
Membership: 80; Present: 74;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Change title to read: "Special emphasis on Reclaiming the Cities"

Change "quadrennial emphasis" to "special emphasis" wherever it appears in the petition.

Add: **6. That this special emphasis be implemented, as appropriate, by each program board and agency and coordinated by the GCOM.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1414* GJ122

Subject: Report on Grants from the World Service Contingency Fund, 1989-92.
Petition: GJ-10876-3000-A

Page in Advance DCA: 585
Membership: 80; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1415* GJ132

Subject: Grievance Procedures for Ordained Ministers.
Petition: GJ-10446-0453-D
Page in Advance DCA: 907
Membership: 80; Present: 58;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1416* GJ134

Subject: Base for Complaints.
Petitions: GJ-11637-0453-D, GJ-11694-0453-D, GJ-11896-0453-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1313, 1313, 1313.
Membership: 80; Present: 58;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1417 GJ152

Subject: General Agency Membership.
Petition: GJ-10438-0810-D
Page in Advance DCA: 655
Membership: 80; Present: 71;
For: 61; Against: 7; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1418 GJ175$ (MR)

Subject: Establishment of a General Board of Evangelism.
Petition: GJ-11055-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 671
Membership: 80; Present: 69;
For: 56; Against: 10; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Minority Report

Because of our deep love for Christ and our commitment to the future of the United Methodist Church, we file this minority report in opposition to action by the legislative section, General and Judicial Administration. The vote of non-concurrence with committee item no. 175 that sought to establish a Board of Evangelism turns down a sincere attempt to lift high the cross and proclaim the "good news" of Jesus Christ in a world often void of good news.

Because we worship a seeking and searching God and are called to be a seeking and searching people;

Because ours is a Christ centered faith and we are called to be a Christ centered people;

Because we live in the midst of a mission field where biblical illiteracy abounds;

Because many in the world have not yet come to know the transforming power of the living Christ;

We therefore encourage General Conference to consider an evangelism emphasis that can only begin with evangelism planned, initiated, and nurtured by a Board of Evangelism in the United Methodist Church. Though at first this proposal appears contrary to the fact, we believe taking evangelism out of the General Board of Discipleship and setting it up on its own would encourage stream lining of the General Church structure.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1419* GJ208

Subject: Copyright Rules and the United Methodist Church.
Petition: GJ-11228-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1205
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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1420 GJ233 (MR)

Subject: Membership of Program Boards.
Petition: GJ-11613-0805-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1183
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 52; Against: 13; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Minority Report

In order to keep the program boards from becoming too costly, the

undersigned resolve:

That the number of members in program board not exceed 75, including

episcopal members, and further that this limitation shall become effective for the 1992 Jurisdictional Conferences.

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1421* GJ254

Subject: Basic Membership of General Program Boards.
Petition: GJ-10830-0805-D
Page in Advance DCA: 652
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence amended as follows:

Replace paragraph 2 with the following:

Amend the last three sentences of 805.2.c as follows:

There shall be not less than five nor more than ~~twelve~~

nine additional members of each general board. **It is recommended that such** additional membership maintain the one-third laymen, one-third laywomen, and one-third clergy balance. In addition, each board shall elect ~~three~~ **six** persons from the Central Conference, ~~one clergy, one layman, one laywoman,~~ and one alternate for each, who may attend if the elected member cannot attend. **In the election of the Central Conference members, it is recommended that two be clergy, two be laymen, and two be laywomen.**

This amendment shall take effect immediately after the conclusion of

General Conference.

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1422* GJ274

Subject: Method of Organization and Procedure for the Judicial Council.
Petition: GJ-10673-2606-D
Page in Advance DCA: 626
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

By adding:

2606.1. The Judicial Council shall provide its own method of organization and procedure, both with respect to hearings on appeals and petitions for declaratory decisions. All parties shall have the privilege of filing briefs and arguments and presenting evidence, under such rules as the council may adopt from time to time, provided that at the time of filing, copies of such briefs are delivered to all parties of record.

2606.2. The Council shall meet at the time and place of the meeting of the General Conference and shall continue in session until the adjournment of that body, and at least one other time in each calendar year and at such other times as it may deem appropriate, at such places as it may select from time to time. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. An affirmative vote of at least six members of the council shall be necessary to declare any act of the General Conference unconstitutional. On other matters a majority vote of the entire council shall be sufficient. The council may decline to entertain an appeal or petition for a declaratory decision in any instance in which it determines that it does not have jurisdiction to decide the matter.

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1423* GJ287

Subject: Preliminary Assumptions.
Petition: GJ-10684-2620-D
Page in Advance DCA: 629
Membership: 80; Present: 55;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence amended as follows:

Reverse paragraphs 2620.2 and 2620.3 and renumber them.

In paragraph 2620.7, remove ~~—and juries.~~" and change to

read "committees and courts of The United Methodist Church."

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1424 GJ289

Subject: Chargeable Offenses.
Petition: GJ-10685-2621-D
Page in Advance DCA: 629
Membership: 80; Present: 57;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Add new 2621.1j - **Misrepresentation of Credentials**

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1425* GJ297

Subject: Investigation Procedures.
Petition: GJ-10687-2623-D
Page in Advance DCA: 630
Membership: 80; Present: 56;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

In 2623.1b, following grievance, add: **except in the case of sexual or child abuse.** Delete sentence following ~~after six years~~

In 2623.5a, in first sentence following "pastor in charge", add **or co-pastors (205.1).**

In 2623.5b, in first sentence following "pastor", put **s** in parenthesis.

In 2623.5b, in third sentence, following "pastor in charge", add **or co-pastors are**

Add at the end of paragraph, **This paragraph, as it relates to the process for nomination, appointment or election of individuals, officers, courts, administrative bodies, review bodies, or committees, shall become effective immediately upon the conclusion of the 1992 General Conference.**

Following each number, put the number in parenthesis immediately following.

Example: thirty-two (32).

In 2623.6, add to first sentence **except in the case of sexual child abuse.**

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1426* GJ300

Subject: Investigations Procedure
Petition: GJ-12136-2623-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1193
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends concurrence.

With reference to the Editors of the Administrative Procedural Manual.

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1427* GJ307

Subject: General Appeal Procedures.
Petition: GJ-10689-2625-D
Page in Advance DCA: 637
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

In 2625.2d., delete sentence beginning with "Financial assistance".

At the end of this same paragraph, add: **"This paragraph, as it relates to the process for nomination, appointment or election of individuals, officers, courts, administrative bodies, review bodies, or committees, shall become effective immediately upon the conclusion of the 1992 General Conference."**

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1428 GM067

Subject: General Board of Global Ministries Budget.
Petition: GM-12149-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1224
Membership: 110; Present: 88;
For: 53; Against: 35; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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1429* GM077
Subject: Trustees of Church Institutions.
Petition: GM-10206-2553-D
Page in Advance DCA: 389
Membership: 110; Present: 61;
For: 61; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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1430* GM078
Subject: Requirements of trustees of church institutions.
Petition: GM-11076-2553-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1160
Membership: 110; Present: 62;
For: 62; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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1431* LC032
Subject: Church Membership.
Petitions: LC-10133-0208-D, LC-10579-0208-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 830, 831.
Membership: 89; Present: 74;
For: 70; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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1432* LC033
Subject: Teaching Parish.
Petition: LC-10799-0205-D
Page in Advance DCA: 830
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 81; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend para. 205.3 Line 6

...A teaching parish ~~should~~ **shall** have a demonstrable...

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1433* LC035
Subject: Membership of a local United Methodist Church.
Petition: LC-11338-0209-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1253
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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1434 LC069
Subject: The Meaning of Membership.
Petition: LC-12072-0211-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1253
Membership: 89; Present: 65;
For: 36; Against: 27; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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1435* LC074
Subject: Admission into the Church.
Petition: LC-11868-0216-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1253
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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1436* LC082
Subject: Change the Age for Older Adults.
Petition: LC-11877-0249-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1262
Membership: 89; Present: 66;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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1437* LC085
Subject: Local church property-sale, transfer, lease, or mortgage.
Petition: LC-11445-2540-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1274
Membership: 89; Present: 65;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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1438 LC086
Subject: The Basic Organizational Plan for the Local Church.
Petition: LC-10801-0245-D
Page in Advance DCA: 835
Membership: 89; Present: 83;
For: 76; Against: 7; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Delete Para. ~~The basic organizational plan for the local church shall include provision for the following units: a Charge Conference, an Administrative Council or Administrative Board and Council on Ministries, a Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations, a Board of Trustees, a Committee on Finance, a Committee on Nominations and Personnel, and such other elected leaders, commissions, councils, committees, and task forces as the Charge Conference may determine.~~

Amend Para. 2, Line 9: **Every local church shall choose a plan for organizing its administrative and programmatic responsibilities.**

Insert in 245.1 so that it will read: **Local churches may establish an Administrative Council, Nurture, Outreach, Witness, Resources Ministries model which shall be both the administrative body to which the members, organizations, and agencies are amenable, and the programmatic body which shall consider, develop, and coordinate goals and program proposals for the church's mission in accordance with the mission of The United Methodist Church.**

Renumber #3 as #4.

Add as **245.3 An alternative plan may be developed in accordance with the provisions of Para. 247.2.**

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1439* LC087
Subject: Chair of the Committee on Nominations and Personnel.
Petition: LC-11775-0256-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1266

Membership: 89; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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1440* LC093

Subject: Nonparticipatory Membership.
Petition: LC-11389-0227-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1256
Membership: 89; Present: 73;
For: 73; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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1441* LC094

Subject: Staff-Parish Relations Affiliate Member.
Petition: LC-11870-0227-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1256
Membership: 89; Present: 73;
For: 72; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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1442* LC096

Subject: Care of Members.
Petition: LC-11580-0230-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1258
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

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1443 LC125

Subject: Powers and Duties of the Charge Conference.
Petition: LC-10918-0247-D
Page in Advance DCA: 837
Membership: 89; Present: 72;
For: 54; Against: 18; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Delete: ~~"The Charge Conference shall determine the amount accepted for World Service and Conference Benevolences."~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1444* LC127

Subject: Mandatory Church Historian.
Petition: LC-11531-0247-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1260
Membership: 89; Present: 71;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1445* LC128

Subject: Election of a Church Historian.
Petition: LC-11874-0247-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1260
Membership: 89; Present: 71;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1446 LC131

Subject: Recording Secretary of Charge Conference.
Petition: LC-10068-0247-D
Page in Advance DCA: 836
Membership: 89; Present: 61;
For: 53; Against: 8; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1447* LC134

Subject: The Administrative Council: Membership and Responsibilities.
Petition: LC-10072-0252-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1263
Membership: 89; Present: 67;
For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1448* LC145

Subject: The Council on Ministries.
Petition: LC-12014-0257-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1266
Membership: 89; Present: 78;
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1449 LC169 (MR)

Subject: Committee on Nominations and Personnel.
Petitions: LC-10078-0269-D, LC-10143-0269-D, LC-10144-0269-D, LC-10231-0269-D$, LC-11275-0267-D, LC-11395-0269-D, LC-11493-0269-D, LC-11494-0269-D, LC-11876-0249-D, LC-11880-0269-D, LC-12040-0269-D, LC-12041-0269-D, LC-12160-0269-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 845, 846, 1269, 846, 1269, 1270, 1270, 1270, 1262, 1271, 1269, 1269, 1271.
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 49; Against: 31; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

MINORITY REPORT

There shall be elected annually by the Charge Conference in each local church a Committee on Nominations and Personnel who are members of the local church. This Committee is to be composed of not more than nine persons, in addition to the pastor and lay leader.

Delete ~~"The pastor shall be the Chairperson"~~ and add **"The Chairperson shall be elected by and from the membership of the committee. The pastor may be elected as the chairperson."**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1450* LC171

Subject: Chairperson of Outreach.
Petition: LC-12440-0252-D
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 89; Present: 65;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1451* LC173

Subject: The organizational structure of the Local Church.
Petition: LC-12453-0264-D
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 89; Present: 73;
For: 67; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1452* LC174

Subject: Responsibilities of the Administrative Board.
Petition: LC-10074-0256-D
Page in Advance DCA: 841
Membership: 89; Present: 71;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1453* LC176

Subject: Adequate Housing for the Pastor.
Petition: LC-10230-0256-D
Page in Advance DCA: 842
Membership: 89; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1454* LC178

Subject: Responsibilities of the Administrative Board.
Petition: LC-12156-0256-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1266
Membership: 89; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1455* LC179

Subject: Recommendation of pastor's compensation to charge conference.
Petition: LC-11394-0256-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1266
Membership: 89; Present: 71;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1456* LC180

Subject: Local Church Officers.
Petition: LC-10228-0249-D
Page in Advance DCA: 837
Membership: 89; Present: 66;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1457* LC181

Subject: Removal of local church officers.
Petition: LC-11314-0252-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1264
Membership: 89; Present: 66;
For: 65; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1458* LC182

Subject: Removal of Officers and Filling Vacancies.
Petition: LC-10279-0251-D
Page in Advance DCA: 838
Membership: 89; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1459* LC183

Subject: Accessibility of facilities.
Petition: LC-11176-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1270
Membership: 89; Present: 65;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1460 LC184

Subject: Duties of the Committee on Pastor Parish Relations.
Petition: LC-10562-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 847
Membership: 89; Present: 64;
For: 51; Against: 13; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Par.269.2f(1) at end of sentence to read: ...including cross-racial appointments, **appointments of women,** and sensitivity to open itineracy.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1461* LC187

Subject: Transfer of a Local Church.
Petition: LC-11983-0271-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1272
Membership: 89; Present: 66;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1462* LC188

Subject: The organizational structure of the local church.
Petition: LC-11175-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1270
Membership: 89; Present: 66;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1463 LC192

Subject: The Local Church and Eco-Justice.
Petition: LC-12178-0202-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1251
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 72; Against: 10; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1464 LC193

Subject: Diaconal Ministry Advisory Committee.
Petition: LC-12232-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1271
Membership: 89; Present: 64;
For: 55; Against: 7; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1465* LC195

Subject: Duties of the Pastoral Advisory Committee.
Petition: LC-11397-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1270
Membership: 89; Present: 65;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1466* LC196

Subject: Pastor Parish Relations Committee.
Petition: LC-12074-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1271
Membership: 89; Present: 65;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1467 LC199

Subject: The committee on pastor-parish relations.
Petition: LC-12322-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1272
Membership: 89; Present: 59;
For: 43; Against: 15; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Para.269.2, line 5 to read: "However, in situations where the ~~missional~~**multi-language** needs of a particular charge warrant a larger committee..."

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1468* LC200

Subject: The Committee of Finance.
Petition: LC-12231-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1271
Membership: 89; Present: 64;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1469* LC201

Subject: Family Members.
Petition: LC-11879-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1271
Membership: 89; Present: 66;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1470* LC202

Subject: Membership of the committee of Pastor-Parish Relations.
Petition: LC-12435-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 4-128
Membership: 89; Present: 62;
For: 62; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1471* LC203

Subject: Diaconal Ministers Appointed Beyond the Local Church.
Petition: LC-12230-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1271
Membership: 89; Present: 64;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1472* LC204

Subject: Responsibilities of the Coordinator of Communications.
Petition: LC-10076-0262-D
Page in Advance DCA: 843
Membership: 89; Present: 82;
For: 82; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1473* LC205

Subject: Change Language in Structure of the Local Church.
Petition: LC-12159-0263-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1268
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1474* LC206

Subject: Salary and Other Remuneration of the Pastor and Staff.
Petition: LC-12112-0247-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1261
Membership: 89; Present: 75;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1475* MN062

Subject: Appointments Beyond the Local United Methodist Church.
Petition: MN-10437-0443-D
Page in Advance DCA: 900
Membership: 98; Present: 85;
For: 84; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1476* MN067

Subject: Certified Candidates for Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-10158-0404-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1285
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1477* MN068

Subject: Candidacy for ordained ministry.
Petition: MN-11534-0404-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1285
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1478* MN106

Subject: The Committee on Pastor Parish Relations (Staff-Parish Relations)
Petition: MN-10502-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 879
Membership: 98; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1479* MN107

Subject: Limit tenure for bishops.
Petition: MN-11399-0500-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1278
Membership: 98; Present: 80;
For: 77; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1480* MN206

Subject: Transfer to Another Conference.
Petition: MN-10471-0312-D
Page in Advance DCA: 871
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 66; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1481* MN211

Subject: Members in Full Connection.
Petition: MN-11892-0422-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1292
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1482* MN212

Subject: Elimination of the Category - Associate Member of the Annual Conference.
Petition: MN-11736-0421-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1291
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1483* MN213

Subject: Progression of Associate Members.
Petition: MN-10427-0421-D
Page in Advance DCA: 894
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1484* MN214

Subject: Rights of Persons with Handicapping Conditions.
Petition: MN-10321-0421-D
Page in Advance DCA: 894
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1485* MN233

Subject: Mandatory Retirement Age of Ministers. Amend para. 451.6.
Petitions: MN-10026-0451-D, MN-10444-0451-D, MN-11150-0451-D, MN-11151-0451-D, MN-11420-0451-D, MN-11588-0451-D, MN-11589-0451-D, MN-12123-0451-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1307, 906, 1307, 1308, 1308, 1308, 1308, 1308.
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1486* MN234

Subject: Retirement of Ministers on Honorable Location.
Petition: MN-10169-0452-D
Page in Advance DCA: 906
Membership: 98; Present: 91;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

....registrar of the Board of Ordained Ministry **at least 90 days prior to the Annual Conference session.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1487* MN241

Subject: Spiritual Growth.
Petition: MN-11691-0423-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1292
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1488* MN243$

Subject: National Convocation on the Ordained Ministry for Native Americans.
Petition: MN-12148-3000-R$
Page in Advance DCA: 1224
Membership: 98; Present: 84;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1489* MN250

Subject: Honorable Location.
Petition: MN-12244-0452-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1308
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1490* MN260
Subject: Membership of the Conference Committee on Episcopacy.
Petition: MN-10924-0735-D
Page in Advance DCA: 916
Membership: 98; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1491* MN261
Subject: Annual Conference Committee on Episcopacy.
Petition: MN-10262-0735-D
Page in Advance DCA: 916
Membership: 98; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1492* MN262
Subject: Conference Committee on Episcopacy.
Petition: MN-11322-0735-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1323
Membership: 98; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1493* MN263
Subject: Powers and Duties of the Annual Conference.
Petition: MN-10512-0703-D
Page in Advance DCA: 881
Membership: 98; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1494* MN265
Subject: Ministry in the Christian Church.
Petition: MN-10477-0401-D
Page in Advance DCA: 873
Membership: 98; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1495* MN266
Subject: Eligibility to Become a Deacon.
Petition: MN-10475-0319-D
Page in Advance DCA: 872
Membership: 98; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1496* MN267
Subject: Deacons.
Petition: MN-10237-0317-D
Page in Advance DCA: 887
Membership: 98; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1497* MN274
Subject: Completion of Candidacy.
Petition: MN-10466-0306-D
Page in Advance DCA: 870
Membership: 98; Present: 70;
For: 69; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Section C, line 1: **Graduate courses in** the basic studies of the Christian faith are:....

3, line 1: ....preceding ~~consecration~~ **ordination**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1498* MN275
Subject: Consecration of Deacons.
Petition: MN-10467-0307-D
Page in Advance DCA: 870
Membership: 98; Present: 70;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1499* MN276
Subject: Change in Conference Relationship.
Petition: MN-10472-0313-D
Page in Advance DCA: 871
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 65; Against: 5; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Line 4: ....~~local church membership~~ **charge conference relationship**....

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1500 MN278
Subject: Composition and Character of the Annual Conference.
Petition: MN-10511-0701-D
Page in Advance DCA: 881
Membership: 98; Present: 75;
For: 56; Against: 16; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Line 3: The clergy shall be the ordained elders **and deacons.**

Line 7: ~~For purposes of lay equalizatyion only, deacons shall not be included in the lay members total number.~~

~~3. Diaconal ministers Deacons are lay members of the Annual Conference.~~

7, last line: ....Board of **Deacons and** Elders.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1501 MN279
Subject: Rights of Deacons.
Petition: MN-10565-0309-D
Page in Advance DCA: 886
Membership: 98; Present: 76;
For: 53; Against: 22; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

All ~~diaconal ministers~~ **deacons** shall ~~have the right to receive clear documentation of evaluations and~~ **receive written communication about** decisions made regarding ~~every and any phase of~~ their ~~ministry and~~ relationship with the Annual Conference.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1502 MN280
Subject: Rights of Deacons
Petition: MN-11886-0309-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1280
Membership: 98; Present: 77;
For: 46; Against: 26; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Para. 309.1: The ~~Diaconal minister~~ **deacon** shall have the rights of voice and vote in the Annual Conference where membership is held; shall be eligible to serve as a ~~lay~~**clergy** person on boards, commissions or committees of the Annual Conference and hold office on the same; shall ~~not~~ be eligible for election as a ~~lay~~ **clergy** delegate to the General or Jurisdictional Conference. The ~~diaconal minister~~ **deacon** shall attend the sessions of the Annual Conference. Any ~~diaconal minister~~ **deacon** unable to attend shall report....to the ~~bishop~~ **conference secretary**....

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1503 MN283
Subject: Relationship to the Employing Agency.
Petition: MN-10473-0315-D
Page in Advance DCA: 871
Membership: 98; Present: 79;
For: 55; Against: 17; Not Voting: 7;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1504 MN284
Subject: Deacon's Relationship to the Employing Agency.
Petition: MN-10412-0315-D
Page in Advance DCA: 887
Membership: 98; Present: 79;
For: 68; Against: 10; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1505* MN286
Subject: Relationship of a Deacon.
Petition: MN-11628-0315-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1281
Membership: 98; Present: 79;
For: 72; Against: 5; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1506* MN287
Subject: Conference Committee on Episcopacy.
Petition: MN-10174-0735-D
Page in Advance DCA: 915
Membership: 98; Present: 79;
For: 73; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1507 MN288
Subject: Conference Committee on Episcopacy.
Petition: MN-11638-0735-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1323
Membership: 98; Present: 80;
For: 44; Against: 28; Not Voting: 8;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1508 MN294
Subject: Consultation and Review.
Petition: MN-10508-0535-D
Page in Advance DCA: 880
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 53; Against: 17; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

2. line 2: ....shall develop ~~annually~~....

4. line 2: ....Board ~~for~~ **of** Deacons....

4. line 5: ....Board ~~for~~ **of** Deacons....

4. lines 6-7: ~~The purpose of the meeting is to gain understanding of their interrelatedness in ministry.~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1509* MN311
Subject: Open Itineracy and Handicapping Conditions.
Petition: MN-11898-0530-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1314
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 71; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

Proceedings of the 1992 General Conference of The United Methodist Church

Committee On Journal Report

The Committee on Journal hereby certifies as accurate, with the following corrections, the proceedings as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for Tuesday May 12, 1992.

Daily Edition, p. 385, col. 2, last par. line 5--Substitute "I'd" for "I."

Daily Edition, p. 385, col. 3--"(Judicial Ballot Count)" belongs in par. 2 just before "We have the report . . ."

Daily Edition, p. 386, col. 1, par. 4, line 2--Capitalize "Mr. Bishop."

Daily Edition, p. 386, col. 1, par. 5, line 6--Substitute "supposed" for "suppose."

Daily Edition, p. 392, col. 1, par. 3, line 8--Substitute "Gill Caldwell" for "Bill Caldwell."

Daily Edition, p. 392, col. 3, par. 1, line 11 up from the bottom--Substitute "adjusting process" for "audio tape not clear."

Daily Edition, p. 392, col. 3, par. 1, line 4 up from the bottom--Substitute "like" for "audio tape not clear."

Daily Edition, p. 396, col. 1, par. 1, line 3--Substitute "concurrence" for "concurrent."

Daily Edition, p. 396, col. 2, par. 5, line 1--Add a ")" after "Group B."

Daily Edition, p. 397, col. 1, par. 4, line 1--Capitalize "Bishop."

Daily Edition, p. 397, col. 1, par. 4, Line 3--Place commas before and after the phrase "on the study of the ministry."

Daily Edition, p. 397, col. 1, par. 8--Substitute "SUMMERS" for "ED SOMERS."

Daily Edition, p. 397, col. 1, par. 11--Substitute "at 7" for "Ed Somers."

Daily Edition, p. 397, col. 1, par. 12--Substitute "Coyner" for "Somers."

Daily Edition, p. 397, col. 2, par. 2--Substitute "Coyner" for "Somers."

Daily Edition, p. 397, col. 2--Remove "(" from "*Judicial Council Clergy Ballot No. 3*" Move same headline below the speech following it.

Daily Edition, p. 397, col. 2, par. 3--Substitute "SUMMERS" for "SOMERS."

Daily Edition, p. 398, col. 1, line 22--Insert "**Monday Afternoon, May 11, 1992.** *Bishop David Lawson, presiding*" just before"BISHOP DAVID J. LAWSON."

Daily Edition, p. 399, col. 3, par. 1, line 27--Insert a comma after "1988."

Daily Edition, p. 400, col. 2, par. 6, line 1--Substitute "had met" for "admit."

Daily Edition, p. 400, col. 2, par. 6, line 3--Insert a comma between "beside" and "knowingly."

Daily Edition, p. 401, col. 3, par. 2, line 2--Insert "from" between "not" and "its."

Daily Edition, p. 401, col. 3, par. 2, line 12--Hyphenate "same-sex."

Daily Edition, p. 402, col. 1, par. 1, line 5--Substitute "not" for "no."

Daily Edition, p. 402, col. 2, par. 1, line 12 up from the bottom--delete the second printing of "were."

Daily Edition, p. 403, col. 1, par. 1, line 24 up from the bottom--Substitute "woman" for "women."

Daily Edition, p. 405, col. 1, line 24--Substitue "*Legislative*" for "*Study*" in the headline.

Daily Edition, p. 406, col. 2, par. 3, line 13--Insert "[A demonstration of protest ensued.]" following "back up again."

Daily Edition, p. 406, col. 2, par. 3, line 13--Begin a new par. with "BISHOP LAWSON: Now, we'll just take . . ."

Daily Edition, p. 407, col. 1, par. 4, line 16--Insert "years" after "4."

Daily Edition, p. 408, col. 3, par. 2, line 4--Following "conducted" changes copy to read as follows: ". . . so on, and so on, and so on . . ."

Daily Edition, p. 409, col. 3, par. 2, lines 20-21--Change sentences to read as follows: "Now we have this recommedation before us with that sentence added. You're approving . . ."

Daily Edition, p. 409, par. 3, line 1--Move "BISHOP LAWSON: and the first three sentences to just above the Judicial Council headline.

Daily Edition, p. 409, par. 3, line 3--Begin new par. with "BISHOP LAWSON: Now I call ourselves . . ."

Daily Edition, p. 409, par. 3, line 8--Begin new par. with "We do have before us . . ."

Daily Edition, p. 410, col. 3, line 29--Capitalize "church."

Daily Edition, p. 411, col. 1, par. 1, line 6--Substitute "now" for "not."

Daily Edition, p. 411, col. 1, par. 5, line 10--Substitute "Rachel Hattie Fixico" for "audio-tape is unclear."

Daily Edition, p. 412, col. 3, par. 7--Move first sentence above the above the Judicial Council headline. Begin new par. with "If I may interrupt . . ."

Daily Edition, p. 413, col. 1, line 1 up from the bottom--Capitalize "Publishing House."

Daily Edition, p. 415, col. 1, line 6--Substitute "1" for "one."

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T. TERRELL SESSUMS (Florida): I'd like to speak in support of the amendment. As a former legislator and a practicing lawyer, I'm almost tempted to speak against it, but I feel that what it proposes to do is to give certain people civil rights and legal rights far beyond what most folks enjoy. I think it's going to lead to a tremendous number of disputes and I think would attempt to provide many of the traditional historic dower rights and other private property rights to people who profess to have a common law or legally sanctified homosexual marriage, to give them exactly the same legal rights that we've provided over the centuries to try to enhance and protect the family and

heterosexual marriage. So I would support the amendment as clarification and simplification that is consistent with the provisions currently contained in the Social Principles.

BISHOP LAWSON: All right, thank you, sir. Would anyone care to speak against the amendment? Yes, you're coming to microphone 4. Microphone 4.

RICHARD PARKER (New York): Yes, I'd like to speak in opposition to the amendment. I'm delighted that after this careful study by this committee they have decided that it is time for us to put into the *Discipline* specifically those rights which are assumed to be available to other kinds of family settings in our country and to extend them to persons in same-sex relationships. I think it's important to spell that out. It's time to do it, and I'm glad that it's being included in the *Discipline*.

BISHOP LAWSON: Now the matter is really clearly before you, don't you think, and aren't you ready to express yourself?

CHARLENE KAMMERER (Florida): I would like a closing statement.

BISHOP LAWSON: And you would then, Charlene, have a chance to speak to it.

KAMMERER: I am aware that our committee felt very strongly that this section should be added in regard to civil rights for homosexual persons in the *Discipline* and separated out. It was an overwhelmingly high number of the committee members who supported this.

BISHOP LAWSON: What you have before you is an addition of words which I still do not have before me--at the end of this paragraph. And I must ask you then to go to a microphone and ask a page to be of help to us at this point.

DAVID STANLEY (Iowa): Bishop, I handed the amendment to a page about five minutes ago, but apparently it didn't get there.

BISHOP LAWSON: Okay.

STANLEY: The amendment would add at the end of the last sentence of par. 3 of 71F. It's the last full sentence at the bottom of p. 95 of your *Discipline*, the sentence that reads, "We insist that all persons, regardless of age, gender, marital status, or sexual orientation, are entitled to have their human and civil rights insured." And then the new language added is, "and to be protected against violence and unlawful threats."

BISHOP LAWSON: Now, that matter is before you. Thank you for reading that, I now have it. That matter is before you. If you would, you want to decide about whether you want this substitution for section G called "Rights of Homosexual Persons," and if you want to substitute these words, "and be protected against violence and unlawful threats." If you then have your mind clear about what you need to do, then would you please vote when the light appears.

They're replacing something... If you would accept this as a substitute by adding to the *Book of Discipline* the words "and to be protected against violence and unlawful threats," if you would accept that as a substitute instead of the G section, "Rights of Homosexual Persons", would you raise your hand. Hold them up for a moment. Thank you. If you would not accept this substitute would you raise your hand, and, my goodness, you're confusing tonight. And just like a miracle, the machine is back in place.

And so those of you, now you're ready to vote and you know what the issue is, and when the light appears please vote. "Yes," 441; "No," 509, and the amendment does not carry, and now you're back to par. G on p. 280 of the red book with the exception of the words "in same-sex relationships," the matter is before you.

Are you clear on this, are you ready to vote? Then if you're ready to vote and the question is approval of this material, when the light appears please vote. "Yes," 739; "No," 210, and this matter is approved.

KAMMERER: Bishop Lawson, I would like to move that in regard to recommendation no. 5 that we delete it in order to complete our report.

BISHOP LAWSON: Yes, we have before us a recommendation or a motion to delete recommendation no. 5, and you understand that it doesn't disappear--it's really Calendar Item No. 191--so this is a matter of cleaning up legislation. So you know what the issue is, the deletion of recommendation no. 5. When the light appears please vote. "Yes," 831; "No," 88, and that has been deleted from this report.

Now we have before us, as amended by our action and recommendations of the legislative committee, the whole matter of the report, variously amended and perfected. It is before us. Are you ready to decide this? You think you are? Then we come to the point where two closing speeches are possible. Charlene I think you speak first and then we turn to . . . I beg your pardon . . . please go ahead Charlene.

KAMMERER: We thank you for your serious reflections with us who have spent considerable time and energy in discussing the study report. We are grateful for all those who participated with us in this effort and I am glad to know that you have concurred with our committee for the most part in regard to our amendments, and I ask that you support the entirety now of the report.

BISHOP LAWSON:We turn now to chairperson of the study committee for our closing statement and then we'll vote.

NANCY YAMASAKI (Pacific Northwest): I also wish to thank you for supporting the work of the committee, for being willing to struggle honestly, to be willing to engage oneself totally, and also to be willing to discern the spirit of God. I would urge you to vote on the work of this legislative committee in its entirety, knowing that it affords the church the opportunity to learn, to grow, to become enriched by studying homosexuality.

(Calendar Item No. 190 Final Vote)

BISHOP LAWSON: Now the matter is before us and you are ready to vote, and so consequently you will turn now to your sense of this matter. It has been variously talked about and amended by us and when the light appears you will vote. "Yes," 767; "No," 190, and as it has been amended, the study committee report is approved.

We thank all of you for your good work. We're not done with the topic, but we are finished now with the study committee, and we turn our attention to Calendar Item No. 191 and turn to the . . . Charlene, before you begin, the chairperson of the Agenda Committee needs to give us some suggestions. He's going to microphone 3.

DON OTT (Wisconsin): With some assurance that the chair of the Task Force on the Relocation of the General Board of Global Ministries will second this motion, he has the order of the evening. I move the extension of time to complete this matter--30 minutes, if necessary.

BISHOP LAWSON: You are that person, sir? All right, you are seconding it. It is before you. The question before us is the extension of time. If you think this a good idea, this is the time to vote. When the light appears, please vote. If you don't think it's a good idea, also it's a time to vote. "Yes," 806; "No," 120. And thus you have extended the time a half an hour. The time was to expire at 8:30, so I understand that we have now moved the time to 9:00. Isn't it interesting how words begin to run together after awhile? Try your very best to understand what I am trying to say, will you? Now, Charlene, if you would guide us.

(Calendar Item No. 191)

KAMMERER: I am trying very hard, Bishop. Page 235 in the blue book. If you would stay with us, we are on Calendar Item 191. This calendar item addresses the present wording of par. 71f in the *Discipline*. And I would like to read it for us in case you do not have your copy with you. It is p. 96 in the *Discipline*. "Homosexual persons, no less than heterosexual persons, are individuals of sacred worth. All persons need the ministry and guidance of the church in their struggles for human fulfillment, as well as the spiritual and emotional care of a fellowship which enables reconciling relationships with God, with others, and with self. Although we do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching, we affirm that God's grace is available to all. We commit ourselves to be in ministry for and with all persons."

BISHOP LAWSON: All right. That is before you, and it is a replacement of the last two sentences.

KAMMERER: Bishop Lawson, I have not made my speech yet. May I?

BISHOP LAWSON: My goodness. Have you made your motion? Okay.

KAMMERER: After struggling with recommendation no. 5 in the study report which, as you remember, is the only recommendation which contains a majority and minority report within the committee, the majority report was to delete all of recommendation 5. In essence, this means that par. 71f would remain in its present form. In our work together, this is where committee members felt the most struggle and surely experienced the most pain. The majority report is concurrence to retain the wording of paragraph 71f in the *Discipline*. There was a minority report within the committee, and when you are ready, Bishop, I will present Dr. Wogaman.

BISHOP LAWSON: I am ready.

(Minority Report)

KAMMERER: Dr. Philip Wogaman will present the minority report.

PHILIP WOGAMAN (Baltimore): Thank you, Charlene, and Bishop. Bishop Lawson, I want to begin by thanking you for your sensitive way of handling a difficult situation this afternoon. That was a textbook example of how to do it. As presenter of the minority report, it was not a very comfortable moment. I feared that such a disruption might make it too easy for some people to do the wrong thing. Yet I understood and understand the pain out of which the demonstration came. And I think I also want to thank the house for the maturity of its response. The whole thing underscores in my mind the importance of the kind of mutual respect that makes dialogue possible.

And that is what the minority report, finally, is all about. Indeed, that is what both the majority and minority reports of the study committee were all about, up to a certain point. In this present minority report, you will notice that there is not one word which demeans the views of those within the church who consider homosexual practice to be wrong. Their views would continue to be included in the Social Principles. But when you go home, you can make that point clear. You can help them see that United Methodists have nothing to fear from honest dialogue. You will notice that not one word of the minority report condones sexual looseness or exploitation or promiscuity--not one word. You will notice that the minority report is grounded in the greatest biblical, theological theme of all: the grace that God has bestowed on all--that theme of God's covenant love, which is the great common thread of Scripture and tradition. Some of the little threads of application have to be understood sometimes in new ways, as when the church came to new understanding about slavery; as when the church came to new understanding about women. Even the greatest of theologians have been wrong about some things. What they have been right about is the great common thread: God's covenant of gracious love.

The minority report, unlike the majority it seeks to replace, acknowledges an important truth: There are informed, thoughtful, and morally principled people in the church who believe that homosexual practice is acceptable if practiced in a context of human caring and covenantal faithfulness. Many in this room disagree with that, many in this room agree with it, and many may not be sure. But everybody should be able to see that it is the truth that that position is held by morally responsible people.

The minority report, unlike the majority report, takes two additional truths seriously: first, that there is no generally accepted theory about the nature and origin of homosexuality. There is consensus that many homosexuals have experienced this orientation from early in life. My friends, this means there is a real possibility that homosexual orientation is not chosen and that many homosexuals could not change. Even in this afternoon's statement that 50% of those who have tried to change were able to, I found myself thinking, "What about the other 50%?"

Second, that large numbers of homosexual persons function quite normally. Many of these people are active members of our churches. Many of them manifest the fruit of the Spirit among us without a hint of scandal. That is not true of all; it is true of many. So what is the issue? This great church of ours has an opportunity now to take an important step beyond the bitter polarization of the past 20 years that have plagued American Protestantism. It is in our grasp tonight. Polarization is inevitable when there is not mutual respect of views held in good faith. We can take that giant step beyond polarization.

My fellow delegates, mutual respect and intellectual humility are the way out of the divisiveness. God does not expect us to have all the answers. God does expect us to be open to new truth and to respect one another. This minority report is grounded in the truths we do have. It has the virtue of being a true statement. It will be respected wherever people respect the truth. It will contribute to the integrity of the church. But, most of all, the minority report keeps faith with a very important prin-

cipal: When in doubt, when there is not yet sufficient grounding for a settled consensus, above all, do not hurt; do not stigmatize. The church must not condemn unless it is sure. The church as a whole should not teach as moral truth what it cannot demonstrate to be moral truth.

BISHOP LAWSON: All right, now, the chair understands that this is a minority report, and normally we would shift now to the perfecting of the majority report; however, the majority report is the current content of *The Book of Discipline*. Would you not agree with me that there is not perfection to be done there, and that would, then--no, don't read that wrong, it's just a matter of parliamentary inquiry--and so, then, it would seem to me that we would be in a position now of perfecting the minority report in preparation for vote. That's the way I would like to suggest that we proceed, and so what we have before us now is the opportunity to perfect the minority report. And I turn to you, sir.

Yes, microphone 6.

TEX SAMPLE (Missouri West): Bishop, I'm speaking in behalf of the minority report; is that in order?

BISHOP LAWSON: Yes.

SAMPLE: Tex Sample, Missouri West. I want to talk especially to those in our body who believe that the present position of our church on homosexuality is wrong, but who fear what will happen should we change to a position that does not condemn homosexual practice. You will very likely decide what happens here. At the end of Shakespeare's *King Lear*, one finds the words, "to speak what we feel and not what we are supposed to say." Please reflect on those words. I know some will fear what will happen if we change our view. But think also for a moment that our task in the church is not to vote our fears but to proclaim our faith, and to speak the truth as we have been given to see it. Please let me say that we do not need to fear crucifixion, because the triumph of resurrection always comes to faithful living in the economy of God. We do not fear the tragedies of Friday which come by the bearing of the cross, because the sunrise of Sunday morning is coming. By the most conservative estimates, 3% of our population in the United States is gay and lesbian, meaning a population virtually the size of The United Methodist Church. In terms of the Kinsey estimate of 10%, we have 26 or 27 million gays and lesbians. Will you think with me for a moment about the enormity of the pain they face? Please vote, please speak what you feel, and not what you're supposed . . . not what we, are supposed to say.

BISHOP LAWSON: When several cards are up at the same time and they are flashing, and all of you are really doing it for somebody else, you really confuse me. Would the one person who wants the mike raise their card? I turn to you now, sir; you're going to microphone 2. We will need translation, sir.

(One African Response)

KASONGO MUNZA (North Shaba): I speak French, please. Is there anyone?

TRANSLATOR: The translator is ready.

MUNZA: OK.

BISHOP LAWSON: We have a point of order. Excuse me, sir, for a just a moment. Point of order.

(translation into French for delegate)

BISHOP LAWSON: Microphone 4.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: If our brother is using a translator, I move that he be allowed double the normal time for his statement.

BISHOP LAWSON: That's not a point of order; that's a procedural motion.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Excuse me, just shouldn't he be allowed that? I'm sorry for making it a motion.

BISHOP LAWSON: Yes, may I . . .?

MUNZA: (speaks in French)

TRANSLATOR: This is to express our deep concern about the homosexuality issue.

MUNZA: (speaks in French)

TRANSLATOR: This is a practice which is almost unknown in our Zairean tradition and customs.

MUNZA: (speaks in French)

TRANSLATOR: It is foreign to us.

MUNZA: (speaks in French)

TRANSLATOR: After hearing the reports of the legislative committee on Faith and Mission, we want you to know our position.

MUNZA: (speaks in French)

TRANSLATOR: Number 1: The practice of homosexuality, as we understand it, is unbiblical and non-Christian.

MUNZA: (speaks in French)

TRANSLATOR: Number 2: The United Methodist Church is a world church to which we all belong, but the homosexual issue is regional.

MUNZA: (speaks in French)

TRANSLATOR: We do not want our culture contaminated by what we consider to be a disease.

MUNZA: (speaks in French)

TRANSLATOR: By your acceptance of this practice, you risk spreading it throughout the church.

MUNZA: (speaks in French)

TRANSLATOR: Number 3: We have greeted with joy and gratitude the initiative of creating the Africa University.

MUNZA: (speaks in French)

TRANSLATOR: However, we now fear that this regional problem might be imported through the teaching given at the university.

MUNZA: (speaks in French)

TRANSLATOR: We implore you not to send us anyone who is involved in the practice of homosexuality or who accepts it as a normal and acceptable practice for Christians.

MUNZA: (speaks in French)

TRANSLATOR: If this false teaching were brought to our university and our church, it would be a source of terrible division and could destroy the church of our Lord.

MUNZA: (speaks in French)

TRANSLATOR: Number 4: Could you imagine John Wesley favoring homosexuality, or even the church's continuing consideration of this issue?

MUNZA: (speaks in French)

TRANSLATOR: We ask that this statement be made available to the entire assembly.

MUNZA: (speaks in French)

TRANSLATOR: I thank you very much, Bishop.

BISHOP LAWSON: Thank you. I now see if there is anyone in the house who would care to speak in favor of the minority report. And I turn back here, center; you're coming out to microphone 13. No, the gentleman, please.

MERLIN J. ACKERSON (Iowa): Bishop Lawson, I'm Merlin Ackerson, clergy delegate from Iowa Conference. I support the minority report for 3 reasons this evening.

One is my faith. My faith centers in Jesus Christ above everything else, even above the Scriptures. I believe we need to be concerned about squaring everything that we do with the gospel. More

important to square it with Jesus Christ than with the Book of Leviticus. I also think that the faith of Jesus Christ is that which, indeed, teaches me that all persons, all persons are not only created by God, but by the grace of God are saved by grace. Yes, indeed, all persons are equal in the eyes of God.

Secondly, I'm concerned about brothers and sisters who are gay and lesbian, who feel the deep pain of our intolerance and rejection and prejudice and even hatred, because we do not like them or do not approve of who they are. Our intolerance is giving ourselves and others, I'm afraid, in our society, a license to discriminate against these people. This discrimination ranges in everything from our state legislators failing to pass civil rights legislation to protect people who are homosexual, to our Boy Scout organzations, which will not allow them to belong, or to be leaders of the Scouting program, to the street gangs who have been known for torturing these people in our society.

Besides my faith and besides my concern for my brothers and sisters, I'm also concerned about a young man who came to me just the other day. His name is Legion. He had just about given up on God because of the way that God had been interpreted to him by some of our churches and pastors, who indicated that he was unworthy and sinful and in need of changing his sexual orientation since he was a homosexual. Even after wanting to change and praying earnestly for that change, he was told that he was still unworthy. Even when he found out it was not possible to change. Yes, he felt the harsh judgment of the Christians who continued to say that he was not only unworthy but sinful. What he needed when he came to me was what all of us need, and what most of us just assume as we go about in life, and that is the affirmation of we who are persons of God's creation and objects of God's love in Jesus Christ. We need affirmation. Well, I stumbled as I tried to respond to his need because of what my church says and what many of us believe, that he is not worthy, that he is sinful, as if somehow we heterosexuals are without sin.

I'm concerned, and I therefore support the minority report for those 3 reasons: my faith in God through Jesus Christ above everything else; my friends and my brothers and sisters who are feeling the intolerance and giving license to that intolerance; and then about this one person who is, like many others, not feeling affirmation.

BISHOP LAWSON: Thank you. Now the floor is open if someone cares to speak to it, for someone who would speak against the minority report. And I'm going to the back, to the gentleman in the rear whom God has decorated in a very fine fashion.

Microphone 14.

TOM A. ABNEY (Little Rock): Thank you, Bishop. I'm not very polished parliamentarily, and I'm not very skilled oratorily. Just a country preacher on a 4-point circuit. But I'd like to say that I don't believe that the matter is one of moral responsibility when we're dealing with same-sex relationships. I think it's a matter of moral irresponsibility, particularly in view of the persistent position of the Methodist Church in its *Discipline*, and also of the culture and its law. I don't think that it is a true statement to say that in the view of Scripture, grace always takes the place of law. I think the Scripture also supports the position that law is a teacher, an instructor of that which is acceptable in the sight of God.

I had an experience in a fast food restaurant this evening, wherein one of the pages--my roommate--and I, met 6 people who were former Methodist people but who left the Methodist church because they found it impossible to understand its vagaries in values and its loss of a sense of direction. We spoke to them specifically of this issue and they reminded me and my friend that their leaving was not a matter of fear, but a matter of conviction, that they wanted to be in a church that knew what it believed and spoke what it stood for. I speak in opposition to the minority report.

BISHOP LAWSON: Now we've had 2 speeches, 2 "for" and 2 "against". We're restraining ourselves from applause, thank you. And we can now, at any point, begin to vote. The floor is still open for speeches on either side. I come over here to this side of the house. You're coming to microphone 2.

KENNETH D. McCAW (West Michigan): What appeals to me in my support of this minority report is that it gives me permission to consider that the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. That has been my learning biblically, my faith, it is where my mind still is. But I also find myself with humility contemplating something that I never imagined. I've come to understand that there are persons in Jesus Christ who experience Christian grace and gifts and who are homosexually-oriented persons. I'm puzzled. I'm not certain that this is a clear analogy, but it's the one that fits for me. I imagine that it could be a little bit like Christians as reported in the 15th Chapter of Acts who said, "We have only known for 2,000 years that the grace of God rests on circumcised males, and then it is heard that the grace of God rests on Greeks, who are not circumcised." And they have to ask themselves, what shall we do? I do not know what to do. What appeals to me here is the removal of language that could be condemnatory, and it still gives me permission to express my views and then to say there are other views that I don't yet understand. I can only pray the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and shape us.

BISHOP LAWSON: Now what I can receive is a speak against the minority report. Is that you, sir? All right.

CHARLIE COFER (South Georgia): Somebody mentioned awhile ago some honest dialogue, and then we heard some honest dialogue out of our brother from Zaire. I want to tell you, I've heard some things here today that really worry me. We said, "Do not hurt these people." I've got to tell you, I was hurt as a 12-year-old Boy Scout. We had 16 members in the troop, at least 4 of whom were molested by the Boy Scout leader, who was homosexual. It took me many years to come to the point where I could forgive that man for what he did. I can feel for the women who have experienced rape, I can feel for those of you who have experienced racism, because I had my boyhood taken away from me, in a sense, at the age of 12 by a homosexual. Please keep the language the way it is, and don't hurt the children.

BISHOP LAWSON: Now you know where we are now. We have had 3 "for" and 3 "against", and the rules of the house require that I put the vote. We have a request for an amendment. I can receive that. All right, sir, you're going to microphone 3.

JACK PATTERSON (Western Pennsylvania): Bishop and house, I would like to move to amend by . . . after the

first sentence, where it begins, "Many consider" and the 2 sentences there beginning with those words, "Many consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching, others believe it acceptable when practiced in a context of human caring and covenantal faithfulness." I'd like to move to amend by deletion of those two sentences. If I have a second, I'd like to speak to that.

BISHOP LAWSON: Is it seconded? Is it seconded? I hear a second, please speak.

PATTERSON: My feeling is that some of the language in these 2 sentences is really repetitious in relationship to the sentence which comes before it, and that extraneous material is really not needed since it simply speaks to the 2 sides of the issue, the sides and the sentences which are inflammatory. And I know that many do not feel that we should be looking at this issue in relationship to what's happening in the local church back home, but I'm one of those who feel that we should. I think that this language, with these 2 sentences gone, then would make this report compatible with what we have just done in relationship to the study materials. If it is not deleted and if this report were to pass, I feel for what I go home to and, I think, what a lot of other pastors here will go home to.

The last time on Sunday a week ago that I saw Terry, who is the father of three young daughters, and a very fine working family in my church. I don't think Terry has ever graduated from high school, but Terry said to me, "If any part of this passes, Jack, I'm out of here." Now, I know some of you may be saying, "Let him go." But I want to say, when will this great United Methodist Church cease letting the people go? I stand before you as a forgiven person, from sin in my life, and I think that we need to come to the place where we speak that forgiveness, and where indeed we put a halt to doing things which, in essence, are going to let the people go. We've let them go for too long. We need to see their side, too. We need to speak and minister to them.

BISHOP LAWSON: Now, what you have before you is a motion to amend by deletion. In line 5 a sentence begins, "Many consider." That sentence and the next one has been moved to delete. That matter is before you. We are moving toward the end of our time and so you want to be conscious of that and guided by that as we come along to this. Yes, sir, I'm coming back to you who is standing, right there, you're coming across to the aisle quickly to microphone no. 12.

BILLY YORK (North Alabama): I'd like to call a question on all that is before us.

BISHOP LAWSON: All right. The question has been called on all that is before us. Is it seconded? It is seconded. You understand that this will conclude debate on all that is before us. I understand your intention is to both the amendment, minority report, and finally report on the majority report, is this correct? OK. If you would close debate in this way, it takes 2/3 of you to decide this; would you when the light appears, vote. Please vote. "Yes," 838; "No," 117. You have decided to vote and so what you have before us is a sequence of motions. The 1st before you is an amendment to delete. The sentences are "many consider and others believe." You are voting on whether or not you will delete that and if you would . . .

WOGAMAN: Bishop?

BISHOP LAWSON: Thank you, Phil, you do have the right to speak and my deep apologies to you, sir.

WOGAMAN: You noticed.

BISHOP LAWSON: With a little help.

WOGAMAN: Thank you. I must say to my friend and colleague, that I join you and, I'm sure, the other framers of the minority report join you, above all else in not wishing to be inflammatory. Above all else, we want to heal the church, to heal it by removing the impression that there is only one possible view. Your amendment, as I understand it, does that, and so I think so far as that part of the motion, I would be content to see it go as it will. I wish to speak to 2 or 3 other issues which may then come down in your thinking about the remainder.

First, to take note of the various speeches against the minority report. They all represent positions that can be held in the life of the church except for 1 thing. They do not begin to comprehend the moral and intellectual seriousness of those United Methodists who disagree. I think Brother Patterson's amendment does. Much has been said about the peace of the church.

We are all concerned about that. In the long run, the peace of the church must go through the avenue of dialogue and mutual respect.

I note the views expressed concerning the implications for Christians in other countries. Such views are not repudiated in the minority report. The conference needs to know that 2 of the sponsors of the minority report are from other countries, and that the same view was expressed by the third-world representative in the study committee.

The conference also needs to remember that under par. 638 of the *Discipline*, Central Conferences have brought authority to edit or modify the *Discipline* to suit their situation. And so we come to the moment of truth. My colleagues, let this be a moment of truth. Let this be a moment for our great church to take the kind of leadership which tonight it can take. God bless you.

BISHOP LAWSON: Now, Charlene, as maker of the majority motion, do you have anything you would like to say?

KAMMERER: Point of inquiry, someone. Am I speaking to the amendment or the final statement here before we vote?

BISHOP LAWSON: The final statement.

KAMMERER: All right. The Faith and Mission Committee, we found, was a microcosm of the church as we learned much from the report, from those who served on the study committee, and from one another as we, too, struggled with it. We heard differing views from each other, and we tried to listen to one another out of respect and dignity for all persons, remembering our brothers and sisters who are gay men and lesbians in the church.

Finally, our discernment in the majority of the committee members voted for neither option in recommendation 5 from the original study. The wisdom of the majority was that the present position in the *Discipline* regarding homosexuality should stand. We respectfully submit to you the majority report.

BISHOP LAWSON: And the matter is clearly before us. We've been at it a little bit, and I think you're ready to vote now, and, in fact, the laws of the church require that we continue to move ahead. And so we take these things in progress.

The first thing before us is the motion to delete the 2 sentences which I noted a minute ago: on line 5 of the minority report, to delete those 2 sentences begin-

ning, "Many consider, others believe . . .." That is what is before you. When the light appears, please vote.

"Yes," 451; "No," 500. And the deletion is not made.

And now the minority report is before you. And you are ready now to vote on the minority report. If you vote it up, it becomes the majority report; if you vote it down, it is not. And it is before you; and when the light appears, please vote.

"Yes," 372; "No," 594. The minority report is not before us.

And that brings us, then, to the majority report, which, in essence, leaves par. 71F as it is in those last two sentences. Point of order. Microphone 14.

MARK HORST (Minnesota): I believe that calling the question is not in order at this time because there have not been 2 speeches for and against the majority report.

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BISHOP LAWSON: The matter is property of the house; and the matter has been settled; and we are in motion to vote. And so now you have before you the majority report, which, in essence, will continue the last 2 sentences in par. 71F. When the light appears, please vote.

We will not be applauding now because you will not be able to hear what I say. "Yes," 710; "No," 238. And the majority report is sustained.

And I believe, Charlene, that that brings us to the conclusion of the material from you at this time? We're out of time, I believe, and so, on this matter, the agenda committee has given us this time to be at this point. I'd like to express appreciation to Bill Grove and Joe Yeakel, who are sitting behind me. They are major companions and very helpful people, and I'd like to introduce to you Bishop George Bashore, who will be bringing himself to the chair now to continue the business of the evening.

BISHOP GEORGE BASHORE: I wonder if we could have the song director, please, lead us in a hymn. Will you please?

Will you stand and join me in number 374. We'll do all 4 verses, but be ready on no. 3 to carry it by yourselves. 374: "Standing on the Promises".

(song)

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: "We Shall Overcome."

(song)

BISHOP BASHORE: All right. Thank you. Thank you very much. I feel almost as if I'm a relief pitcher after a person has pitched a no-hitter for 8 innings and his arm may be worn out a little bit, and I feel like I'm a little bit on the spot at this point because Bishop Lawson certainly did a wonderful job as you indicated with his leadership.

Now, I understand that we're ready, also, to have the results of the last vote. So if this will be placed on the screen, please. You can see by the results that we have no election, and so I will ask that you be ready to vote. Utilize the numbers to the left of your screen, and please vote when the light appears. All right, the ballot's complete. We need to wait. All right. We'll receive the report later.

Now we're ready to look at the whole matter of the report for the study of the relocation of the General Board of Global Ministries. Randolph Smith is the chairperson of that study committee, and the committee will be given 20 minutes in order to give the report, and following the giving of that report, then, we will turn to the legislative committee. Randy.

(Relocation of GBGM Report)

WILLIAM RANDOLPH SMITH (Texas): I've had the privilege of serving as the chair of the task force to consider the feasibility of relocating the General Board of Global Ministries. If you would turn to p. 364 in your *Advance DCA*, you'll find our report at that point. I've been told that we are under some time constraint; and so you may see a strange sight tonight, and that's a Texan trying to talk fast. But we'll move along as quickly as we can.

We began as strangers, but I want to commend the members of our task force. I served on the Hymnal Revision Committee and was constantly amazed at the strong friendships that were formed out of our sometimes tough sessions. The same has been true in the work of this task force, where mutual love and respect overrode differences of opinion. We didn't expect to be met with popular acclaim, since it was clear the church had differing views. But we hoped our work would be constructive and enlightening, and we feel it has been. I ask you to be attentive to our report tonight.

The last few months, and especially during these days of General Conference, you've been inundated with information in opposition to our report. We've had no way to respond about the merits of our report, and we ask you to be open in hearing us now. Our first presenter tonight is Dr. Norman E. Dewire, a clergy member of the West Ohio Conference. Ned is president of the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. He served 12 years as the general secretary of the General Council on Missions and 6 years as an employee of the General Board of Global Ministries serving as the executive of ecumenical coalition. Ned?

(Task Force and Its Task)

NORMAN E. DEWIRE: Thank you, Randy. As you look at p. 364 and p. 365, I have 3 points I want to make.

The 1st is to turn our attention to the charge and the organization of the task force.

First of all, the task force was created by the 1988 General Conference, asking 15 persons to be named: 1 lay woman, 1 lay man, 1 clergy person from each of the 5 jurisdictions in the United States. The 5 Colleges of Bishops named the committee. As Randy said, we were not known to each other. We were not related to any agency. No staff was assigned, and the task force commenced its work.

Secondly, the 1988 General Conference was very clear about what the task force was to do and what it was not to do. It said to us: study the feasibility of relocation and bring back recommendation. It did not say "Move the board." The 1988 General Conference did not say "Decide a city." The 1988 General Conference did not say "Develop a plan to move." The 1988 General Conference did not say "Bring a financial plan." All it said was "Study the feasibility of whether the board's headquarters could be relocated, and bring back a recommendation, assuming that the 1992 General Conference would have to make decisions about whether or not to relocate the general board." Then after this General Conference decides, and only then, can anyone get to a city, a specific plan, specific finances.

Third, under the charged organization, in the organizational meeting of the task force, we discussed for some while why it is that this matter of the location of the General Board of Global Ministries keeps rising on the floor of the General Conference since 1972--1972, 1976, 1980, 1984 General Conferences--and, finally, in 1988 there was this action to establish this task force. This time, unlike any other time, this task force was unrelated to any general agency. It was intended by the 1988 General Conference to be agency unbiased. For 20 years now the matter has been coming up--1972 to 1992--the matter of the headquarters' location for the General Board of Global Ministries. This time the task force is free-standing from any agency in its work and limited to "Is it feasible to move the board"

If you look on p. 365 on the left column, there are 6 questions there with dots off to the left which are part of that discussion about why the matter has come up now for 20 years. Fourth under this 1st point, the task force agreed that we were not charged with examination of the functions of the general board. We were not charged with the evaluation of the board's performance. We were to study the feasibility of moving the headquarters--that is, moving the offices at 475 Riverside Drive, and no other offices of the general board. We were to study the feasibility from a long-term perspective, not short-term gain and loss.

We asked the question, "What would enhance the work of The United Methodist Church through the General Board of Global Ministries in the long term, looking at a variety of conditions?" All right, my 2nd point is the information-gathering process, p. 365, right-hand column. Just quickly tick those off. We had conversations with the 5 Colleges of Bishops in the United States and with the Central Conference bishops. We developed a questionnaire. We employed, not an agency of the church, but the *United Methodist Reporter*, the Institute on Research, to develop a questionnaire. That questionnaire was sent to all 88 General Conference delegates, all missionaries, bishops, etc.--you can read there.

It's interesting that the majority of missionaries told us that they wanted the board relocated. The questionnaire obviously was impartial because questions were raised to Randy Smith and others of us by both sides that the questions weren't fair. When some of that happened, we assumed it was a fair questionnaire and balanced. We also had meetings with the General Board of Global Ministries directors and executive staff. We discussed with other denominational relocation officers what their experience has been--particularly the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the United Church of Christ, and the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. And, finally, as a part of data-gathering, we employed Price Waterhouse. Price Waterhouse knows the general agencies in The United Methodist Church, but they are much wider than just being an auditor. We hired them because of the breadth of their capabilities, their organizational-development structures, their ability to consult with massive organizations about a variety of issues. We selected 10 cities outside of New York. We did not select these cities as a fixed list, but selected the cities only to say, "Hey, these are cities that could be looked at and should be looked at as a way to examine New York or somewhere else." And Price Waterhouse did the demographic, cultural, sociological, and economic study of New York City and the 10 other cities. We started working with Price Waterhouse in June of 1991, and they completed their report in March of 1992.

My final point is on p. 366, left column. You notice the 4 major areas. We worked long and hard as a task force of 15 persons to develop and perfect a list of areas and 13 criteria before we took any data or analyzed any data. And you will notice the 1st of the 4 major areas--that is, financial. What are the costs of moving relative to the long-term potential cost savings? Come on down to the bottom of that page; you will note the 13 criteria. The very 1st and most important criteria of the task force for Price Waterhouse to look at New York compared to other 10 cities, and to consider whether it is feasible to move the board, is whether or not there are persons in other cities of sufficient diverse racial ethnic backgrounds. So I call your attention, then, that we carefully develop these major areas and these 13 criteria, and then set to work collecting data and analyzing the data.

Our next presenter is Mr. Phil Susag, a lay person, a native of Minnesota, and a member of the Southern New England Conference delegation. Ned chairs his conference council on ministries and served for 8 years as a director of the General Board of Global Ministries and 8 years as the chair of his conference board of global ministries. Phil.

(Relocation Study Results)

PHIL SUSAG (Southern New England): Bishop Bashore, members of the General Conference, it fell to me to do a considerable amount of the analysis of the work which we did as a task force, and I'd like to review that with you. The interviews conducted with the jurisdictional Colleges of Bishops, the Central Conference bishops, and with staff and directors of General Board of Global Ministries showed wide differences of opinion relative to the headquarters location--as did the survey of 4,400 individual United Methodists.

In the broadest sense, the surveys indicate that the Northeastern and Western jurisdictions lean toward staying in New York, while the Southeastern and South Central Jurisdiction folks leaned towards moving out of New York. The North Central Jurisdiction was so close to exactly equally divided that we have to say that it was equal.

Our in-depth consultations with the Lutheran Church, the UCC, and the Presbyterian Church representatives were helpful in helping us to understand the reasons for their moves and to understand their experiences encountered in those moves. The Presbyterian experience was sufficiently detailed and paralleled to our own situation to be helpful in developing our financial conclusions. We are grateful to them for their willingness to share their experience and to permit us to use their data in our studies.

Following their study over a period of 9 months, Price Waterhouse reached the following conclusions. All of the cities studied met all of the requirements listed in our criteria. The cost of living index for New York is 50% higher than the average of all of the other cities studied, except for Chicago and San Francisco. The average salary paid to GBGM staff is almost exactly equal to the average salary for office workers in all of the study cities other than New York, Chicago, and San Francisco. However, the average salary for similar persons in New York is 1/3 higher than the GBGM average. The facility cost of

$11.75 per square foot per year at the Interchurch Center in New York is an extremely beneficial and below market rate in New York City. However, it is well within the market range for comparable accommodations in other cities. Using the actual experience of the Presbyterians in their move to Louisville, Price Waterhouse computed the estimated expense for a GBGM move to be $9 million in 1991 dollars. In addition to the specific expense data which was given to us by the Presbyterians related to their move, they shared other points which were helpful to us. Following their move, their facility operating costs were reduced by approximately $1 million per year. The cost of living difference between New York and Louisville permitted some of their staff who moved to own their own homes for the 1st time.

In summary, the relative cost of living in New York compared to the average of the other cities suggests the potential for 1) a real reduction in the cost of goods and services needed to support the headquarters' operation, 2) lower cost for meetings, and 3) better living conditions for staff. The salary structure of GBGM should be more attractive to potential employees in locations other than New York. The exact cost of a move cannot be established in advance. It can be substantially controlled by the policies established by the organization being moved. In other words, GBGM would have control over the cost. There is no actual long-term cost involved. The funds required could be recovered over a period of time from the savings in various categories of expenses. It is reasonable to borrow the needed funds from invested funds of the church to be repaid at market-rate interest. On that basis, income needed for mission programs is never reduced as a result of a move. Based on the Presbyterian experience and on informal overtures to the task force, it is reasonable to assume that significant incentives would be offered to us once a decision was made to move GBGM out of New York.

The value of those incentives will depend on the negotiating skill of the committee assigned to accomplish a move. The net result of all this is that it was very clear to us that, indeed, it is feasible and yea, even desirable, for the church to move the Board of Global Ministries out of New York. Thank you.

(Recommendation to Relocate)

SMITH: I had intended to go over the criteria with you which are set forth on p. 368, but time will not permit that. I invite you to look at the criteria, I mean the results of our feasibility, and I ask you now to turn to our recommendations on p. 369 because I want to emphasize to you, in our recommendations, what I believe was the reasonableness of the conclusions of our task force. We have come to you with the suggestion that a new task force site selection committee be appointed, composed of 10 persons: 3 from our task force, 3 from the General Board of Global Ministries, 2 from the General Council on Ministries, and 2 from GCFA, with the intention that they will select a new site and work with the coordinator. One thing we are convinced is that if a move is anticipated, we should have someone work with us to help negotiate the best terms possible. That recommendation goes on to say in par. 4 of our recommendations that that new task force would arrange the funding and relocate the General Board of Global Ministries by Dec. 31, 1995. If it is unable to arrange the funding, it is then instructed to develop plans for relocation, and submit the financial aspects to the GCFA by April 30, 1995, and to prepare a recommendation to the 1996 General Conference on the financing.

We feel this keeps this entirely within the hands of the General Conference. We feel that it moves our process along. Do you realize that if you accept our recommendations, and everything goes smoothly, it will have been 7 1/2 years since this study first began before the move actually takes place? We can't know what costs will be until we decide to proceed. We know there are offers which are available to us, and incentives to move which will be made by various locations, but we are in no position to talk to them because that was not the charge to our task force. We must make a decision to proceed in order that the new group can be in the position to make the best possible arrangements for this church which will increase funds for our mission work. If our plan is approved, mission funds should be available in greater abundance, not less. And so I urge you to support our report. And lastly you will see in item 5, we recommend that you receive this report and dismiss our task force. We agree with the editorial board of the *Michigan Christian Advocate* in its statement of March 27, 1992, which I paraphrase. "We want to spend millions for missions; we don't want to spend millions for moving. But it's better than continuing to spend more millions to maintain offices in the most expensive city in the country." Thank you.

(Judicial Council Clergy Ballot No. 7 Report)

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you, Randy. Before we have the report from the legislative committee, we have the results from the clergy ballot and those will be placed on the screen for us. As you see, there is no election, so will you be ready to vote, utilizing the numbers on the left part of your screen, please. (Walter 429, Alford 378, Sweet 20, Lefeler 8, Schaad 5, Kambor 4, Wright 4, Thomas 3) All right, please vote when the light appears. All right, the ballot's been cast. Now will you give your attention, please, to the chairperson of the Financial Administration Legislative Committee, Sandra Kelley Lackore.

(Calendar Item No. 154; Petition No. 10513)

SANDRA KELLEY LACKORE (Southern New England): Bishop Bashore and members of the General Conference, I would call your attention to p. 232 in your blue *DCA*. The report of the task force to study the feasibility of relocating the Board of Global Ministries is found in the left column, no. 154, and as called to your attention previously, the text is on p. 364 of the *Advance DCA*, Petition No. 10513 with the recommendations occurring on p. 369. Members of the General Conference, the Financial Administration Legislative Subcommittee had an awesome task in front of it, and it chose to divide itself into 5 subcommittees. Randy Smith presented to the subcommittee that considered the relocation study, a presentation of the work of that task force. That was followed by a report by the General Board of Global Ministries. They were allotted the same amount of time, and presented a position report and a rebuttal to the report of the relocation study to that task force. It was found that as we started to have hearings of both sides of this report, that our numbers in-

creased, causing us to seek 2 additional locations in order to accommodate the number of persons that were interested in this presentation. Following the 2 30-minute presentations, there was an opportunity for questions and answers that continued into 3 separate meetings. The 3rd meeting of the subcommittee was devoted to debate of the recommendations of the task force, and all members in that group were permitted to speak as long and as often as they desired. And when there were no more statements to make on either side of the question, a vote was taken and the subcommittee voted to support the recommendation of the task force to move the General Board of Global Ministries out of New York by a vote of 12 in favor. I'm sorry, sir; I'm talking about the subcommittee report.

I'm sorry, I don't have the 2nd. It's 9 against? 5 against. 12 in favor and 5 against. When this subcommittee brought their recommendations to the full legislative committee, we again permitted presentations by both sides in order to bring as fair a hearing as possible to the members of the Financial Administration Legislative Subcommittee. We then requested that persons that had not had the opportunity to participate in the subcommittee be given the first opportunity to address the questions. We did that and had as extensive a hearing as time would allow of both sides of this issue. After all of this hearing and all of these discussions, the subcommittee, the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration, voted, 51 for and 40 against with 1 person abstaining, in favor of the study report of the task force to study the feasibility of relocating the Board of Global Ministries. I place this before you.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Now, the recommendations that are on p. 369 of your red book. Those are the ones that are before us. All right.

LACKORE: Do you have the minority report, sir?

BISHOP BASHORE: Now there is listed as you know, on p. 232 of your blue book, under 154, item 154, a minority report, and there is a spokesperson for that minority report, Harriett Olson.

HARRIETT J. OLSON (Northern New Jersey): Thank you, Bishop Bashore.

(Characteristics of a Minority Report)

BISHOP BASHORE: Harriett, I need to make a statement. We face a dilemma. Whenever there is a minority report, that report should be presenting some alternative other than simply affirming the negative part of the main motion. And as we look at the minority report, it seems to the chair that nothing new is being presented in this proposal; that, rather, it simply argues the point in opposition to the main matter which is before us. And so, it seems to me that the minority report is out of order. What I'd like to suggest, however, because this is an important matter and we do not want to limit discussion other than that which is given to us by our rules, I would like to suggest that Harriett, who is prepared to speak, be given an opportunity to give the 1st speech in opposition to that which is before us.

OLSON: May I just question the chair's interpretation? The minority report suggests not only that we stay, that the board stay in New York, but that this body be given the chance to affirm that decision and not merely reject the study's conclusion. That's why we felt that it was acceptable as a minority report.

BISHOP BASHORE: I appreciate that, but that really is the same thing as voting in opposition to the major item which is before us, and I think that it is really out of order. But you're welcome to, if you desire, to give the 1st speech in opposition.

OLSON: Thank you, bishop. As a real estate and environmental attorney, I read many varieties of reports every day. I make it a practice to advise my clients that reports that don't meet the issues directly invite further scrutiny. This is my reaction to the report of the task force to study relocation. Let me list some of the unanswered questions.

First, the Price Waterhouse study addresses the costs of moving out of New York. It does not address the costs of arriving in a new location. Let me illustrate. The report indicates that site-related costs are not included in the $9.1 million estimate. The Presbyterian Church spent over $20 million adding onto and refurbishing their new space here in Louisville. While I would not suggest that $20 million is an estimate of the cost to move in to a new building, it does indicate that considerable costs is often involved in preparing a building for occupancy, either as a tenant or as a new owner.

Next, the Price Waterhouse report indicates that the current rent is among the lowest of all the cities surveyed. It does not go on to estimate the increased cost of operating in more expensive space that would be experienced in some cities under consideration.

Further, the task force report acknowledges that Price Waterhouse did not consider the increased expenses to the staff mortgage program that would result from a move. This program is essential in enabling clergy in parsonages and missionaries in the field to come on staff at the board, and these costs must be included in any complete cost estimate.

Price Waterhouse was not asked to study how the cost of moving could be financed. The task force did a net present value calculation on the incomplete $9.1 million cost figure and seems ready to accept a 20-year payback on the identified portion of these costs.

Next, another issue which is not addressed in the report is an explanation for the assertion that the location of the board could affect its ability to communicate to United Methodists, located in the United States, about mission.

Finally, I wonder about how the study would have been affected if persons from Central Conferences had been included in any part of this process. Those are persons whose experiences could have helped us to evaluate whether the board's location helps or hinders its work in our global church. While our U.S. churches do depend on the board for education and assistance in mission, the primary work of the board is to be in mission in the United States and around the world.

Thus, I've concluded that the study is seriously flawed. Yet the majority of the legislative committee was willing to rely on the study. Why is that? We need to expose the subtext of this discussion to understand the decision we are about to make. Some of us are ready to accept the study as dispositive because of discomfort with the diversity present among the board's staff in New York city and its milieu. I've also heard expressed a concern about the accountability and responsiveness of the board. Friends, I agree that this is an issue. We must not prevent dialogue about issues that affect our corporate ministry. We owe it to the

church to deal with these issues directly through contact with the board and its directors, and not through throwing unquantified and unquantifiable sums of money into an attempt to move the board in order to assert turf control, gain power, or exact accountability. Thank you very much.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you.

Now we've had a speech against. Now we're ready to open this for your debate here on the floor. Right down here in the front. Microphone 3, please.

PETER D. WEAVER (Western Pennsylvania): I'd like to offer an amendment.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right.

(Relocation Recommendation No. 4)

WEAVER: This is actually a substitute motion for Recommendation No. 4, on p. 370. And the substitute motion would be, "The site selection task force is to recommend to the 1996 General Conference a site, plans for such a location, and all funding sources and aspects." If I have a 2nd, I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP BASHORE: Yes, you have.

WEAVER: Sometimes in life I find that we are eager to leave before we know where we are going. Every time I do that I get lost. Who among us would decide to move our home until we knew where we were going? Even the city from which I come, Pittsburgh, though nearly perfect, has some pros and cons. And I would suggest we need to measure those pros and cons against the pros and cons of New York City. And we need to measure it in the context of the bottom line, which is not finances, but how those pros and cons support or detract from the work of Jesus Christ for a global church with a world as our parish.

As many of you know, the General Council on Ministries and GCFA have a parallel recommendation coming to this General Conference that we should not move any agencies until a full comprehensive study is made of where those locations should be. How do we know that the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, when we do not know whether we are going to land in the bluegrass of Kentucky, or the prairie grass of Oklahoma? We've not even seen, I understand, the Price Waterhouse details of the report. When we were driving through Oklahoma a few years ago, we saw signs that said, "Do not drive through the smoke." Naively, I asked a gas station attendant what that means, and he said, "Just don't drive through it because you can't see where you're going." I suggest we not start driving until we can see where we're going.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right. Thank you. Now we have the amendment before us. So we need to speak; may I have a copy of that amendment, please? We need to speak to the amendment. Yes, right back here. Microphone 8.

DONALD G. KLARUP (South Dakota): Bishop, I have a procedural question.

BISHOP BASHORE: Yes?

KLARUP: And this has to do with that report from GCOM and GCFA, which adds another dimension to this whole discussion. The question is, is there some way in which we can have it considered, along with the matter that's now before us? The report is in the *Advance DCA*. There is also a minority report to be presented and copies of that are available, and pages are ready to hand it out. And I, if it's in order, would move to suspend the rules to allow that to happen.

BISHOP BASHORE: I think the only way to accomplish that would be to suspend the rules and then to test the body.

KLARUP: I so move.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, you are moving to suspend the rules. All right, there is support for that. We will be ready to vote on whether you are willing to suspend the rules. You heard the rationale that was given. Please vote when the light appears. All right, the motion to suspend the rules fails. "Yes," 492; "No," 450, and we need 2/3 vote. So that fails. The Weaver amendment is what is before us. You are willing to speak to this. Over here on my far left.

T. TERRELL SESSUMS (Florida Conference): Bishop, I wish to speak against the amendment.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you.

SESSUMS: As a chamber of commerce official, I have been involved in a number of corporate relocations, including those of major corporations from New York, such as Chase Manhattan, CitiCorp, Solomon Brothers, *Time* Inc.'s Magazine Subscription Bureau. We have competed with excellent cities in other parts of the country. But in talking with the officers of these companies and their corporate relocation experts, we have found that the thing that has been pushing them out of the New York area has been that by relocation they have been able to significantly increase productivity and at the same time substantially reduce net operating cost. This amendment would delay our ability to achieve those savings, and would perhaps cause us to miss a window of opportunity. Because of the general state of our nation's economy, the costs of relocation are as favorable now and are as apt to be as favorable as they possibly can be over the next several years. If this is delayed until 1996 or later, we will delay an important decision and pay an excessive premium for any relocation that needs to be made. I recommend that you vote against this amendment, and stick with the report that has come out of the legislative committee. Thank you.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you. Now is there a speech for the amendment? Yes, right here. Microphone 4, I guess, or 9. Microphone 4. Thank you.

(Call for Financial Plan)

KIRBYJON CALDWELL (Texas): Bishop, my fellow Methodists, I am a friend of the chair, Randy Smith, who is a great Christian as each of you know. And I think, in a sense, we have perhaps done our chair and task force a disservice by not allowing them to identify potential sites specifically. Like the gentleman from Florida, I also sit on the chamber of commerce in Houston, which is called the Greater Houston Partnership. And seldom does a company consider a major move without a comprehensive financial plan. I think we need a comprehensive, unbiased, cost-benefit analysis financial plan whereby we are able to ascertain not only where we are going but how we are going to get there and how much it's going to cost. Right now we simply have generalities. I think we need specifics, bishop and my fellow Methodists. I move that we allow this great committee, which has done a yeoman's task, to continue its task and let us know where we are going, shorten that list of 10 cities and let us know how we are going to get there and how much it's going to cost. Thank you.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Now we can have a speech for or against the amendment. All right, way in the back. All right. Yes, microphone 13.

DON MESSER (Rocky Mountain): I stand to support the amendment. I do firmly believe that it would be irresponsible for The United Methodist Church, at this time, to move forward with such a plan as has been proposed by the majority without really understanding its implications in terms of the global mission of the church. We have not heard from the Central Conferences, but we know that the impact and mission could be disastrous if we were to commit this church to a substantial investment of funds with no way to pay for it. Likewise, we need to have clearly before this General Conference all the facts and figures necessary for determining the finances. None of us would call a travel agent and say we want to go from New York City, and we'd like to know how much the ticket's going to be. We know what the travel agent would say. The travel agent immediately would ask where we want to go. And we'd have to say, "I don't know, but I want to know the price." We don't know what the price will be, but we know that it cost the Presbyterians 31 million when they planned on 21 million.

We know another distinguished firm has suggested the cost will not be 9 million in 1991 dollars, as the majority report suggests, but it could be as much as 16 to 18 million according to the Fantas report, which has never had a real opportunity for exploration by this body. If my wife and I are having marital problems, I don't think any counselor would suggest that the way to solve those problems are by for us deciding just to move and go to some other location, just any place. No, we have problems. The board has failed us in some ways. The board of directors is committed to changing that--the path of the board--and overcoming any dysfunctionality that we can identify. But let us not seek to solve our problems by simply blindly moving without knowing the cost or the location. I support the motion because I believe it's the most responsible thing we can do to extend the mission of Jesus Christ to the whole world. Thank you.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Now I need to inquire of the body. We have come to the point of our agreement for adjourning this evening, so what does the body desire? I hear all kinds of things; I need some motion, though, if we're going to act. All right? Yes. I hear some yelling "adjourn," some yelling "work".

J. FAY CLEVELAND (Western New York): I call for the question on all that's before us.

BISHOP BASHORE: Well, can we do that? Well, we can take it on the amendment, I think, Fay; I don't think we can go. We've really not had debate on the motion as such. You want to take it on the amendment?

CLEVELAND: Yes, please.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right. The call for the question on the amendment is before the body. Please vote when the light appears. All right. You're willing to stay a little. Well, no, you're willing to move on this amendment. "Yes," 672; "No," 267. All right. The amendment is before us.

LACKORE: Bishop

BISHOP BASHORE: I need to turn to the chairperson of the committee.

LACKORE: Thank you, bishop. As the chair of this legislative committee, I listened intently to both sides of this issue. And I would call to your attention, in the text of the report of the subcommittee of the task force on p. 365, their reflection on the times that this General Conference has asked for studies of this issue. And I would, as a business person, say I understand the need for financial information. But before you, you have a question that has repeatedly come before you. I would ask that you act decisively.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right. Now we're voting on the substitute for no. 4 on the top of p. 370 of the *DCA Advance Edition*. That substitute is that the site-selection task force is to recommend to the 1996 General Conference a site, plans for such a relocation, and all funding sources and aspects related to that plan. We're ready to vote. Please vote when the light appears. All right. It prevails. "Yes," 504; "No," 461. Now we have the motion before us as amended. There was only 1 speech in opposition and no speeches for. What's the desire of the body? We have reached the time for adjournment. Yes? Microphone 3.

DON HAYNES (Western North Carolina): We've got miles to go and bridges to cross, and we came here to work. I move extension of adjournment until 10:15.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right. Is there a 2nd? Yes. Extension until 10:15. All right, are we ready to vote on that? OK, I believe we are. Please vote when the light appears. All right, it does prevail. "Yes," 829; "No," 122. We're ready to move. We're ready for a speech for the motion that is before us. All right, I'll go way back to the back on section D. All right. Microphone 11.

TYRONE GORDON (Kansas West): I'd like to make an amendment to recommendation no. 3. I would like to move that the task force be increased from 10 members to 13 members, and the reason being is that we have no representatives from the Central Conference on that task force. And being that this is the global ministries, this task force should be global in its makeup.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, now, is there support for that amendment? Yes, there is. All right, that is the amendment, now, which is before us. We're ready to debate the amendment. Yes, right here, microphone 7.

PAUL R. DIRDAK (California-Nevada): I suppose that what I'm trying to do, bishop, is to amend the amendment by adding another piece of it.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right.

(Call to Increase Task Group Size)

DIRDAK: You will notice that the amendment just made changed the number 10 to the number 13 on the 3rd line of Recommendation 3. But if you'll go down further to the end of, I guess the next sentence, you'll need to change that as well in order to be clear. And so, at that point, after the words "respectively by the agencies," I would change the period to a comma and add these words: "and 3 representing the Central Conferences, selected by the Central Conference bishops." I will read it again: "and 3 representing the Central Conferences, selected by the Central Conference bishops."

BISHOP BASHORE: All right. Is there support for that? All right, I think that's accepted. Any objection to that being accepted as part of the amendment? I don't hear any. All right, we can move on, I believe.

DIRDAK: May I speak to the amendment?

BISHOP BASHORE: All right.

DIRDAK: It's clear to me and to many, I think, that what's at stake is not so much matters of money but matters of mission. The General Conference began some days ago, you all will remember, with a tremendous discussion of mission in the midst of a violent society. Given that circumstance and the circumstance which we all commended to one another about it, we in the Western Jurisdiction have asked ourselves, "What is central?" And believe it or not, those of us who live as far away from New York as you can get without getting wet, think that New York is central. It's central to mission. The question is not only the question of centrality, it's central to what? There are people who would like to move the board who think that the board needs to be central to its donors. We think it needs to be central to mission. At least provide for the Central Conferences to participate in this enterprise so that the project can continue to be central to mission.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, that's a speech for the amendment. Is there a speech against the amendment? Over here, please; microphone 14.

CHARLES E. LIPPSE (Holston): I would like to oppose the amendment to be supportive of the recommendation from the committee for relocation. Of course, I have a Southern accent, but I'm not as Southern as I might sound. When they play "Dixie," I go out for coffee. I was baptized in a northern Methodist church; old Southern Methodism is not a part of my background. I would have attended Union Seminary in New York, if I could have afforded it. I love New York and I study at Union quite often. I didn't sign the "Memphis Declaration," and I'm not in favor of the Mission Society, though a board of directors member is in my church and powerfully lobbies the other way. I am really wanting to see the general board reformed. I've had 35 years experience as a pastor or district superintendent, and I'm convinced that it needs reform. I have friends who are members of the board of directors, who think it needs to change: missionaries, Methodists in other countries. The board simply has become a bit callous, big, insensitive, out of touch, and I don't know any other way to get the job done but to relocate and reform.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, now we need 1 more speech in opposition to the amendment. All right, we've had speeches in favor of the amendment. Yes, over here, please; microphone 2.

RESSIE MAE BASS (Florida): This whole discussion around relocation of the General Board of Global Ministries, for me has not really addressed the financial and human costs for such a move. Or whether, indeed, mission will be better served from another location. I haven't heard anything about that yet. Rather it has chosen to focus on the high cost of living in New York City, the liberal and ecumenical influence of the Northeast on policies of the board, and nearness to the center of The United Methodist Church. We are a global church, so we say, and I believe that we are. But the process used by this task force ignored the Central Conferences and the autonomous churches to which we relate through the General Board of Global Ministries. There was no presence on this task force of such constituency. The fastest-growing portion of this church is on the continent of Africa. We have many members in Europe and the Philippines. If you count all of this, I ask you, "Where is the center of The United Methodist Church?" Is it Africa? Is it Asia? What are we saying to our sisters and brothers outside of the United States? Yes, we claim to be a global church, but are we really? Are we really? My sisters and brothers, our actions tonight must reflect what we really believe if we are serious about it. Because of our commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ, "millions for mission, not moving," must be our motto. And believe me, removing the board from New York City is not going to reform it. Let's be real.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, now. We need to be dealing with the amendment. It's the amendment that is before us, which is the substitute really, or to add, amend number 3 on p. 369 of the *Advance Edition*, to add 3 more members, 10 to 13, 3 representing the Central Conferences. Are we ready to vote? I think the body is ready to vote. All right, when the light comes on, will you please vote? All right, the amendment prevails, "Yes," 721; "No," 238. All right, we're back to the main motion as amended. Now, we've had a speech for and a speech against. All right, I'll go way down here to my right, in section A. Microphone 5.

ZAN HOLMES JR. (North Texas): Bishops and members of the General Conference, I rise to speak against this proposed relocation, primarily because I am suspicious of institutions, particularly church institutions, who want to move away from our major cities. I get a feeling that I've seen this movie before. I'm troubled because it reminds me of a familiar pattern that I've seen us swallow all too often in our United Methodist Church, a church that I love. I've seen us pick up and move when the neighborhood changes; I've seen us pick up and move when the population in the schools change; I've even seen us pick up and move when some pastors change. I'm pastoring a church right now that exists in a community that was deserted by another United Methodist congregation that moved in order to solve its problems. We now have some 3,500 members in that same spot, and the place where they moved is confronted with the same problems they had before they left.

And I suspect that when we leave New York and get to whereever we are going, the first people we're going to meet are ourselves.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right.

HOLMES: We cannot solve our problems by running. We cannot solve our problems in our major cities and in the church by running, Now, aren't you glad that God doesn't treat us like we treat each other? If we are not as close to God as we used to be, let me ask the question. Who moved? I invite us not to vote with our feet and run, but to vote with our faithfulness and remain in New York City to be God's people witnessing there, to be God's people for the world, to show that we are going to be faithful.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you, Zan.

HOLMES: Thank you.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right. Thank you very much, now we need a speech in favor, please, in favor? All right, yes? Right here in the middle. Microphone 14, please.

GREGORY MCGARVEY (South Indiana): Bishop, I rise to very reluctantly support the report as amended. I certainly wish it had not been amended, but I stand to support it because it leaves us with the opportunity to continue to look at the relocation process. I believe that

the issue of relocation is much more than dollars. I do believe, as several others have said, that it revolves around the issues of accountability, as well as the issue of balance, accountability. We, as a General Conference, asked the task force to take a serious look at the possibilities of relocating the General Board of Global Ministries.

When it was learned by general board what the results of that task force were, they immediately approached 2 other general agencies seeking funds that there might be another study done. Being denied those funds, they found them themselves and produced the Fantis report, which was given the numbers that had been given to the task force after 7 months by Price Waterhouse. And so Fantis then used those numbers and came up with a report that seeks to discredit the Price Waterhouse work, with 30 days or a little over a month of work. I question the accountability of the board when it uses that kind of technique to deal with something that they just don't want to do.

The other issue is balance. I think it's an issue of theological and cultural balance. There are a lot of us in the hinterlands of this country, as well as across the world, and there are people from the Central Conference that are strongly in favor in moving the General Board of Global Ministries. I have had people from Zaire, Africa, this week say to me, "At all costs, let's get the board out of New York."

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, now we have had 2 speeches for and 2 against. Do you want to finish this matter? All right, can we have a motion to extend the time to complete this matter before us? All right, I hear a number of moves seconded. Get ready to vote, if you are willing to extend the time to complete this matter. Please vote when the light appears. All right, you are willing to move on. "Yes," 851; "No," 103. I commend your endurance. All right, now, a lot of people want the . . . I'll go way over here, I haven't been over here, way in the back. Section D. Question, please. Yes, right here. Question? Microphone 4.

CLELIA HENDRIX (South Carolina): Bishop Bashore . . .

BISHOP BASHORE: Yes?

HENDRIX: And members of the annual conference. There is another part of this whole issue that needs to be addressed. And I am in a quandary at this time as to when the report of the site location in staff committee will be given to this group. It does have great implications for the discussion under way. And it was my understanding that this report would be brought at the same time the Board of Global Ministries moving issue would be brought to the calendar. And I have not yet seen a place in the calendar where this report has been requested. And I would certainly implore the chair to include the information in this location report in what is being discussed right now.

BISHOP BASHORE: Well, let's see if we can find some information for you, please, about your inquiry. Can someone answer this, please?

LAKORE: Are we talking about the report of the site, the one that you deferred or that you asked the question about initially before you started this? That question came up, and I believe you decided not to deal with it at this time.

HENDRIX: Could I tell you . . .

BISHOP BASHORE: Yes, I think that's the report that we had called for and this body voted down . . .

LAKORE: That's right.

BISHOP BASHORE: . . .the suspending of the rules, so that we can deal with that matter.

HENDRIX: Well, this is the report, this is the study that is mandated, a quadrennial study, by the GCFA and GCOM, and this committee has worked very, very hard during these 4 years. We have visited all of the sites, and there is information concerning all the boards and agencies that should be brought to this group at this time, and I think it's unfair to take it in part.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you, I appreciate that, but this body decided not to suspend the rules, and so I'm sorry, I believe you're out of order. Now, back here on microphone 11, please?

ALFRED JOHNSON (Eastern Pennsylvania): Director of Metro Ministries in Philadelphia. Bishop, is an amendment in order?

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, yes.

JOHNSON: I move to amend this report by the deletion of no. 2, item no. 2 on 369, and then the deletion of the word "select" under no. 3 in the 2nd line, and in lieu of that word, the word "propose." And if I receive a second, I could speak to that.

BISHOP BASHORE: You have it. All right, Al.

JOHNSON: Thank you, bishop.

First, I'd like to say, that not having all of the facts and figures, similar to what others have said, and not to be redundant, that I'm open to hearing new information and I'm open to hearing a proposal.

Secondly, I think we would serve the General Conference better by not directing a move at this point until we have that information, and no. 2 initiates a direct move.

Thirdly, I'd like to share just 2 things: 1, from working with an inner city, similar to what Dr. Holmes has already said. Persons are moving away from our larger cities, particularly as they become more disenfranchised, and what I'm clear about is, no matter where we move, not only will we meet ourselves, but we'll meet ourselves coming back again. Because no matter how far we run from the problems, we'll find ourselves moving from all parts of the city trying to escape.

Secondly, I'd like to just share a story that I think kind of befits where I stand on this issue. I belong to a group in the city where we are working on supervising ourselves in competency in urban ministry. And interestingly enough, we are a multiracial, multigendered group, and also interdenominational. Interestingly enough, we are all very committed to remaining in a place where we can really test out our skills of how God can use us. One of our colleagues immediately wanted to move the site to a nicer section of the area called Philadelphia. And we suddenly realized that by trying to move the site, we were trying to move away from the very thing we felt God calling us to do, and that is to deal with the issues as opposed to run from the issues. I think by directing a move at this time would certainly be premature, and that we really need to challenge as to whether God is calling us not to run from the problems, but to confront and solve the problems. I'd like to ask the support for this amendment.

BISHOP BASHORE: Well, Al. Let me suggest that I believe, no. 1, the 2nd part of your amendment already has been covered by the Weaver amendment that was adopted by this body, which is really to make that kind of proposal. And no. 2, I would suggest that the 1st part of your amendment is really kind of out of order because you will accomplish the

same end simply by voting no against the main motion. So I would take your speech as a speech in opposition to the main motion.

JOHNSON: Thank you, bishop.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right. Now, back here, yes, with the white shirt, no. 13.

JAMEY A. HEAL (Minnesota): I'd like to propose an amendment.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right.

(Youth on Site Task Force)

HEAL: I'd like to amend Recommendation No. 3 so the 3rd line would read, "This task force shall consist of 13 persons, including at least 1 youth." If I have a 2nd, I'd like to speak to that.

BISHOP BASHORE: Is there a 2nd? Yes, there is. All right.

HEAL: The relocation of these offices affects everybody of this church, including the youth, because someday the youth are not going to be youth. We're going to be the pastors, the bishops, and even the people working in these offices, so this relocation will affect us in the future.

BISHOP BASHORE: I wonder if you're ready to vote on this, or do you want to . . . all right, over here. Microphone 2, this way, Sharon?

Yes, is it a point of order or inquiry? I already gave the floor here, please. All right.

SHARON RADER (West Michigan): Bishop, I rise to share some information. According to our rules, it says that the Commission on Central Conference Affairs . . . if they have a concern for any paragraph assigned to one of the legislative committees, the commission shall offer its recommendation to the appropriate legislative committee for consideration and for recommendation to the General Conference. The Commission on Central Conference Affairs did speak to this issue when they met a week ago today, and if I have your permission, I would like to share their judgment on this matter.

BISHOP BASHORE: Sharon, can you hold just a minute? We have a motion that was made by a gentleman here regarding adding a youth delegate . . . or youth member of the site-selection task force, and I think we should care for that matter. And I think--is this related to this? OK, well, let's . . . I think we're ready to vote on this matter. Let's vote on this amendment that would include a young person in the site-selection task force. All right? I believe you're ready to vote. Will you please vote when the light appears. All right, it does prevail: "Yes," 556; "No," 405. All right, now we'll continue here with Sharon. Please, microphone 2.

(Central Conference Site Recommendation)

RADER: Yes, thank you, bishop. When the Commission on Central Conference Affairs met a week ago Monday, they passed the following motion: "The commission on Central Conference Affairs expresses strong concerns about the relocation of the General Board of Global Ministries. Further, the Commission endorses the proposition that the General Board of Global Ministries remain in New York City. Two strong reasons for this endorsement for remaining in New York City include the accessibility of that city for international travelers and the need to continue The United Methodist Church's mission with the Commonwealth of Independent States and not to dilute the efforts and financial resources of the board with that mission at this time. Further, the cost of a move and the question of sources for such moving . . . funds, raises concerns about the church's ability to meet missional needs." I offer this information to the General Conference.

BISHOP BASHORE: Thank you for that information. Yes, right here, microphone 4, please.

WILLIAM BOUKNIGHT (South Carolina): Sir, I would like to call the question on everything that you will allow.

BISHOP BASHORE: I don't think you want that much. All right. There is support for that? Yes, all right. This is the call for the question. If you will vote on whether you want to vote, please vote when the light appears. All right, you're ready. "Yes," 896; "No," 65. And we'll turn to the chairperson of the committee for the wrap-up speech.

LACKORE: Bishop, I have a question 1st. My question is: Does this not have to be referred to the General Council on Finance for additional funding?

BISHOP BASHORE: The financial piece of that would be, yes. That would be automatic.

LACKORE: OK, I will defer to the chairperson of the task force to make a concluding speech.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, thank you. Just for clarification, it's that piece for $100,000, you know, the cost that will be referred to the GCFA. All right, Randy.

SMITH: For 3 1/2 years, our task force has studied this plan. Our committee does not agree with the criticism that has been brought to bear on Price Waterhouse tonight, nor of the critique which was given. Price Waterhouse has done a thorough and outstanding job for this church. When missionaries were approached, in confidential fashion, through our questionnaire, not subject to pressures that might be brought to bear upon them, we received overwhelming support from those missionaries that a move should be made. We have nothing to gain in our task force from a move or a stay. There is no one on our committee who had anything to gain. And we have objectively viewed, pledging among ourselves that the result we all want is to increase the mission program of this great church, that a move should be made.

When we began, we took no straw votes. We agreed among ourselves that we would make no effort to find out what we felt until we had accumulated all of the information we could obtain and what we thought was necessary for a proper decision. As I walked out of my house to go to our last meeting at which the vote would be taken, my wife asked me, "How do you think this will turn out?" And I said to her, "I don't have the foggiest idea." We have not shared that information with one another. We voted 9 to 4 with 2 absent in favor of the move. It is not a regional vote. Two out of the 3 from the task force from the Northeast Jurisdiction itself voted in favor of the move; 3 out of 3 from the North Central Jurisdiction voted in favor of the move; both of those present and voting from the Western Jurisdiction voted "no"; 2 out of 2 from the South Central Jurisdiction who were present voted "yes." 2 out of 3 from the Southeast Jurisdiction who were present voted "yes." Of the 5 on our task force currently or in the past having served on the General Board of Global Ministries, 4 voted to move. The financial and communication and transportation facilities available in this world today will permit the General

Board of Global Ministries to conduct its mission affairs from any location in this country of a sizable city.

BISHOP BASHORE: OK, Randy, we need to wrap it up.

SMITH: All right, bishop. I want to read you . . .. Much has been made about other denominations. I want to read just a part of an article to you that appeared in the Louisville *Courier-Journal* on May 9, 1992.

BISHOP BASHORE: I'm sorry, Randy, I think we have to call it . . .

SMITH: I'm just going to wrap up with this, is all.

(Relocation Ballot)

BISHOP BASHORE: Well, no, I think the body is ready to vote. So, I think we have to move ahead with the vote. OK, thank you. You can paste it up on, where's the seat? All right, I think we're ready to vote now. You understand that we're voting on the report that has come to us for the study of the feasibility of the relocation of the Board of Global Ministries? Concurrence was given by the legislative committee, and then we have amended that report. That is what we're voting on. We're ready to vote. Please vote when the light appears. It does prevail. "Yes," 485; "No," 470. All right.

(Judicial Council Clergy Final Election)

Now we have a few wrap-up items. You've been gracious and patient. And I do have the announcement of a ballot. We'll put the ballot in front of us. There is an election: (Theodore Walter 579; Joyce Alford, 307; Robert Sweet, 7) is the third person that's elected; that will care for this. All right. Now, we need to turn, please, to the Committee on the Agenda. Don?

DON OTT (Wisconsin): Tomorrow is Tuesday. Let me announce to you a tentative agenda. We'll begin at 8:30 in the morning with worship, including an offering. At 9:05 a.m. a presentation of ecumenical representatives; 9:20 a.m., General Council on Ministries-related items with financial implications. Break at 10:15 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. General Council on Ministries continues with financial implication items. Recess, 12:30 p.m. Calendar items in the afternoon, 2:30 to 5. The evening session, 7:30, including *The Book of Worship*; and adjournment at 9:30 p.m. That's an announcement only of a tentative agenda. There is one item for motion, please.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, let us have your attention, please.

OTT: In order to consider *The Book of Worship* tomorrow night, we need to suspend the 24-hour printing rule. I would so move.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, there is support for that. This is to suspend the 24-hour printing rule so that we can deal with *The Book of Worship* tomorrow night. I'm sure you're ready to vote. Please vote when the light appears.

All right, you've granted that approval. "Yes," 862; "No," 16. We need the Committee on Presiding Officers, please.

ALLEN NORRIS: We indeed are blessed with excellent episcopal leadership in the art of presiding, and we are grateful for the care shown in guiding our deliberations today. Your Committee on Presiding Officers is pleased to announce that the presiding bishops for Tuesday, May 12, will be Bishop Judith Craig of the Michigan Area for the morning session, Bishop C.P. Minnick of the Raleigh Area for the afternoon session, and Bishop Roy Sano from the Denver Area for the evening session.

BISHOP BASHORE: All right, now, I want to commend the 2 persons who were my backup: Bishop Herbert Skeete of the Boston Area, and I want to take special note--have you noticed that Bishop Joseph Yeakel has been in that chair all day long? We really appreciate that.

Now my friend and mentor, Bishop James Ault, will conclude with prayer. Let us stand for prayer.

(song)

BISHOP BASHORE: There is an announcement, please?

CAROLYN MARSHALL: Just 2. Church and Society will meet immediately following our adjournment in room 105, and then a reminder, the Council on Finance and Administration, room 206.

BISHOP JAMES AULT:

(benediction and adjournment)

Tuesday Morning
May 12, 1992

Bishop Judith Craig, presiding

BISHOP JUDITH CRAIG: As you are finding your seats, let me say one more word about that marvelous youth choir from Estonia, however. They are here because the Mississippi Area learned about them through their bishop, Bishop Morgan, and raised the money to bring them here. We are grateful to Mississippi for that. We hope these young visitors will enjoy themselves in this experience. Guests may be interested to know that this evening at 7:30 this choir will be in concert at St. Matthews United Methodist Church, a few blocks from here. You can find that address, I'm sure, at the information table if you wish to go this evening to hear them. And I'm also told that if you would like the memory of their music to linger in more than your heart, there are tapes available so that it may linger in your ears. Thank you again for being here, friends from Estonia; thank you, Mississippi.

Now let the house come to order as quickly as possible, please, so that we may move with some dispatch into our morning. I'm grateful to be presiding over a house that has shown itself to be in such good order and so gracious. It causes me to look forward to this morning with you and this privileged position with gratitude and a bit of wonder and awe. If you can find your seats quickly, please, I would like to begin by turning to Don Ott and the Committee on Agenda; and you will want to hear what is before us. Don, I think most of the delegates are seated; why don't you begin? Good morning.

DON OTT (Wisconsin): Very good. Good morning, bishop, and delegates. It will be understandable if you are incredulous when I tell you that it is only Tuesday, May 12th. We have before us 32 1/2 remaining hours of plenary time. John Braun, the coordinator of calendar, has been up all night to prepare the reports before you today to move the calendar items along. He's in bed at this hour, but he would like you to know about p. 329 in today's *DCA*.

You will find there a graph indicating to you the progress that we may be making on all the calendar items from the various legislative committees. What you want to focus on each day is the amount of space in each graph that is crosshatched. We want you to increase the amount of cross-hatch. Now, your Agenda Committee has been looking at all the references in Scripture to the word "time." We have done our own computer analysis and discovered that in the *New Revised Standard Version* of

the Scriptures, the word "time" appears 555 times. I cite to you 2 biblical texts for today. The first from 1 Chronicles 15:13: "Because you did not carry it the first time, the Lord broke forth upon us because we did not care for it in the way that is ordained." And the second reference for today from 1 Kings 18:29: "As midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering." The verse ends, "But no one heeded." May it not be true of us.

Bishop, I would move that the agenda for this day be set as printed on the first page of today's *DCA*, with the understanding that Native American report will follow the GCOM items this morning and the *Book of Worship* will be scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tonight. I move that that agenda be set.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right. This agenda is before you from the committee. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 791; "No," 3. We have the agenda adopted before us. Thank you, Don. We turn now to meeting our ecumenical representatives, and I believe, Carolyn Hopkins, you are going to make those introductions for us.

CAROLYN HOPKINS (South Georgia): Thank you, bishop. It's a pleasure for us to be able to have ecumenical guests with us this morning, and we possibly have 2 in the house who have not found their way up. Is the Rev. James M. Sloan or the Rev. Gordon Van Wyk in the audience? If so, please come to the stage. We have with us this morning the Rev. James E. Andrews, the Presbyterian Church USA. Bishop Vinton R. Andrews of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and also he is a member of the presidium of the World Council of Churches.

BISHOP CRAIG: It's Bishop Anderson, I believe. Bishop Anderson.

HOPKINS: What did I say? I'm sorry. OK, the next is Rev. Donald Black, who is the interim executive director of the World Council of Churches; Dr. Joe Hale, executive secretary of the World Methodist Council; the Rev. Robert Keller, United Church of Christ; the Most Rev. Thomas Kelly, Archbishop of Louisville and representing the National Conference of Catholic Bishops; the Very Rev. Leonid Kishkovsky of the Orthodox Church in America; Dr. Donald Manworren, Christian Church, Disciples of Christ; the Rt. Rev. David Reed, the Episcopal Church; Rev. Dr. Sygnman Rhee, president of the National Council of Churches of Christ; the Rev. Dr. William G. Rusch, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Do we have the Rev. James MacArthur Sloan? Dr. James Stone, the Church of the Nazarene. Has the Rev. Gordon Van Wyk arrived? The Rev. Fr. Gregory C. Wingenbach of the Greek Orthodox Church. I'm sure that you are pleased that these could be with us this morning to join in.

BISHOP CRAIG: Let's have them all stand that you may greet them together. Will you all stand?

What a marvelous sign of God's intention for wholeness, to have these persons among us. We are grateful for their presence.

We are ready now to turn to some election matters, this time, for the University Senate. We will not be electing the alternates to the Judicial Council until we elect representatives to the University Senate. And then later we will come back to the alternate elections for both bodies. Let's turn to our secretary, Carolyn Marshall, for some instructions about election to the University Senate.

(University Senate Ballot)

CAROLYN MARSHALL: The nominations as they were presented from the Council of Bishops, for University Senate, are found on pp. 85-86 in the *DCA*. In addition to that, at the time that nominations were open to the floor, there were 2 additional nominations in the category of chief executive officers. They were Jacob C. Martinson and Tom C. Yow. Since the time of the nominations were presented, there has been 1 withdrawal. That in the listing, which came from the Council of Bishops, that of Ken Pye. The rules for the election of persons to serve on the University Senate are that election is by plurality. Therefore, there will need to be only 1 ballot taken. The names have been prepared and are on the screen. And, bishop, I would presume we could proceed then with the election.

BISHOP CRAIG: How many are we electing, Carolyn?

MARSHALL: We are electing 2.

BISHOP CRAIG: Two.

MARSHALL: Two in each category.

BISHOP CRAIG: Two in each category. So we'll begin with the category of chief executive officers, which now appears on your screen. We are to elect 2. Let the chair give you a moment to study those numbers. You'll remember our procedure from yesterday, that you will determine which 2 you wish to ballot on. Make a note of those numbers. In a moment, we'll call for your 1st vote, allow that to be taken, then call for your 2nd vote. Is the house clear? Are you ready? We're going to elect 2 from this category.

Please vote your 1st choice when the light appears. Thank you. Now are you ready for your 2nd choice?

Please, be ready and vote your 2nd choice when the light appears. All right, thank you. Now, do we have another category coming up on the screen? This is the next category, 2 from this category also, is that correct, madam secretary?

MARSHALL: Right.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, let me give you time to look at the screen; you are to vote for 2. Let me give you time to prepare yourselves. Select the numbers that you wish to vote for. Are you ready?

Then prepare to vote for your 1st choice when the light appears. Thank you.

Now, if you are ready with your 2nd ballot, please vote when the light appears.

All right, thank you. Now, I assume it will take awhile to compile that before we get a report. All right, they'll let us know when we can have a report. Thank you very much. Now we're going to turn, return to items from the General Council on Ministries. Let the chair remind you that in matters of reporting from the General Council on Ministries, as with the General Council on Finance and Administration, the council 1st makes a report, and then the action on that report is brought by the chair of the legislative committee. This morning, speaking on behalf of the General Council on Ministries, is the person who has served as vice chair for the last quadrennium. I present to you, Ms. Jean Dowell. Excuse me, as you're coming, Jean, let me say, I have been handed a note. The translation for French is on channel 3. Please make that announcement in French also over the speaker system, will you?

(FRENCH TRANSLATION)

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, I hope that's understood. You got that? All

right, thank you. All right, Jean, let's proceed.

JEAN DOWELL (Minnesota): Bishop, members of the conference, it had been the intention of the council to bring you 3 reports this morning. However, we have chosen in the interest of time to bring you only 2. The 3rd report would have been brought to you by Bishop Craig, who is presiding. We also feel that, Bishop Craig, 1 task for you in the morning is sufficient.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you very much.

DOWELL: We do want to call your attention, however, to that 3rd report. It is a report which you would find in your *Advance DCA* on p. 553, Entitled "Report on Prison Ministry, Prison Reform." It deals with the participation of bishops, district superintendents, council directors, and other leaders in your annual conference in the development of ministries where you live your life as a United Methodist in relationship to this ministry. We ask that you give it your attention.

(Calendar Item No. 33; Deaf Ministries)

If you would turn in your *DCA*s to p. 556, to a report on "Developing Congregations for Deaf Ministries." The legislative committee for, the legislative action for this item can be found on p. 168 of the *DCA*; it is calendar item 33. This report contains information about work done by the General Council on Ministries in relation to an assignment given to it, along with a recommendation for action by this 1992 General Conference. The matter is, therefore, before this General Conference, and on behalf of the General Council on Ministries, I present it to be approved.

Bishop, I would like to present Holly Elliott, and would ask for permission for her to address this body. Holly would speak to us concerning the content of this report on behalf of the General Council on Ministries. And following the report, the chairperson of the General Judicial Administrative Legislative Committee will present the action of the legislative committee on this calendar item.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you. Jean has requested the privilege of the floor for Holly. Hearing no . . . if I hear no objection? Does the chair hear any objection? Then I think you're willing to hear from her. Please come.

DOWELL: Holly, will you address the body?

HOLLY ELLIOTT: Good morning, Bishop Craig and friends. I bring you the greetings of the United Methodist Congress of the Deaf. Four years ago, General Council on Ministries carried our proposal to General Conference and established a yearly consultation between members of UMCD and representatives of the 4 program boards. So for the past 4 years, coordinated by the General Council on Ministries and shepherded by health and welfare ministry of the General Board of Global Ministries, we have been together in ministry with deaf people in The United Methodist Church.

You have, I don't have time to share all the benefits of that collaboration, but I do want to share 2 important messages. One, it really works, and 2nd, we don't want to stop. Our current proposal is before you, I'm not going to review that now. I would like to give you some background information that will help you interpret that proposal.

Did you know that there are more then twice as many hearing-impaired people in the United States as United Methodists? Ten million United Methodists, 24 million hearing-impaired people, and the numbers are growing as the population becomes older and the environment becomes noisier.

Who are we? Basically United Methodist Congress of the Deaf is ministering with 3 basic populations.

First, we have the pre-lingually deaf people, those who were born deaf and whose first language is American Sign Language. They don't consider themselves disabled. They consider themselves a culture with their own language. Statistically, probably about 12,000 prelingually or culturally deaf people may be associated with The United Methodist Church, but only a fraction of those are really in ministry with the church.

Second group is the deafened group, those who became deaf after language is established: much different needs. These people think hearing. They identify with hearing people, and most of their family and friends are hearing, so it's a big change in their lives when they become deaf, mostly as adults. Statistically about 70,000 people who have become deaf are related to the Methodist church.

The third group is hard-of-hearing people, 500,000 hard-of-hearing United Methodists. So you see we have a big responsibility to 3 populations with different needs.

Where are they? Hiding? Dropouts? My story is fairly typical. I'm going to share some of it with you. I am a preacher's kid. I went to a Methodist college with a goal of becoming a church choir director. But in my junior year I lost the upper half of the piano keyboard. The lower half was fine, upper half nothing. I didn't think I was deaf; I could hear. I just wished people would stop mumbling when they talked. So I continued. I got the B.A. in music; I married a college classmate; we moved to a small town in California; and I directed a church choir. How? Well, I could hear the bass; I could pattern the music in my head, I could lip-read the sopranos, and I always knew if the sopranos were off pitch by the expression on the tenors' faces. Thank God for expressive tenors. But my hearing loss was progressive, and by 1968 I couldn't hear the basses any more. My husband died that year, the same year that my youngest son left home for college.

My pastor said to me, "Holly, why don't you stop fighting the deafness and begin using it?" It took me 20 years to learn how to say 3 words, "I am deaf." So I went back to college and got a masters in counseling, moved to San Francisco, and joined the clinical staff of University of California Center on Deafness as a clinical social worker.

Then I began looking for a church. Couldn't find one, tried several, sat there: nothing. I tried just worshiping without understanding what was going on. It was not the same. So I stopped going to church for 10 years. Then on Pentecost Sunday in 1978, I went back to church again. Temple United Methodist Church was celebrating the ethnic diversity of its congregation by asking people to participate in the service in their 1st language. A friend of mine said, "I know a deaf woman who knows sign-language. Can we use some sign language?" Yes. So on Pentecost Sunday in 1978, I found myself standing in front of a church congregation again, leading singing. This time in sign language. The hymn was "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," and being

a preacher's kid I knew all the words. I didn't have to hold a book. I found a person in the 1st row that I could lip read to stay in sync with the organ; and I came home again.

That hymn led to the establishment of a sign language choir at Temple Methodist Church, which led to the establishment of a deaf ministry mainstream at Temple Methodist Church, which led to involvement with the United Methodist Congress of the Deaf, which led to contacts with national boards, which led to the consultation between UMCD and the 4 program boards, which led to Louisville, KY, in 1992, which hopefully and prayerfully will lead to the establishment of a national committee for developing deaf ministries. Now in closing I would like to celebrate the Americans with Disabilities Act and, at the same time, bring deaf ministries into context with disability access.

(Responding to Differently Abled)

Listen to Matthew 25: "Then the holy person shall say to the people on the right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my maker, and receive the birthright that has been prepared for you since the beginning of the world. I was deaf and you provided sign language interpreters. I was hard of hearing, and you provided assisted-listening devices. I had a child with Down's Syndrome, and you invited my whole family to serve as greeters. I was in a wheelchair, and you made a way for me to approach the Communion table. I was schizophrenic, and you invited my sharing in your prayer group. I was vision impaired, and you bought an enlarging copier machine. I had AIDS, and you visited me. I was a recovering alcoholic, and you entrusted me with responsibility. I had no voice, and you gave me a funded conference task force.'

"Then the righteous will reply, 'Friend, when did we ever greet you in the sign language of the deaf or provide you with F.M. or infrared transmitters? And when did we affirm the significance of your mentally retarded child? Yes, and when did we make a way for your wheelchair to approach the Lord's Table, or share the burden of your diminished eyesight? Yes, and when did we afford you respite from the social stigmas of dreaded disease and chemical dependence? And when did we support your advocacy with a task force?'

"And the Holy One will then respond, 'I tell you, indeed, whenever you did that for any of these, my brothers and sisters, you did it for me."

"Are ye able?' said the Master."

WALTER KIMBROUGH (North Georgia): Bishop Craig, coming behind such a moving, challenging, atimulating presentation by Holly Elliott, I'm pleased to report the recommendation of the General Judicial Administration Legislative Committee: 74 persons voted concurrence; 1 person voted nonconcurrence; 2 persons abstained. There is a budget request to report no. 14, already been identified for us in the *Advance DCA*. It comes to the amount of $26,125 per year, or a total of $104,500 for the quadrennium. I gladly, bishop, commend this report to the General Conference.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you, Dr. Kimbrough. We are on p. 168 of the blue book, Calendar Item No. 33. Once we act upon it, it will be automatically referred to the GCFA because of its financial implications. The matter is before you. Is there a discussion? I recognize this gentlemen; will you go to microphone 3, please?

WILLIAM HINES (West Ohio): Bishop and General Conference, I'm a clergyman. I have a personal investment in seeing that this legislation is passed. Our first child was born deaf, and for over 30 years we've tried to do everything we possibly could to give him opportunities to be a person of worth and dignity in our society. When he was very little, his sisters would say to us, "Mommy, will Jesus make Jeffy hear someday?" Jesus has never made Jeffy hear with his ears, but he's heard with his heart. I come on behalf of the West Ohio Conference and Carolyn Nolls and those persons who are deaf in our conference who need this kind of ministry. I come on behalf of a grandchild who is born to Jeff and his deaf wife, who is both blind, deaf, and suffering severe cerebral palsy. We are way behind the Baptists in this ministry, and it's time we catch up. And this is a very small amount to do it, and I rise in support of this amendment--of this motion.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you, Mr. Hines. That's a speech for. Is there anyone who wishes to speak against? Anyone who wishes to speak against? Are you against the motion? Are you against the motion? All right, then, you may take microphone 5. I see no one wishing to speak against.

RON KOO (North Texas): I rise to support this motion, the report. I also have a testimony to make. My first daughter, Caroline, is born deaf. She is mainstreaming into high school. She's an honor student, but it's hard on her. I want her to be taught in a Methodist church. She has gone through the confirmation, but now she has dropped out because there is no program for her. The Baptist church wants to her to join and has reached her several times. And she said to her mother, "My father will never approve it." Being a longtime Methodist, my heart pained. Often she discussed with me; she says, "How come Calvin--her younger brother--knows about a story from Sunday school about Moses, about David, about Jesus, about all the gospel?" She says, "How come I know so little?" I want you to approve this because there are so many people like this who need the gospel. Thank you very much.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you. Now you seem ready to vote unless there is someone who wishes to speak against. Are you against the motion? Are you against the motion, sir? Come to microphone 8 and let me know your intentions, please, or microphone 13 is closer. Thank you.

DAN KENYON (Baltimore): I am deaf, and I strongly support this motion. There are just a few deaf ministries throughout this country. There are 3 deaf ministries in the Baltimore Conference. There's one in Cincinnati, Ohio. There are Circuit Rider deaf ministries in Oklahoma and in North Carolina. There are a few interpretive ministries in Indiana and California and a few other places. How many of your annual conferences have deaf church? The deaf church is one where they have pastors who speak in sign, just as I am doing now. How many of your churches have sign ministries to pass the word to deaf people? If you don't know, if you're not sure, chances are there are no deaf ministries in your conference. Please support this proposal. We're ready to go. Fifteen members of The United Methodist Church for the deaf are ready to work with this committee. Thank you, and God bless you. I love you.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you. Now that's been 3 speech for; I've seen none against. Therefore, the house seems

ready to vote. Please prepare to speak your will on this proposal, Calendar Item 33, and vote when the light appears.

We don't have electronic voting, I understand. I think this will not be that difficult for the chair. If you will approve Calendar Item 33, will you lift the hand? Thank you. Opposed? It is adopted. Will you permit the chair? Thank you. Will you permit the chair; where there are many, many stories that could be told in this house, many, many people in this house who would be deeply moved by this because they are hearing-impaired or deaf. Your chair is among them. You may see the backup people tap me on the shoulder. It is because I am deaf in my left ear. You may approach me, and I don't respond. I've not ignored you, I have an F.M. receiver/sender hearing aid that goes crazy in this room with this sound system. So, I am not wearing it. So, if you see my help tap me on the shoulder, they are not beating on me. They are helping this hearing-impaired young bishop. All right, Jean, let's move ahead.

(Calendar Item No. 198; Older Adult Ministries)

DOWELL: May I share that Holly Elliott is the immediate past president of the United Methodist Congress for the Deaf. She is a member and a gift of the Temple United Methodist Church in San Francisco.

In your *DCA* on p. 549, you will find the report of the Advisory Coordinating Committee on older adult ministries. It is petition 10861 which the General Council on Ministries now presents. The legislative committee action on this item can be found on p. 236 of the *DCA*. It is calendar item 198. This report contains information about work done by the General Council on Ministries in relation to an assignment given to it, along with a recommendation for action by this 1992 General Conference. This matter is, therefore, before the General Conference. On behalf of the General Council on Ministries, I present it to be approved.

Bishop, I would ask that we might give permission to speak to Bert Pruess Jones, who would speak to us concerning the content of this report on behalf of the General Council on Ministries, and then following Mr. Jones, the chairperson of the General Judicial Administration Legislative Committee would present the action of the legislative committee on this calendar item.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, thank you, Ms. Dowell. We need permission for Mr. Jones to speak. Do I hear any objection? Hearing or seeing none, we welcome you, Mr. Jones.

DOWELL: Bert Pruess Jones is the chairperson of the Advisory Coordinating Committee on Older Adult Ministries, which is coordinated by the General Council on Ministries. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Austin, TX. Mr. Jones, will you address General Conference?

BERT PRUESS JONES: When I first retired from the Air Force some 19 years ago, after what I would modestly describe as a challenging and productive career, I was initially alarmed and then disappointed, for after several days, no one came knocking at my door asking for a decision on an appropriately sensitive or important matter. I was doubly disappointed when the only phone calls I got were from persons who wanted to clean my carpets or sell me siding for my house. At my pastor's suggestion, I was encouraged to find another equally challenging way to apply my time and talents. So, I became a mission volunteer in my local church and began to find opportunities for service at both district and conference activities.

In the last 8 years, I have been a spokesperson for the older adult ministry, and have been actively involved as helping others to see the potential that this ever-growing resource presents to The United Methodist Church. I was delighted to see last Saturday morning that choir from the Shepherd of the Hills United Methodist Church in Sun City West, AZ, who spoke to us in music, and I was doubly delighted to find that the average age was 68 years. I do not need to spend a lot of time rehearsing the demographic statistics that have to do with our graying of our congregations or the thinning of our hair, as is in my instance.

Never before in the history of the world has there been such a preponderance of older adults. Suffice it to say, that almost 12% of our U.S. population is 65 years or older, and when you turn to The United Methodist Church, over 21% or 2.3 million of our members fit this category of over 65. By the year 2000, it is projected that over 50% of our membership will be 60 years or older. That says in effect, that The United Methodist Church is growing older at a faster rate than the U.S. population. The quest for a more viable older adult ministry began almost 10 years ago at Yahara in Wisconsin when a group of 46 older adults were gathered together for the first national consultation of older adults in the Methodist church. Some of the participants at that particular consultation are seated among you as delegates today. Some of that group have gone on before us, but they have left a legacy for you and me. The purpose of the gathering at Yahara was to examine the status of this ministry within the Methodist church, and to have the older adults have an opportunity to provide some direction to this particular ministry in the future. During the consultation, there were several important concerns that were expressed by the consultees.

First, older adults have resources and potential that are being underutilized by The United Methodist Church;

2, there is a pressing requirement for greater intergenerational understanding of the special needs of this segment of our congregation.

And 3, there is an ongoing and critical need for more older adult involvement in the planning, in the preparation, and the implementation of our older adult ministries.

In other words, this ministry must be by and with as well as for older adults. To facilitate these objectives, the 1984 General Conference established the Task Force on Older Adult Ministries to survey the status of these programs within The United Methodist Church to determine their strengths and their shortfalls, and to recommend what action might be taken to make this ministry more effective. We gathered data from retirement homes, general church agencies, racial and ethnic caucuses; held hearings in each jurisdiction and in several annual conferences and local churches. In its report to the 1988 General Conference, the task force reaffirmed the principle that an effective older adult ministry must be by and with and for its constituents. Further, it recommended that a need existed to coordinate more effectively the planning for older adult ministries among the various program boards of the general church, and to provide local

churches and annual conferences a single focal point where information on older adult ministries might be obtained. To accomplish these recommendations, the 1988 General Conference established the Advisory Coordinating Committee on Older Adult Ministries under the administrative responsibility of the General Council on Ministries. The report of this committee, as you have been told, is found on p. 549 of the *Advance DCA*.

(Board of Discipleship Proposal)

During its tenure this quadrennium, the committee met periodically with each of the 4 program boards, each of which has some significant responsibility for older adult ministries, and established a network where their separate program emphases could be coordinated. The committee also identified focal points of information where a local church or annual conference can obtain information on older adult ministry resources. Since the establishment of this committee, almost all annual conferences now have older adult coordinators.

In an effort to enhance this ministry, the committee hosted the 1st national convocation of older adult coordinators and ministries in Fort Worth, TX, in January of 1991. Workshops were provided for developing Bible programs for older adults in the local church to include ethnic congregations, information on older women and their special needs, information on the current international emphasis on aging, the ministry of care-givers and their unique role in society, the problems of elderly abuse and other critical concerns. The convocation was very well-received and has resulted in many closer bonds with local churches. Our correspondence confirms that the convocation has encouraged several local churches to develop innovative and exciting older adult activities and more opportunities for service among the older adult congregations.

In the committee report, we have also recommended that the administrative responsibility for coordinating this committee should now be placed with the Board of Discipleship as one of their special age-level emphases. This proposal has been coordinated with all 4 program boards and has been reviewed and concurred in by the legislative committee assignment. It has been my personal privilege to be associated with this ministry for the last 8 years, 1st as a member of the task force and currently as the chair of the advisory coordinating committee.

I wish to express my personal appreciation to the General Council on Ministries for their continuing support during the past 8 years in shepherding this program thrust through the past 8 years. The older adult ministry of our church, the committee, and I personally have been richly blessed by this support. In closing, let me affirm once more that I am proud to be a member of The United Methodist Church, a church that recognizes the value and potential of older adults, a church that continues to offer us an opportunity to serve the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you, Mr. Jones. Dr. Kimbrough?

KIMBROUGH: Bishop Craig, the General Judicial Administration Committee is happy to report its results. After considering report no. 12 as found on p. 549, the vote: 75 concurrence, 0 nonconcurrence, and 1 person not voting. There is a budgetary item affixed to this in the amount of $100,000 for the quadrennium, and this has been forwarded to Finance and Administration.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you very much. We are on Calendar Item 198 on p. 236. It is before us, understanding reference automatically to the General Council on Finance and Administration. Is there any discussion? You look ready to vote, and the miracle; oh, excuse me, I see a card back here near microphone 12. Come to 7.

THOMAS W. FLINN (Baltimore): I couldn't let this moment go by without sharing with you the experience of our older adult population that from day to day I am becoming more and more informed about. It seems to me that it is untold wealth of knowledge and experience that is passing us by daily. All of us have the opportunity to call on these individuals and ask for their help. The Board of Discipleship in their survey found out that the older adults were looking for personal enrichment, fellowship within the church, opportunities for an on-hand experience, transmission of our faith and heritage that they would pass on to other generations. But I say to you today that there are many other persons out there that the church is not meeting their needs. They are in our homes; they are in our retirement communities; and I urge each and every one of us to not only support this with our vote, but support it with our own personal experiences when we go back to our local communities and we ask our local church what they can do to not only minister to these people, but to receive from them the wealth and the experience that they can give to us. As a Methodist doctrine tells us, that Wesley believed that the living core of the Christian faith was certainly revealed in Scripture. It was illumined by tradition and verified in personal experience and then confirmed by reason. Let us take that into our minds as we go back to the local church and let us receive the wealth of knowledge that these persons can give us. Thank you very much.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you. I take that as a speech for Calendar Item 198, which is before us. Is there any further discussion?

Seeing none, you look ready to vote; and the miracle has occurred again today, and we're back on the electronic voting, I'm told. So if you have your mind ready for Calendar Item 198, will you please vote when the light appears. Well, hello? Oh, let's let me keep looking at you. If you will approve Calendar Item 198, will you lift the hand? Thank you. Opposed? It is adopted. I'm grateful that the votes are like this when this is not working. Do you have anything else from the General Council, Jean?

DOWELL: General Council is pleased to have had the opportunity to bring you these reports. They reflect the role of the General Council in coordinating the work of the general program boards. We will have reports at a later time.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you very much. Now this young bishop who is getting older every day probably is like many of you and would welcome the break a little early, and we are ready to be in recess for . . . excuse me, I see a card; would you like to come to microphone 8, just before recess? Let's hold steady and let this delegate come to microphone 8. Please be courteous and give her your attention. Thank you.

PHYLLIS P. BUTLER (Baltimore): On behalf of the Baltimore Conference delegation, of which Daniel Kenyon, who spoke earlier, is, to our knowledge, the first deaf voting delegate from a deaf congregation--and we do thank the

General Conference for the provisions they've made for his full participation in this body--and at this time we would move that the address by Holly Elliott be printed in the *DCA*. Thank you.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right. It is my understanding, madame secretary, that all the proceedings are printed in the *DCA;* is that not true? Are these presentations in the *DCA*? We'll have to check that. Let's let the house tell us if they want it, then. Can we do that? Will you allow me to learn something back here? We'll hang on to that. We believe it's part of the verbatim, but, just in case, we'll give you a chance to vote on that with the understanding that if there's a financial implication, it will have to be referred--if we discover it is not part of the verbatim. If you would have this printed were it not ordinarily to be part of the verbatim, will you raise the hand? Thank you. Opposed? We will explore that, and it will be printed one way or the other. Thank you very much. Now, we are in recess for 15 minutes, please.

(recess)

BISHOP CRAIG: As we come back together, let us join in no. 140, hymn no. 140, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

(hymn)

BISHOP CRAIG: Indeed so, indeed so. Let the company be seated, please, and the house begin to be in order as quickly as possible. You look just like Detroit in West Michigan, slow coming back from breaks. I guess a conference. . . oh, I see some of you, excuse me. A conference is a conference is a conference when it's break time, isn't it? Please let me urge the delegates to hasten to your seats. Out of courtesy to those who have important matters to bring before us, the chair is hesitant to begin until you are in place. Let the delegates come quickly, please, now. That is to say, you can talk again over lunch, and it's going to be closer to lunch than we intended by the time you sit down if you don't hurry. All right, friends, the chair would respectfully request that delegates come to their seats, and all other persons please cease conversing so the delegates may hear, and we are going to begin. Thank you for your cooperation and your respect for those who have matters to bring before us. Thank you very much.

(Holly Elliot address printed and on tape)

I do have some good news for you. First of all, let me tell you that Holly Elliott's speech will appear in the *DCA* as a matter of course, as a part of the verbatim.

Secondly, a request had been sent to us, and we have now found the answers. Someone asked if a video presentation might be made available. We are told that Cokesbury will make the Holly Elliott presentation available upon request, audio or video. So, if you have interest in having that, you may go to Cokesbury. It's wonderful to have these support systems in the church that help us carry the memories in more than our own minds and hearts.

Now the house is still not in order. There is much speaking around the edges. May I please request, once more, that conversations cease or go to the halls. This house needs to be in order and about the business of this General Conference. Thank you so much for helping that happen. I appreciate your kindness and cooperation. We are ready to turn to the calendar committee, Charles Jordan.

CHARLES W. JORDAN (Northern Illinois): Bishop and members of the conference, again it is time to approve our Consent Calendar, and I would refer you to p. 264 in the *DCA* for Consent Calendar No. 3. And then I would call your attention as well to p. 335, where you will see there the removals from that Consent Calendar. You may notice when you get to p. 335 and when you look under the removal paragraph, that it says, "Consent Calendar No. 4." That is a typo. These are the items being removed from Consent Calendar No. 3, which we are presenting to you this morning. And I would move the adoption of Consent Calendar No. 3, the corrected Consent Calendar No. 3, as you have put those 2 items together.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, what we have before us is Consent Calendar No. 3, found on p. 264 with the corrections as noted on the page that I've just lost, Charles. Yes, sir. I see you. Go to microphone 7, please.

JORDAN: 335. Yes.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you, that's the item for correction. Yes, microphone 7, please.

RAUL B. ALEGRIA (California-Nevada): Bishop, would it be in order to be able to have removed from the Consent Calendar Item No. 451? Is that possible?

JORDAN: Which is item no. 451?

ALEGRIA: Proportional retirement payments.

BISHOP CRAIG: It requires your suspension of the rules in order to do that at this moment, if you wish to make that motion.

ALEGRIA: I would so move then.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, is there support? Is there support? I hear it, thank you. The motion is to suspend the rules for the purposes of receiving a motion to remove something from the Consent Calendar. When you are ready to vote, please vote when the light appears. This is to suspend the rules, requires 2/3. "Yes," 413; "No," 281, that is not a 2/3 vote, the rules are not suspended. Thank you. We're back on the motion for the Consent Calendar. Right here. Microphone 3, please. We're on Consent Calendar no. 3 on p. 264.

KENNETH H. PLUMMER (Central Pennsylvania): Calendar item 428, which is on the Consent Calendar today; I think there has been a misprint in it because our committee, the full committee, voted nonconcurrence, and it's listed as concurrence. It's Calendar Item No. 428.

JORDAN: 428?

BISHOP CRAIG: We'll check that.

JORDAN: Then we'll check on that for you. Thank you, Ken.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right the item is before us. The Consent Calendar. Any further questions or discussions? Then if you will speak your mind on the Consent Calendar, will you vote when the light appears. Thank you. "Yes," 727; "No," 31. That calendar is adopted.

JORDAN: Thank you.

The items that will come before you at the beginning of this time together have financial implications, and since we are preparing for a budget presentation on Wednesday morning, it is necessary for us to get these items in this day. Twick Morrison of the Global Ministries Legislative Committee will present items, the major item being that one of the Native American plan for ministry. After her items, will be followed by Janice Riggle Huie with items from the Local Church Legislative Committee. Our Agenda Committee, Don Ott, said to you that

this was Tuesday. And it is Tuesday, and there is still much, much to be done. But I would just share with you that your Calendar Committee has faith in this deliberating body, and we have faith that this body of committed Christians will do that which they need to do. And we are thanking you in advance for the work that you will do this week that will culminate on Friday evening. Thank you.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, thank you. We turn now to Twick Morrison.

(Calendar Item No. 570; Native American Comprehensive Plan)

TWICK C. MORRISON (Mississippi): Blue *DCA*, p. 287, p. 287, item 570. In the red *DCA*, p. 729, 729, entitled "Native American Comprehensive Plan." Bishop Craig, members of the body, it was exciting in the Global Ministries Legislative Committee to experience both the globality and the diversity of our great United Methodist Church. It was an unforgettable experience to see our sister and brother from Hungary, our brothers and sisters from Africa, working on the 2 major studies that came before our committee. You adopted 1 of those the other day when you adopted the Hispanic plan. This morning we bring to you with great enthusiasm the 2nd of the major studies, the Native American Comprehensive Plan. By a unanimous vote of concurrence, the Global Ministries Legislative Committee puts before this body the Native American Comprehensive Plan.

Looking, if you will, on p. 287, the 1st column, you will see the amendments which the legislative committee brings to you. The first 3 are made for consistency and clarity in the plan. I call your attention to the 4th of these, which is at the bottom of that first column. It deals with the funding. I will read the paragraph for you. "It is recommended that the source of funding be new monies as determined by the General Council on Finance Administration." You see the budget spread before you; the total would be $1.2 million across the quadrennium. Having indicated to you the vote of the legislative committee as a unanimous vote, I yield to Dr. Rhymes Moncure, who was on the task force that initiated this plan.

RHYMES H. MONCURE (Missouri East): Bishop Craig, members of the General Conference, on one occasion, an individual who was ill was brought to Jesus. He was brought to him on a pallet by some friends. Because so many persons had surrounded the home where Christ was, there was no way the man could get in close to Jesus. The man's friends carried him and his pallet to the roof of the home. There they began to remove parts of the covering of the house, lowering the man down on his pallet before Christ, where he received the attention and the help he sought. Subsequently, he was restored to community, all because everyone on that day was willing to try a new thing. The General Conference in 1988 instructed the General Board of Global Ministries to form a task force to be part of and develop a Native American Comprehensive Plan. That was a new thing. As a part of that task force, I, along with other members, learned much in working toward this end with my Native American sisters and brothers.

We learned, for instance, that there are over 500 different tribes, many of whom speak different languages, coming from different milieus--some rural, some urban, some from reservations. We soon discovered that there was going to be quite a challenge to develop this comprehensive plan, because we all were doing a new thing. The task force worked in a variety of places and locations, traveling to those places where there were large Native American populations, some Methodists, and some were not. We met with spokespersons and the leadership of several organizations that represented many. We were all doing a new thing. We celebrated the wonderful diversity among this people of God. Because of the diversity, I saw early on that there was going to be no generic comprehensive plan that was going to address all needs. In other words, no 1 size was going to fit all. The plan needed specificity, it needed to be tailored, it needed to address specific needs. That plan has been developed.

The chief goals of those plans are listed in the places where Twick Morrison has called your attention. I would like just to lift up those 4 goals.

The 1st is confession, the acknowledgement of past failures. We recognized early on that there were some things that we had done right and well, and there were some things in some places where we had missed the mark.

The 2nd goal of that comprehensive plan was to develop a partner relationship.

The 3rd component was to develop ministries of mutual trust and accountability.

And the 4th, of course, was a plan of action to implement the plan in the future. The cost of the plan is $1.2 million; amortized out over 4 years. It comes to approximately $300,000 across the quadrennium. I would like to urge this General Conference to accept this Native American Comprehensive Plan as we continue to do a new thing. At this time, I'd like to present Tom Roughface, who is the conference superintendent of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. Tom also worked in the legislative committee here at this General Conference that hammered out the legislation for the comprehensive plan. So, at this time, Tom Roughface.

THOMAS ROUGHFACE (Oklahoma Indian Missionary): Thank you. I'm scared and nervous, but Native Americans, we're at our best when we're scared and nervous. If you don't believe it, listen to our people tell our version of history. When George Custer approached the Indians at Little Big Horn, he said, "They're probably scared and nervous."

Bishop Craig, I join with our presenters and the Global Ministries Legislative Committee and the task force on a Native American Comprehensive Plan in bringing to this General Conference, for the first time, in The United Methodist Church or former Methodist Church, a comprehensive plan. A plan reflecting the minds, the heart, and the strategies of Native Americans. This document represents the opportunity for Native Americans to put forth their ideas and their plans to reach our people in ways unprecedented in our great church. It's a plan by Native Americans, marshaling Native Americans in our church to diverse ministries to Native Americans, whereby the objects of mission become people in mission. There are dollars attached to this plan, as all good plans usually presented here do, but our committee was able to translate these dollars into lives, translate dollars into people to be reached.

As a Native American on the Global Ministries Legislative Committee, I speak as a Native American. And speak

of you to bring to remembrance the times that, as a people, we are forgotten, and the times that if we are remembered, we're referred to and grouped or categorized. We hope that as we can come with this plan, with your endorsement, it will help us to all become partners together. You with us, us with you. A chance for the church, our church, our annual conferences, our general boards and agencies to know us. We invite you to a partnership, you and us becoming we, the people, with every good reason to be called United Methodists. I'd like to present to you now Betty Admussen.

BETTY ADMUSSEN (Missouri West): Bishop Craig, members and friends of this General Conference, I come to you today with my Eastern Shawnee tribal name of *Bea'ta gum se ga*, which means that I come from the Turtle Clan, and I bring greetings from my Native American brothers and sisters. I come to you with a background rooted in the tradition of my tribe. I come from a family who struggled for an education at the encouragement of a mother who was born in Indian territory, and when she was 6 years of age, there was not a school in Indian territory that would accept her. This was the year 1889, and my grandparents wanted their firstborn child to have an education, so they made arrangements with the Indian agent who came out and took my mother at 6 years of age in the back of a buckboard wagon from Indian territory to Carlisle, PA, to go to school.

I come from a mother who struggled for an education, who had a 6th-grade education, but had a doctorate degree in life. I come from a tribe rooted in the tradition of the Methodist church because a Black man by the name of John Stewart was given a vision that he was to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to a certain group of brown-skinned people, and he set out to search for those people. He found the Wyandottes, the Delawares, and my tribe, the Shawnee. I come as the great-niece of Charles Bluejacket Sr., who was one of the 1st Indian Methodist ministers in the state of Kansas.

But I come first of all this morning as a child of God. We Native Americans come celebrating the African University and the fact that our global brothers and sisters will have a chance for education. We come with joy and happiness for our Hispanic friends, for the opportunity that they have to reach out in mission. We come this day with great excitement at the idea that for the 1st time in history of The United Methodist Church, we have a comprehensive approach to Native American ministry with the total Native American communities. The church needs to learn the history, the tribal distinctions, the current conditions of Native American people. The church needs to understand that Native American spirituality respects the whole of creation, and that it gives people a sense of belonging to and having responsibility for a created order.

While we Native Americans may have different languages, customs and traditions, and religious practices, we share a sense of tribal pride which is closely linked to family, land, and spirituality. Today on the reservations, in the rural areas, and in the urban centers, Native Americans contend with massive problems such as alcoholism, suicide, drug abuse, diabetes, depression, cancer, heart disease, and the AIDS virus. Hospitals, clinics, and counseling services are often inaccessible, underfunded, and understaffed. Health insurance is often not available. Many of these conditions could be altered by encouraging congregations and church agencies serving Indian populations to have program or support community initiatives that will make possible the strengthening of family solidarity, stewardship of creation, and cultural self-esteem. I come to you this day asking, "May I continue to join you at the table? May I continue to bring my Native American brothers and sisters to the table? Or are we to continue to ride in the back of the buckboard wagon?" It's my pleasure to introduce to you this morning Joel Martinez from the Rio Grande Conference.

JOEL MARTINEZ (Rio Grande): Thank you, Betty. This comprehensive plan is about partnership. The Native American community in our denomination is inviting all of us to join them in common mission. For too long, others have planned and proposed and implemented for Native American ministries. Through this initiative, Native Americans are leading us into a new day of collaborative work as full partners in mission with the native peoples.

A central feature of this plan as you have read it is to resource annual conferences as they seek to reach out in ministry to Native American peoples. It is, therefore, a proposal that annual conference leadership should welcome and enthusiastically support. Native Americans are God's gifted, and giving, and generous people. They are calling on the church to welcome their gifts as full partners in the church. This is really a first step in the long-term, comprehensive, empowering approach to mission with Native Americans. We dare not squander this opportunity. The Native American peoples marched alone through the trail of tears. They now invite us all to join them in trails of hope. Let us join up by adopting this plan unanimously and enthusiastically. Thank you.

MORRISON: Now that you have caught the vision and sensed the possibilities of this program, I would ask Susan Hassinger, who was the chair of the subcommittee in the legislative body that dealt with this, to give a point of information to the body regarding the committee's choice of new monies.

(Native American Funding Request)

SUSAN W. HASSINGER (Eastern Pennsylvania): Thank you, Twick. When the Native American Comprehensive Plan came before our subcommittee, there was no source of funding listed in the plan. It was indicated that, according to guidelines from GCFA and the rules of the General Conference, if no source of funding was designated, funding would come from the general program board which had had the oversight of the task force assigned to it. Our legislative committee felt that the request for new monies as amended was critical for the following reasons:

1) as you see as you look over the plan, all the 4 program agencies are involved in the task force and the plan implementation;

2) this is a new focus, not an ongoing program;

3) this is a comprehensive plan that attempts to assess and deal with the diverse needs of Native Americans; and

4) not to do this would put pressure on an already strained budget of an agency. Thus, after carefully considering the various possibilities and the various options for funding, the legislative committee unanimously concurred on the recommendation for new monies.

MORRISON: Bishop, I move adoption of Calendar Item 570, the Native American Comprehensive Plan.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you, Twick. Now, let the chair request and ask a question of the house. We have an amended item before us on p. 287, Calendar Item 570. We've been told by the chair that the first 3 amendments really are some harmonization amendments. The 4th amendment is of a different order. It would be the chair's desire to be able to act on the first 3 amendments together, unless 1 of the first 3 is debatable. I am referring to the amendments that are in the left-hand column of p. 287, Calendar Item 570, the first 3 amendments. Is there anyone wishing to debate anything in those 3 amendments? Seeing nothing, I am going to assume you are ready to vote on those 3 amendments. Excuse me, were you still waiting to speak? All right. Then, if you will draw your conclusion concerning those 3 amendments, Calendar Item 570, p. 287.

Will you please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 889; "No," 20. Those amendments are adopted. Now what is before us is the 4th amendment that begins with the last 2 words in the left-hand column and continues into the center column at the top of p. 287. This amendment is before us. Is there discussion? Microphone 6, please.

(Native School of Evangelism)

V. L. DAUGHTERY JR. (South Georgia): I have a question for the committee. We have a separate petition before us coming from another legislative committee concerning a native school of evangelism. And that, if approved by this body, will require funding and will also be a major expense item of that board. Is there any reason why this petition was not included in this budget, if that is an important item, or could it be?

BISHOP CRAIG: Can you speak to that, either of you?

MORRISON: That was not before our committee and there has been no consultation.

BISHOP CRAIG: Apparently it is in another Legislative Committee in Higher Education, and there has not been consultation, sir.

DAUGHTERY: I would like to move an amendment, if it is in order.

BISHOP CRAIG: Let's hear it.

DAUGHTERY: I move that the Native American Comprehensive Plan include in its agenda and budget a national native school of evangelism with spending provided from the Native American Comprehensive Plan's budget of $1.2 million. If I get a 2nd, I'll speak to it.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

BISHOP CRAIG: I hear support.

DAUGHTERY: Great. There is a desire on the part of the International Caucus from Fayetteville for this school to be held again. It was held previously. The cost of the school, when held previously, was approximately $70,000. When all the other items are paid in the Section of Evangelism on the Board of Discipleship, the programming budget is approximately $40,000. There is a desire for that school to be held again, and if that desire is strong, then I feel it ought to be in this comprehensive plan. Thank you.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you. May the chair ask if someone from higher education--Janet Stephenson is chair of that--Janet, are you on the floor? It was in Discipleship. Excuse me, can someone from Discipleship bring us any word of clarity about this? Can you bring it from Discipleship, sir? I just wanted to check. Have we got anybody over here?

HASSINGER: Bishop Craig?

BISHOP CRAIG: Are you from the legislative committee, from the Legislative Committee on Discipleship? Microphone 9.

SONG JA PARK (California-Pacific): I am a member of the Discipleship Legislative Committee, and in that committee we voted with an amendment to pass that particular petition. The amendment was that we will delete the word "national," so it's not going to be the national school of evangelism. It will be part of the board of . . . the General Board of Discipleship's work.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right. That's information that may be helpful as you debate the amendment. The amendment is before us, and I'm waiting for a copy of it so that we can read it. Are you wanting to speak to the amendment, ma'am?

HASSINGER: Bishop Craig?

BISHOP CRAIG: Yes.

HASSINGER: May I give some information from our legislative committee because that petition originated with Global Ministries and then was referred to Discipleship?

BISHOP CRAIG: Let's hear your information, Susan.

HASSINGER: OK. As I indicated, it first came to Global Ministries, and what we heard was that this is an ongoing school of evangelism that has been held previously, and the Native American Comprehensive Plan that was before our section was for new work, and that was why it was referred.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right. That's a matter of information. Now, are you speaking to the amendment at Microphone 4? Excuse me, Microphone 4, try again.

SHIRLEY BYERS (Troy): I also was in that legislative committee. On page . . .

BISHOP CRAIG: Which 1, please?

BYERS: On Board of Discipleship. On p. 347, Calendar Item 879, it is reported that we voted nonconcurrence with that, but that it be referred to the Board of Discipleship, the Evangelism Committee, for their continuance of the program. I would speak for the amendment, feeling that this gives it the emphasis that it really needs. Thank you.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, thank you. That's a speech for the amendment. Back by microphone 12, please.

SAM WYNN (North Carolina): Bishop Craig, I would speak against this amendment for several reasons. The plan itself is a comprehensive plan. The school of evangelism would be regional, and it would deal with different sections of the community and different groups as well. To try to bunch this together, it would take away from the effectiveness of what the plan is calling for, and so I would urge us not to parcel out what we are trying to do for the first time in the history of our church.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, that's a speech against the amendment. Is there is a speech for the amendment? Are you for the amendment? All right, would you go to microphone 8, please?

JUDY BENSON (Oklahoma): I speak in favor of the amendment. The school of evangelism is a national/international event which draws Native Americans from all over the United States and native people from all over the world. I believe that evangelism is one of the most important parts of our denomination. It's essential if we are going to grow, and I think it is an important part for our Native American brothers and sisters. And it certainly should be included in this plan for the Native

Americans, and so I would vote in support of that amendment.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, thank you. That's 2 speeches for. We're ready for 1 against. Are you against the amendment? Microphone 3.

C. JOSEPH SPRAGUE (West Ohio): I would speak against the amendment. It's been interesting to watch, through the processes of GCOM, the work of native persons and others as they have developed their plan, given their understandings of the ministries which need to apply within the community that they know best. This is a classic example of empowerment of indigenous persons, and I think it behooves us to support that kind of activity. It was said from the podium, this is a 1st, and I for one do not, in any way, want to water down such an historic 1st.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, thank you. We've had 2 speeches for, 2 against. We can now have someone speak for the amendment. For the amendment, anyone wishing to speak? Does anyone else wish to speak against the amendment? Are you wishing to speak against the amendment, sir? You have a question, would you go to microphone 12, behind you?

FLINN: My question is in regard to this plan. Incidentally, I'm very much in favor of this. I think it's very well organized, very much presented. But I also was on the Board of Discipleship in the legislative section and heard that report. The question that I have is, are there other Native American programs that are going to be coming in other legislative sessions, that we could take this as a whole ball of wax, or do you feel that it would be too much of a watering-down process to do this? I'm just trying to get a handle on what we're trying to do for our Native Americian brothers and sisters.

BISHOP CRAIG: The request is for information, as to whether or not in addition to the one that was in Discipleship, there are other Native American items coming forth. Does anyone on the platform have that information? Can you help us with that, anyone here? Betty?

ADMUSSEN: I would answer that there are other programs, but they are entirely different than this program, entirely different than this program.

BISHOP CRAIG: There are others coming, though?

ADMUSSEN: Yes, there are.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, thank you. I am able to receive a speech for the amendment. Are you for the amendment, clear at the back? Microphone 14.

NANCY D. DUEL (Northern Illinois): I was also in that Legislative Committee on Discipleship, and it was my understanding that we had moved to refer that document to the Board of Discipleship. So I don't think that we should continue debating this until we know what the actual action was. Is the secretary or the chair of the Legislative Committee on Discipleship have that information, because we've had about 3 opinions out of that group?

BISHOP CRAIG: Ann, I see the vice chair of the committee there. If you'll go to microphone 4, please, Ann, thank you.

ANN B. SHERER (Texas): It was moved incorrectly, printed in the *DCA* incorrectly, we moved referral.

BISHOP CRAIG: You moved referral to the Board of Discipleship.

SHERER: Yes.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, so that the item that was before the Legislative Committee on Discipleship has been referred to the General Board of Discipleship. It has not come here for that to be sustained. But it is currently in that condition. Now we're on the amendment. Let me read you the amendment again, so you'll remember where we are. The amendment is "I move that the Native American Comprehensive Plan include in its agenda and budget a national native school of evangelism, with funding provided from the Native American Comprehensive Plan's budget of $1.2 million." We have had 2 speeches for and 2 against. Does anyone else wish to speak for this amendment. For the amendment, sir? Microphone 12.

BILLY L. YORK (North Alabama): Bishop, I'd like to move . . . to call to question on all that is before us.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, by all that is before us, you mean this amendment? And the amendment to the amendment?

YORK: The amendment and the proposal.

BISHOP CRAIG: Well, all that is before us right now is the amendment to item 4, the amendment, and that amendment itself. All right, that's a call to close debate. Will you speak your mind when the light appears? All right, you have spoken to close debate at "Yes," 747; "No," 175. We have a right of last speech before the vote from the committee.

MORRISON: Yes. The committee would oppose the amendment. Not because the committee would be averse to the idea of an evangelism program, but because we think it dilutes the comprehensive plan that is before you.

(Native School of Evanglelism Approved)

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, now we are ready to vote on the amendment to the amendment. Let me remind you that we started with an amendment on p. 287. But, we now have before us the Daughtery amendment, which I just read to you a moment ago. Are you clear? We're voting on the amendment to the amendment. When you're ready to speak your mind, please be ready and vote when the light appears. "Yes," 232; "No," 665. The amendment to the amendment fails. We are now on the amendment that you find on p. 287, the top of the center column. Please prepare yourself to speak your will on this and vote when the light appears. "Yes," 796; "No," 107. The amendment is adopted. Now the entire report is before us on the Native American Comprehensive Plan. I see a card; go to microphone 7, please. The delegate there.

LUCILLE V. VANZANT (Oklahoma): I rise in support of this plan. Because, this is the first time the whole world of United Methodists can embrace a people with pride rather than hang our heads and dwell in the past of shame. I thank God for allowing us this opportunity to support our brothers and sisters in Christ. And together, we will walk this path in only one pair of moccasins, leaving only one set of footprints.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you very much, that's a speech for. Does someone wish to speak against the entire report? I see a card very far at the back, in the very back row, in the red dress. Are you against the proposal? You have a question? Please come to microphone 14.

MAXINE ALLEN (Little Rock): And my question is regarding the wording, "new monies." I guess I'm just a little slow. Would you explain to me what that means? Does that mean that it's going to be on top of the budget proposal that's going to be coming before us, or does that mean that if this is adopted, it's

going to reduce proportionately all of the other items in the budget? I am just very unclear about this; please explain.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you for your question. Let me remind you that regardless of what we do, it's all going back to GCFA. But let's see what the committee's intention is. Can you speak to it?

MORRISON: It was the intention of the committee in saying "new monies," that these funds would not come out of the already-proposed existing budgets, but would be on top of those budgets. That was explained by the chairperson, Susan Hassinger, that this was an attempt not to further squeeze the budgets of the boards and agencies.

BISHOP CRAIG: I hope that clarifies that question. Now, the entire report is before us. Are there any speeches against? Are you wishing to speak against the report? A point of information, microphone 8, please.

ROGER W. ESCHLIMAN (Nebraska): The task force that's going to be formed, I'm not sure what the groups, the Native American International Caucus and the National United Methodist Native American Center, I'm not really sure what those are. But, my question is, are those groups large enough to encompass Native Americans from a wide variety of traditions? For example, the Navahos at Four Corners, and others?

MORRISON: I would like to point you to the amendments on p. 287, which were an attempt to be very specific as to the persons who would be on that task force. And the intent is to have as broad representation as possible.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right. Thank you for your question of clarification. Anyone wishing to speak against the entire report? Another question, all right, over here, microphone 5.

JOE M. WHITTEMORE (North Georgia): Bishop, I certainly do not want to speak against the plan. But is this a time that I could offer an additional amendment to the plan?

BISHOP CRAIG: Yes, sir, it is.

WHITTEMORE: On p. 729, in the right-hand column, the 1st full paragraph, which begins "the development of." The last sentence of that paragraph reads, "Any United Methodist comprehensive plan . . ."

BISHOP CRAIG: Excuse me, I hear a point of order. Yes, sir, will you state your point of order? Excuse us. Microphone 3.

PAUL V. CHAFFEE (Western Pennsylvania): Madam chairman, I believe the floor was gained by raising a calling question. This is not a question; this is a move to amend.

BISHOP CRAIG: That's correct. I did expect you to be asking a question. He asked me a question whether or not he could make an amendment. I think the house can decide whether or not it's friendly to his amendment or not, and the chair would prefer to allow the gentleman to speak.

WHITTEMORE: Thank you, madam chairman.

BISHOP CRAIG: Continue, please.

(Offer Them Christ)

WHITTEMORE: The last sentence, which says, "Any United Methodist comprehensive plan for Native Americans must begin with a commitment to," insert here, "offer Christ as Savior to". So, that it would read, "must begin with a commitment to offer Christ as Savior, to rehabilitate lives, and to eradicate the racism that is the root cause of the isolation." And if there is a 2nd, I'd like to speak to it.

BISHOP CRAIG: Is there support? Here's support.

WHITTEMORE: There are 2 specific rationales for this amendment, I think. First, how can any comprehensive plan for evangelism in mission not contain some reference to the Great Commission? One of our episcopal candidates yesterday morning said, "We just must name that name." Second, and this seems very important because many of us have a Native American heritage, we are not talking here about outsiders. We are talking about one of the great strengths of this plan, and that is Native Americans offering Christ and mission to Native Americans. Thank you.

BISHOP CRAIG: We are now on an amendment by insertion of the words, "offer Christ as Savior" on p. 729. Does anyone wish to speak against the amendment?

MORRISON: We do not speak against the amendment.

BISHOP CRAIG: It would be hard to speak against offering Christ, wouldn't it, Twick?

MORRISON: But I will call to the attention of the body that that element does appear later in the plan if you'll tell me . . . it's earlier in the plan, but in the mission statement. At the mission statement it is there, but if the body would like to put it at this point, there is no objection, of course, from the committee.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, thank you. We're on the amendment. We can have a speech against the amendment. What is your desire, sir? Microphone. You wish to speak against the amendment. Would you come to microphone 10?

JAMES LAWSON (California-Pacific): Bishop, I want to speak against the amendment for 2 or 3 reasons. In the 1st instance, it's here in the wrong place. It does not need to be in this spot. This is a paragraph, as I understand it, that analyzes a part of the situation that Native Americans have faced for 500 years in this Western Hemisphere and in the United States. Secondly, it seems to me by putting it in this spot, it smacks of the old missionary notion where these persons have no spirituality. They are not creatures of God who already knows the Great Spirit, but who must 1st of all, abide by some simple formula before they are, therefore, acceptable in the fellowship. And I resent that as a pastor, and as a Christian. Thirdly, I think that 1 of the great heresies in western Christianity at this moment is that we've made Jesus Christ a code word. We've cut Jesus Christ off from the kingdom he primarily preached and taught, and we, therefore, allow people to say Jesus Christ is Lord without reference to whether or not Bush is their lord, or the United Nations is their lord, or someone else is their lord. And this is a part of the confusion in the church in relationship to the society and culture in which we live, and, therefore, I oppose this amendment at this place in this document.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, thank you. We are on the amendment to insert the words. Is there someone who would speak for the amendment? Yes, would you go to microphone 2, please, sir?

RICHARD BURNS (Western Pennsylvania): I simply want to share this one because when the Spirit begins to move upon me I must speak. I have all often wished in scouting that Indian blood flowed within my veins. I learn the Indian dances and many of their ways. Not long ago I was preaching in a downtown city church in Washington, D.C., and a Black sister came up after I

was through preaching and she says, "I can't believe it, that they've put my words in a White man's voice." And I'm simply saying that as we approach this, we must be very, very careful that we do not become so distinct in our nationalities that we forget the centrality of Jesus Christ. For there is neither Jew nor Gentile, nor bound nor free.

I'm simply saying that through the history often times when we become inclusive and move off into our nationalities or our theological opinions, we sometimes get our focus off of Jesus Christ, baptism, Communion, all of those things, but the centrality is Jesus. And so it's extremely important. I'm highly in favor of this program and also of the amendment because we must, must in every way, keep Jesus Christ at the very center, lest we become, again, turned aside. For many years in our conference we talked about former M's and former EUB's. It took years for us to become United Methodists, and even now some people have never merged. So I'm simply lifting up this great concern I have, and maybe it's a concern of others, that we become so individual that we forget the centrality we have in Jesus.

A young Black brother, when we were in seminary, we took a stand with him because he was refused service in a cafeteria in one of the schools. I asked him, when I had a chance to be with him by myself, I said, "Do you think that when liberty comes and all the freedom comes, that you may lose something." And when he thought awhile about it and began to ask, he said, "Yes we may." So then I'm simply saying that often times when we become so individualistic, we may lose what we're really trying to do, and that is our centrality in Jesus. I would say that we should support this and put Jesus Christ wherever we can find a place for him. Amen?

BISHOP JUDITH CRAIG: Thank you, sir. All right, we are still on the amendment to insert words. Is there anyone who wishes to speak against the amendment? Clear in the back. Microphone 11, please.

JAMES KING (Tennessee): Bishop, I move the question on all that is before us.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, this is a question for all that is before us, and all that is before us is the amendment and the entire report. Please decide if you are ready to vote, and speak your will on the call to the question when the light appears. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 829; "No," 112. You are ready to vote. Do you have any final word, Twick, before we move through these two motions?

MORRISON: I would simply say in closing that the development of the Native American Comprehensive Plan is a task that has been deferred much too long. The committee urges adoption of the item before you.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, thank you. Now we have an amendment first, which is to insert the words on p. 729, "All for Christ as Savior." We're on that amendment. Will you decide how you wish to speak on that amendment and vote when the light appears? "Yes," 503; "No," 441. The amendment fails. We are now on the entire report . . . I'm sorry, I'm sorry. It prevails, excuse me. We were having a discussion about what time it is back here. The amendment has prevailed, so the entire report is now before us as amended by the insertion of those words. Please decide how you wish to vote on the entire plan, the Native American Comprehensive Plan, and vote when the light appears. "Yes," 904; "No," 45. The plan is adopted.

Thank you very much. All right. Yes, microphone 8.

DAVID SEVERE (Oklahoma): I move that all agencies now funding Native American ministries be encouraged by this General Conference to continue present fundings at no less then the 1992 levels throughout the 1993-96 quadrennium. If I have a 2nd, I would like to speak to it.

UNIDENTIFIED: Second.

SEVERE: It is very important now that we have passed this monumental and historical and much, much needed plan that we take steps to be sure that we maintain the levels of funding that now exist. If . . . I know we have voted for new monies, but if we allow our agencies to say, "Oh, well, you have this new fund," and to take now-existing funds away from them . . . folks, we are talking about ministries that are marginal now. We're talking about ministers and families that live on bare subsistence. We must be sure that we do not reduce that level. Thank you.

BISHOP CRAIG: Excuse me, David, will you stay at the microphone and read the motion again? I want to be sure it's in order.

SEVERE: All right. I move that all agencies now funding Native American ministries be encouraged by this General Conference to continue present funding at no less then the 1992 levels throughout the 1993-96 quadrennium; and I make it that way because I understand that if it were not permissive, it would be out of order.

BISHOP CRAIG: It is in order. It is a word of encouragement from this General Conference to our general agencies. This motion is before you. Is there any discussion? I see a card at the back. Yes. Yes, ma'am. No, but near microphone 12. Yes, ma'am.

JANET STEPHENSON (Iowa): I chair the Board of Higher Education Division of Higher Education, and I would point out, reluctantly, that if this General Conference chooses to cut the funding for HANA Scholarships, which are direct grants to Native American students, it will be very difficult to maintain the current level of funding for the next quadrennium. So if you choose to pass this motion, which I agree with in spirit, you must be aware of the fact that you are also committing yourself to keep the level of the HANA funding at least at the level that it is now. Please remember that you have responsibility to do that if you pass this motion. Thank you.

BISHOP CRAIG. I call that a speech against the motion, although I want to remind you that the motion is advisory and encouraging only. There is nothing in the language that commands anything sending a signal from this General Conference. Any other discussion on the Severe motion? Yes, over here I see a card; microphone 5.

LARRY BAUMAN (North Georgia): Bishop, I move the previous question.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right. This is a call to close debate. But the rules of the house require that there must be opportunity for 2 speeches for and against before I can receive that motion. Are there any other persons wishing to speak? Seeing none, I believe the house is ready to vote. Were you wishing to speak? All right, microphone 1.

DAVE BRAZELTON (Florida): My concern is that I hope that all agencies want to concur with this, but many of our programs are not necessarily the same each year. We do a major program 1 year, not the next, and then the 3rd

year. So I just hope the General Conference would understand that it would be more in keeping to keep the level at the entire quadrennial level, rather than 1 year, namely 1992.

BISHOP CRAIG: The chair takes that as a speech against. That's 2 speeches against. Is there anyone else wishing to speak, or are you ready to vote on the Severe motion? I think you're ready to vote. Will you please vote when the light appears?

"Yes," 628; "No," 277. The motion carries. All right, Twick, we're back to you.

MORRISON: Bishop, for the record, I would note that this plan that we just voted deals with the concerns in Calendar Item 599 and, therefore, that financial item would no longer be before us.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right. Thank you.

(Calendar Item No. 572; Native American Center Financing)

MORRISON: The next item is blue *DCA*, still on p. 287, Calendar Item 572 at the right-hand column, the very bottom. The subject is shared financial support for the Native American Center, p. 287, Item 572. Should you want to look at the content, it's p. 1216 in the white *DCA*--p. 1216 in the white *DCA*. As the title indicates, this petition deals with shared financial support for the Native American Center. The National United Methodist Native American Center that's presently located in Oklahoma City has functioned as 1 of the 4 national centers focused on ethnic enlistment, training, and assistance of ordained and diaconal ministers. Heretofore, this center has been funded at the level of $160,000 per year; you can see that spread before you in the white *DCA*. It is related to the Board of Higher Education and Ministry and has received its funds solely from that source. The intent of this petition is to spread that support across 3 additional program boards, which you see there before you. They would be the General Board of Global Ministries, the General Board of Discipleship, and the General Board of Church and Society. This would increase the funding to $200,000 per year. The proposal states that GCFA will appropriate money for this purpose. That would be sharing between 4 boards instead of 1 board for the support of this national center.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right. Have you put it before . . .

MORRISON: I move that we adopt this item. You will see that the vote of the committee was 99 for, 1 against.

BISHOP CRAIG: And I see that on the top of p. 288 there are some editorial corrections. Those amendments are just minor editorial amendments. Is that true?

MORRISON: They are editorial.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right. Then it's the judgment of the chair that we can put the matter before us without having to act on the amendments separately. This matter is before us. Yes, microphone 12, please.

SAM WYNN (North Carolina): Bishop Craig, I would like to speak in favor of this motion, for in 1980 the Board of Higher Education and Ministry met with a group of Native American people from across this nation; and we deliberated, we struggled, to come to some consensus about what is needed to enable the recruitment, deployment, and the training of Native American pastors across this nation. And for the last almost 12 years we have been trying to put into place a program that would begin to address the needs of our community. And, once again, it seems as if each General Conference were making history because we're moving. People are beginning to become aware of who we are. There are training programs that have been put into place, as well as other activities and events that have taken place that are enhancing our community. And I would urge our General Conference to share the support of this center and its objectives so that we can continue to recruit persons for ordained ministry. We need pastors. There are communities across this country that have never had a Native American pastor, and this is one means by which this can take place. And we also have pastors that are retiring, and we don't have those pastors in seminary. Today we only have 5 Native American persons in all of our schools of theology. And we need this so that we can have a future for our people.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, thank you. Calendar Item 572 on p. 287 is before us. Are you ready to vote? I see a card over here; microphone 5.

BISHOP CRAIG: Are you for or against, sir?

STEVEN MOTT (Southern New England): A question . . .

BISHOP CRAIG: A question.

MOTT: Could you explain to me what this specifically has to do with the specific goals of the Board of Church and Society, and also what is the opinion of the General Conference Council on Ministries on this allocation of funds?

BISHOP CRAIG: Who can respond to that question, please? Is that anything you have information on, Twick?

TWICK MORRISON: No, it's not. But I would call the body's attention to p. 1217, the 3rd par. down. The intent through . . . the 3rd line, "through a shared focus among these 4 boards," and my assumption is it would be then broader than simply recruitment for ordained and diaconal ministers.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right. I saw a card over here. Microphone 2, please. I'm sorry, I called on the man in the yellow tie. That's you.

JAMES HARNISH (Florida): I would move that we postpone financial considerations on this very important item until we receive the report from GCFA and the Financial Administration Committee. If there's a 2nd I'll speak to it.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

BISHOP CRAIG: I hear support.

HARNISH: This is another of these exciting programs. This is no reflection on the content of the program, but a reflection on the process, that we are binding to some extent the hands of GCFA as they look at the overall budget. In the local church there are a multitude of things that I would love to be able to do, but I have to sit down and look at the whole budget and see what I can work in and what we can't work in. And I'm just concerned that here in Louisville it's easy to believe that there's an unending supply of money somewhere in the world. But, most of us have to go back and face other realities, and I'm concerned about our process and would recommend that we postpone this until the GCFA report comes in. Hopefully, they'll be able to include all these figures in there, but I simply think we're binding the GCFA and the Financial Administration Legislative Committees.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, thank you. Let me ask the calendar chair. Do you have any word concerning GCFA's desire for us this morning? What is you point of order, sir? Microphone 4.

RICHARD S. PARKER (New York): Bishop, it's my opinion that a motion to postpone acting on financial matters until after GCFA reports to us is out of order because the reason for acting on financial matters now is precisely to refer them to GCFA so that it comes back to us with their report. And I don't think we could wait until after they've reported to us then to take up a financial matter to discuss.

BISHOP CRAIG: I think your point is well taken. Thank you very much, and the chair rules it so. All right, we're back on item 572. We've had a speech for. Does someone wish to speak against item 572? A question? Microphone 2.

DEBORAH L. PRITTS (North Central New York): A question. I remember reading or hearing that there had been discussion about moving the Native American Center from its current location to the location of the School of Theology at Claremont. And, if that is so, I wonder if someone could give us information about those negotiations and how the School of Theology at Claremont might be in support of the center in terms of financial considerations.

BISHOP CRAIG: Can you speak to that, Susan?

SUSAN MONCURE: That subject did come up in our legislative subcommittee. We've indicated that those negotiations have been completed. I believe the move would occur in August. Is somebody from the subcommittee recalling that? And that this would be in support of that move of the arrangements that are being made.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right. Now, I see a card, in the purple dress, right over here. Can you come to microphone 9? We are on Calendar Item 572. We've had a speech for. Are you against? Microphone 9.

MARY ELIZABETH MOORE (California Pacific): The negotiations are completed. The center is welcomed at the School of Theology at Claremont with enormous enthusiasm from our faculty, students, and Board of Trustees, and the financial contribution of the School of Theology at Claremont--excuse me--will be free housing and secretarial administrative support, and we have already voted the director of the center to be an adjunct member of our faculty.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you very much for that information. Now, is the house ready to vote on Calendar Item 572? I think the house is ready to vote, and I'm going to ask you to please aettle your mind on item 572 and vote when the light appears. "Yes," 786; "No," 138. The item is adopted. Twick, you have 2 or 3 more, don't you?

MORRISON: We have 3 more items that have financial implication.

BISHOP CRAIG: Let's continue.

(Calendar Item No. 576; Rural Community)

MORRISON: Next page, in your blue *DCA*, p. 288. It'a entitled "Study of Rural Community." In your red book; if you want to see the original petition, it's p. 737. This petition asks for a study on the building of community in rural America. The deep concern is expressed for the devastation brought about by rapid social change and economic forces beyond the control of persons living in rural areas. The petition asks for a suggested $100,000 per year. The rural community study task force would be related to the Office of Town and Country Ministries of the General Board of Global Ministries. The committee, the legislative committee, voted nonconcurrence. The vote was 98 for concurrence, and 7 did not support the committee. With deep sensitivity to the needs lifted up in the petition, but at the same time with the concern for monetary demands being placed on the budgets of boards and agencies, the committee voted nonconcurrence.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, now. Let me remind you of the position this puts us in. What is before us is the motion of nonconcurrence. It's one of those moments when in order to sustain nonconcurrence, you vote "yes". If you want to overturn nonconcurrence, you vote "no". A "yes" vote sustains the recommendation of the legislative committee. Having said that, let's turn to discussion. I see you, sir, in the middle. Microphone 3. All right.

DALE FOOSHEE (Kansas East): I first would like to speak to the fact that this particular study is very, very important. As a person who has worked in this area for some 5 or 6 years, besides being a farmer, I want to speak for the fact that this does need to happen. Then I want to make an amendment to strike out the funding part and refer this to Board of Global Ministries for follow through.

BISHOP CRAIG: Sir, strictly speaking, I cannot receive your amendment. You made a speech 1st. I'm going to be generous and . . . I'm getting encouraged behind me: "Be generous." It'a nice to have generous friends, isn't it? Now, your motion again, please.

FOOSHEE: I move to delete the funding and refer this to Board of Global Ministries.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right. The proposal is for reference of the tesolution study of rural community to the Board of Global Ministries with no funding. All right, that motion is before us. Is there support? All right. We now have before us a motion of referral. Is there discussion on the motion of referral? Yes, clear back in the back. Microphone 11.

MARION MUTHIAH (North Dakota): Another of the reasons why we voted nonconcurrence on this is because there is another petition which says practically the same thing without the monetary component with which we did concur, and that one you will see on p. 738 of your *DCA* . . . excuse me, p. 1220 of your *DCA*, if you would like to compare that.

BISHOP CRAIG: Are you speaking for or against referral?

MUTHIAH: I'm speaking against referral because the content is included in a petition which we did concur with, which is found on p. 1220, the "Affirmation of Basic Rural Worth."

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you very much. That's a speech against referral. Does someone wish to speak for referral?

BISHOP JUDITH CRAIG: Here in the middle. Microphone 3.

FRANK DORSEY (Kansas East): I contend there is a difference in the petitions--that it should be referred because it has to do with study, and the reason for the study is a strategic 1. It is the way in which we build community in the rural sector of our country, which is literally devastated by the crisis we're undergoing.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right. Thank you. We're on the motion to refer. Any further discussion?

MORRISON: I would remind the body, when you make the reference, that board still has to fund the study.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right. The motion before you is a motion to refer to the Board of Global Ministries with no funding attached. Please prepare yourself to vote, and vote when the light appears--on the motion to refer. "Yes," 445; "No," 478. It is not referred. We are back on item 576. We are discussing whether or not to sustain the recommendation for nonconcurrence. Is there any further discussion? You look ready to vote. Remember: to sustain the committee's nonconcurrence you vote "yes"; to disagree with the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence, you vote "no". Please prepare and vote when the light appears. "Yes," 690; "No," 237. The nonconcurrence is sustained. What else do you have Twick?

(Calendar Item No. 583; Rural Crisis)

MORRISON: Page 289 of the blue *DCA,* item 583, dealing with a similar subject. If you want to see the original petition, it's white *DCA,* p. 1221. White *DCA,* p. 1121. It is a petition that calls for a special program entitled "Rural Crisis." This proposal addresses the same critical needs expressed in the preceding petition. It calls for the General Conference to designate the continuing rural crisis as a special program--the amount at $100,000 per year; a total of $400,000 for the quadrennium. Following the same rationale of the previous petition, the committee voted nonconcurrence. There were 8 persons who did not vote with the committee.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, thank you. We're in Calendar Item 583. We're in the same position we were just in. The recommendation is for nonconcurrence. Is there a discussion? I see a card far to the back, microphone 13.

ED KAIL (Iowa): Bishop Craig, members of the General Conference, I'm serving in the chair of town and country ministries at St. Paul School of Theology. I am privileged in that position to work with United Methodists and others throughout the heartland region in considering the concerns of town and rural people. It's hard for us to talk about a crisis anymore because this ongoing change in rural communities has been going on for so many years now. It's difficult to sit and listen to us glibly talk about critical issues and critical needs and then be in the danger of not doing anything about them as a General Conference. Rural communities and rural people have, indeed, been devastated, and one of the symbols and signs of that devastation is what's gone on in Los Angeles.

Have you ever wondered where all those folks came from? And what wounds and pain and frustration they have carried with them from the countryside over the last 50 years, ending up in the urban centers of our country? They came from the countryside, leaving behind even worse conditions. It is time for our church to take fresh looks at the situation and speak to those underlying causes--an ethos that says that technology is always to be favored over people and the welfare of community, that the profit and welfare of the few is to be valued over the welfare of whole communities of people who are forgotten. It is past time for us to address rural crises because rural crises that are not addressed turn into urban crises that then erupt in violence and looting and death. I would ask for your nonconcurrence with the committee. Time for us now to stand with rural sisters and brothers who remain, before they, too, become more dispossessed, urban refugees. Please, nonconcur with the committee.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you. We take that as a speech against nonconcurrence. Is there anyone who wishes to speak for nonconcurrence? Yes, microphone 1.

ARVIN LUCHS (Oregon-Idaho): Bishop, Arvin Luchs, Oregon-Idaho Conference. I have an amendment to propose.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right.

LUCHS: If the body would look at p. 1221 of the white edition of the *Advance DCA.* My amendment is this: that the 1st sentence read, "Therefore, be it resolved that the General Conference designate the 'continuing rural crisis' as a special concern of The United Methodist Church for the quadrennium 1993-96." The remainder of that paragraph to be deleted. If I have a 2nd, I'll speak to that.

BISHOP CRAIG: I hear support.

LUCHS: Bishop, and members of this conference, I join many of you in concern over the budget of this General Conference and the apportionments that will result from that. But I think that we would be vastly neglecting a large segment of this country and the world if we were not to express our concern and say in loud and bold terms that a crisis still exists. The effect of my motion would be to make this a resolution of this General Conference. It has no funding, but it says loudly and clearly a crisis still exists and United Methodists are united in concern. Thank you.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, thank you very much. Now we're on this amendment; let's be sure you understand where it is: at the top of p. 1221, replacing "special program" with "crisis," and putting a period after 1996. All right, how about down in the front right here? Microphone 3. Stay in your seat; stay in your seat. I'll come back there.

BEN EDWARDS (West Ohio): I feel like I'd be betraying many persons I feel I'm supporting if I didn't speak to try to see that this continues as a program. I need to remind the conference that 2/3 of our churches are under 200, and at least 1/3 of the money we are trying to shepherd comes from these people. And my experience with rural people is they often pay their apportionments with much more enthusiasm and faithfulness than the larger church. I'm concerned about what's happening to the rural church. I'm concerned that increasingly they cannot afford full-time ministry, which makes me think we'd better take the local pastor proposal seriously. But let's not turn our backs upon a faithful people who are going to go on the best way they can. And in many rural areas, the only sense of community people are going to find is in the rural church. So let's get behind this measure and defeat the nonconcurrence. Thank you.

BISHOP CRAIG: Well now, sir, we are on the amendment. I take that as a speech against the amendment--to make it a concern and not a special program. Is that correct? All right. It's a speech against the amendment. We are on the amendment. Yes, back by microphone 10. We are on the amendment.

BECKY HAASE (California-Pacific): We have a point of order, bishop. The motion before us is nonconcurrence, and the amendment, therefore, would amend nonconcurrence--which it seems to me if we amend it and then vote it, we would be voting down an amended document. And I think the intent is really a substitute motion, making that change, and I would like the chair to rule on that.

BISHOP CRAIG: Let the chair turn around a minute.

Thank you for allowing me to turn my back on you for a moment. The chair is going to rule that it is an appropriate amendment. We can decide later whether we are concurring or nonconcurring. We are perfecting the document that is before us. The document is before us; the recommendation of the committee is that when we finally decide on it, we nonconcur with the document. But we have the opportunity to perfect that which is before us before we decide whether or not to sustain the committee. Therefore, the amendment is in order. All right. We've had a speech against the amendment. Does anyone wish to speak for the amendment? Yes, sir, microphone 3, please.

FRANK L. DORSEY (Kansas East): I want to support the amendment because I do not believe that the General Conference would support the funding, but I do believe that it must continue to be before us--the concern for rural United States concerns which is in a major crisis. In the '80s, we lost 600,000 farm families, 2.4 million people. We have over 92,000 jobs lost. If you take the multiplier effect, we have lost 120,000 businesses; we have dislocated thousands upon thousands of people that are moving. Many of them are literally persons who are invisible, but they are moving into our cities. They are people that are unrooted by this crisis, and I believe the amendment would preserve the importance of keeping this before the church. In Kansas in 1988, the suicide rate in rural communities was 4 times that of the urban communities. In 1989 it was 3 times. In Oklahoma, it was 3 times. There is such devastation of rural community that this church must continue, must continue, to keep this before its agenda.

BISHOP CRAIG: I thank you. That's a speech for. Now, are you ready to vote on this amendment? I think you're ready to vote on the amendment, are you not? All right. The amendment is on the top of p. 1221; would change "special program" to "concern" and put a period after "1996." Please determine your position and vote when the light appears. "Yes," 619; "No," 309; the amendment is sustained, and now we have a perfected document before us, as amended with a recommendation still for nonconcurrence. We are back on debating nonconcurrence. I see a card near microphone 12.

DONALD L. CARVER (Iowa): Bishop, are we ready for a speech against concurrence?

BISHOP CRAIG: Actually, I'm ready for a speech for nonconcurrence. So anyone wishing to speak now in support of the recommendation for nonconcurrence on the now-amended document. Are you wishing to speaking for nonconcurrence? Please come to microphone 13.

KHIN KHIN JENSEN (Minnesota): I chaired this particular subcommittee. We agonized over this, and as the chair of our legislative committee indicated that we affirmed the crisis, and we really feel that the budget item was what really persuaded us to vote nonconcurrence. I know the issue is now before us, and I hope the body will vote nonconcurrence with our legislative committee.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you. Let the chair remind you that what is before us is now an amended document. There is no funding in it. It ends after the "1996" designation, and "special program" is now "concern." Now, you are wishing to speak against nonconcurrence. You may come to microphone 12.

(Active Rural Congregations)

CARVER: I want to speak against nonconcurrence because I want us to be very alive to the rural crisis. A lot has been said about how bad it is, and it is bad. I am a superintendent of a rural district in Iowa, and I deal with it every day. But I want you to know that things are happening there. I don't want you to think that it's dead. Yes, there are losses of population, and there's a crisis in finances, but we have exciting things happening in our rural churches that I think are happening all over, and we need to know about that.

We need to know about parish nurses who are volunteering their time to get out and help people. We need to know about the children's programs that are going on as the churches are reaching out to non church members. We need to know about the kind of evangelism that is alive and awakening. I have a group of lay people excited in our district, and we're reaching out to small villages who have no United Methodist churches in them. And we have lay people who are going out there, or beginning to go out there (we're just starting this thing), and are going to reach these small communities to minister. One of the things we're aware of in our area, and I have a suspicion it's a reality in other parts of the country, and that is that over 50% of our population are people under the age of 45. There are young people, there are children, there are young families that are in the rural area; and I simply want us to know that things are happening out there. It is a crisis. We are going to deal with it. We need the church's strong support. I'm sorry we do not have the investment of money; we do need that. But certainly let us nonconcur with this action and give serious attention to the rural crisis. Thank you very much.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right now, friends. Are we coming close to a time to be ready to vote? I think we really are. Microphone 14; I'm going to call on you and see what your issue is.

JOHN P. MILES (Little Rock): I move all that is before us.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right. All that is before us is now the amended item. Let's be in order. This is a motion that's in order, and what is before us is Calendar Item 583. If you will . . . I'm sorry. Will you . . ..

MORRISON: The chair would like a last word. .

BISHOP CRAIG: We need to see if they want to vote yet, Twick. All right?

MORRISON: All right. Excuse me.

BISHOP CRAIG: We are voting on whether or not you want to vote. Please vote when the light appears.

BISHOP CRAIG: "Yes," 872; "No," 64. You're ready to vote. Now would you like to say 1 last word on the amended resolution?

MORRISON: We are at a strange place parliamentarily.

BISHOP CRAIG: Yes.

MORRISON: I would speak for the intent of the legislative committee. Now that the monetary concerns have been removed from this petition, the committee would concur with it, so that the committee would not be offended at the response of the body to turn to a different conclusion on this item.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right. Thank you. Now, the vote is still on nonconcurrence. Let me remind you that if you wish to sustain nonconcurrence, you vote "yes." If you wish not to sustain nonconcurrence you vote "no." We are on the amended item. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 123; "No," 824. The item is adopted as amended. Anything else, Twick?

MORRISON: One more . . .

BISHOP CRAIG: Let me tell the house where we are. Friends, we are at 12:05. We have approximately 15-20 minutes of legislative time left before lunch. We had hoped to bring you all of the items with financial implications. There is another committee patiently waiting on the stage that has 12-14 such items. We have a report of a ballot. We have some kindnesses we must care for. I just want you to know where we are. What is your point of order? Please rise. Coming to microphone 14.

MILES: Bishop, does not the body have the right and the authority to cut off debate at any time, even before 2:00?

BISHOP CRAIG: No, sir, not by our rules, not without suspending the rules. The rules require that the opportunity will have been given for 2 speeches for and against.

MILES: Would you give us the length of time that we're now doing those speeches?

BISHOP CRAIG: Three minutes. I thank you. One more, Twick.

(Calendar Item No. 573, Asian-American Language)

MORRISON: Blue *DCA* p. 288, Item 573. Page 288, Item 573, entitled "Study Committee For Asian American Language Ministries". In the white *DCA* p. 1227 . . . white *DCA* 1227. This petition addresses the unique missional opportunity that The United Methodist Church has to reach out to Asian Americans who have brought with them distinctive and rich cultural heritages and languages. It asks the General Conference to mandate the General Board of Global Ministries, National Program Division, to create a national study committee. The legislative committee voted as amended a concurrence, 94 for, 5 against, and 6 were not voting. The amendments are before you. On p. 288 in the 1st column, rather than for action coming back to the 1996 General Conference, they asked for immediate action. It is printed incorrectly there. You should strike the bold print that says "appropriate action to the 1966 General Conference."

BISHOP CRAIG: Read it for us the way it should read, Twick. Starting with "Problems and challenges."

MORRISON: All right. "Problems and challenges and formulating recommendations for immediate action."

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, thank you.

MORRISON: And be it further resolved in the 2nd paragraph that there be 1/2 representatives who are Asian American rather than 2/3. Those are the amendments. It is moved by the legislative committee, you adopt item 573.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right. The chair is going to put this before you as amended, unless someone wishes to do something different than that.

MORRISON: There'a someone.

BISHOP CRAIG: Yes, microphone 8, I think.

PETER Y. K. SUN: Bishop, is it in order to make a motion for this particular subject?

BISHOP CRAIG: What is the motion you wish to make?

SUN: I would like to move that we refer this petition to the General Board of Global Ministries. If I have a 2nd, I would like to speak.

BISHOP CRAIG: Is there support? All right, it's in order. You may speak.

SUN: Asian-American communities are immigrant communities with different languages and cultures. They are a growing language of churches with many problems as well as challenges. What the study committee will do is to recommend missional policies for these growing immigrant churches. The committee need not be a large 1. General Board of Global Ministries will decide on the size of the committee and how often it can meet. The problem is money.

We are . . . the American mind-set is that we can't do anything without money. For we of Asian-American mind-set, it's a little bit different. Yes, we can do, with or without money, if work must be done. What would happen if Jesus Christ didn't go to Jerusalem because nobody was funding his trip? This is the basis on which we Asian Americans are doing the ministries of Jesus Christ.

What will happen when this petition will report to the Board of Global Ministries? Simple. We will sit down with Board of Global Ministries staff persons for guidance and wisdom, and we will find the ways and means of doing the ministry of Jesus Christ, with or without money. We Asian Americans are very good at it. The only reason we brought this petition to the General Conference is that we are part of The United Methodist Church. We Asian Americans also need affirmation of love, concerns, and blessings of General Conference. Please support this motion. Thank you.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you very much. This a motion to refer to the Board of Global Ministries. Is there any need to discuss? I see cards back there, in the yellow, microphone 13.

JENSEN: Bishop, is it in order for me to move the substitute amendment to this? And I'll give you the reason, if I have a 2nd.

BISHOP CRAIG: It's a substitute for a referral, or an amendment to referral?

JENSEN: An amendment to referral.

BISHOP CRAIG: An amendment to the motion to the referral. It's in order. Let's hear it.

JENSEN: OK. I have conferred with staff of the National Division of the General Board of Global Ministries because we realized that when this came to us, as much as we are in sympathy with it, and I being of Asian background was very sympathetic, but there was no budget item.

BISHOP CRAIG: Let's hear your amendment, please.

JENSEN: The amendment would be to add the figure of $25,000 which, according to the staff, would cover the national study plan.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right, is there support to the amendment?

JENSEN: There is a 2nd here.

BISHOP CRAIG: Yes, I see a hand. Thank you. All right, now you may speak to it. Thank you.

JENSEN:Thank you. By the very fact that this came to the study committee on Asian American, on the study committee on rural churches in crisis, meant that General Conference really doesn't know where to put us Asian Americans. And I would like to speak to the fact that there is a study needed. We need to be clear who the different Asian groups are. We are in mission with all of them, and I think that this amendment would strengthen the feasibility of having this study ministries on Asian-American language groups. Thank you.

BISHOP CRAIG: All right. Thank you very much. Now let's be clear about where we are. We have a motion before us to amend a motion to refer. We have a motion to refer to the Board of Global Ministries. Now we have a motion to amend it by sending with it a request for $25,000 budget. Are we clear with where we are, on the motion to amend the

motion to refer? I see a card back here. Microphone 6, please.

I do want to tell you I was in error awhile ago. We have 1 more item of a financial implication that we need to bring this morning, but there are several other matters. Microphone 6.

CAROLYN JOHNSON (North Indiana): Just a parliamentary inquiry.

BISHOP CRAIG: Your name, please?

JOHNSON: Are we not at a 3rd level, if indeed the motion was amended, and wouldn't referral be a 2nd level and an amendment to refer taking us beyond where we should be?

BISHOP CRAIG: Carolyn, I put the matter before us as amended. We are not voting on the amendments that are on p. 288. I put it before us as amended.

JOHNSON: OK.

BISHOP CRAIG: So, I think we're only at the 2nd order. Thank you for counting for me, though.

JOHNSON: All right.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you very much. All right. We're on the amendment to the amendment to refer, which would add $25,000 to the referral. Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the light appears. Twick, are you wanting to speak? Twick, do you want speak to this at all? "Yes," 384; "No," 528. The amendment to the referral motion is defeated. Now we are on the motion to refer to the Board of Global Ministries.

Are you ready to vote? Any word from you, Twick? All right. Please determine your decision and vote when the light appears. Did I hear a point of order? No? OK. Excuse me. "Yes," 701; "No," 165. The item is referred to the Board of Global Ministries.

MORRISON: That completes the financial implication petitions coming from Global Ministries.

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you very much, Twick. Now I'm told... thank you ... I am told that the items that you had, Janice, have no financial implications, but that there is 1 from the Central Conferences Commission that does have financial implications. We'll call on Bishop Nacpil to come at this point. May we hear Bishop Nacpil before we come to you, sir? Just come ahead, please. May we receive this one more report before we have anything else from the floor, please? Thank you.

(Calendar Item No. 101, Northern Europe Bishops)

BISHOP EMERITO P. NACPIL: May I call the attention of the conference to p. 227 of the *DCA*? Calendar Item 101. This petition seeks to increase the number of bishops in Northern Europe Central Conference from 1 to 2. The petition, printed on p. 127 of the *DCA*, originally comes as a joint action of the bishops of the Central Conferences in Europe, the Board of Global Ministries, and the Council of Bishops. The Commission on Central Conference Affairs has voted unanimously for concurrence, and we urge the General Conference to do the same. With the end of the cold war, the recovery of the independence of Eastern European countries, and the rise of the Commonwealth of Independent States, a whole new horizon for mission has opened up. We have been given the opportunity to express more directly our solidarity with God's people who are already in these countries. We have been challenged to expand our work in countries like Poland, Estonia, Yugoslavia, and others. In one case, as in Germany, we have been given the opportunity to integrate our work. Through the marvelous facility of the Consent Calendar, you took the action of unifying 2 Central Conferences in Germany into 1 Central Conference to be called Germany Central Conference, and thus to reduce the number of bishops from 2 to 1. I think it might be good for us to recognize the delegates coming from Germany. They originally came as delegates from 2 Central Conferences, but by this action they will come subsequently to us as delegates from 1 Germany Central Conference. Would they please stand and be acknowledged?

BISHOP CRAIG: Where are they?

BISHOP NACPIL: Thank you. But above all, new mission work has been started in some countries in the Commonwealth of Independent States, notably Russia. The word is being preached. People are responding in faith and repentance, and they are being organized into local churches and incorporated in the body of Jesus Christ, by the people called Methodists. Responding to this new *kairos* for mission, the Council of Bishops assigned one of its members in Europe, in the person of Bishop Ruediger R. Minor, to provide episcopal oversight over this Macedonian, or for mission. And for more reports, Bishop Minor has done marvelously well. Further considerations among parties concerned, including fellow Christian leaders in Eastern Europe. The Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Bishops in Europe, and the Council of Bishops confirm the wisdom of providing episcopal oversight over this new mission. To continue this episcopal supervision, we come to you with this petition of increasing the number of bishops in the Northern Europe Central Conference from 1 to 2, and so make this possible. With the permission of the conference and the chair, I would like to call on Bishop Minor, as vice chair of the General Commission on Central Conference Affairs, to give you a few highlights of this new mission work that is now going on in Eastern Europe and in the Commonwealth of Independent States.

BISHOP CRAIG: I think the house would like to hear from Bishop Minor. Any objection? Come ahead, Bishop Minor.

(Current Condition of Former Soviet States)

BISHOP RUEDIGER R. MINOR: Thank you. Friends, "change" is too weak a word to describe the situations of the former Soviet Union. The whole political and social structure is crumbling. The former grim order has been replaced by a *laissez faire* freedom that is almost anarchy. I quote, "The new democratic government is only fighting for political posts, but it is not able to keep the city clean," a Moscow businessman complained in a conversation a few days ago. The situation is full of contradictions.

In some places, the old economic structures are still working. But everybody is calling for a market economy. There is no market. Stores are empty. But outside people are in large crowds, for something between a black market or a flea market. Prices are arbitrary, but too high for everybody who earns his or her living in an honest way. Stories usually tell the worst--for example, that 4 pounds of bananas on the "free" market are a doctor's monthly salary--but it's true. What is true for prices pertains also to other values including political, human, psychological, and spiritual values.

There are still people who cling to the Communist ideology, as the demonstrations on Red Square show. But the majority sees only ruins of its former

value system and longs for new values. Religion and church are looked upon as possible sources of that. In several places I had discussions with students from high schools and colleges that are among my most treasured memories from Russia. These young kids were discussing religion and were curious about religion, earnestly and honestly.

The churches have a tremendous task, and are struggling with this new task, not only how to fulfill it, but also with the challenge to cooperate with other people. It is my conviction, and I quote, "that The United Methodist Church can offer a unique option in faith and witness for the people of the former Soviet Union. A holistic Wesleyan theology, in keeping with creative times, a personal piety, vital learning, and social service and witness could offer an attractive option for many."

I won't puzzle you with lists and statistics, but let me introduce to you some of our sisters and brothers there. Elena Rukavishnikova is an English teacher by training. She is now the leader of the Methodist groups in St. Petersburg. She told me, "I was raised in the belief that there is nothing above my head but sky." Now, she even gave up her job to give all her life to something above her head.

Endel Rang is the pastor of a Russian-speaking church in Estonia. He became a Christian in the "lager," the work prison camp. They had no Bible there. They had only 2 leaves, but on 1 of them there was Ephesians 4. "There is one body and one spirit. Just as you were called to one hope that belongs to your call. One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all." They had no freedom, they had no food, they had nothing. But there they found all.

Ivan Vuksta is the lay pastor of our church in Kameniza in Western Ukraine, the only surviving Methodist Church outside Estonia. He was a teacher when the Russians took power after World War 2. He had to leave his job, and successively many other jobs, because he did not compromise. When the KGB was interrogating him, he quoted, with tongue in cheek, communist songs about Russia. "I know of no other country where a person can breathe freely."

But Pavel Istomin is now a retired professor of education in Ekaterinaburg. He was a member of the central committee of Komsomol, the highest body of the communist youth organization. At the age of 14, he joined the Red army to fight for his country. He was believing in communism and honestly gave all his strength for it. But he had no chance to become a high-ranking party officer since his father was a believer. Now, he has found the faith of his fathers and he learned to pray again. These are some of the persons.

Friends, I am now in the Ural Mountains; about 1/3 in the country. I will not continue through the other remaining 2/3 because I know we are short of time, but I hope you allow me to fly back as fast as possible and let me not stuck there. Just to tell you what the church is doing there and how this mission could be described. It could honestly be described as God's work among us and with us. The people who I've found on my travels in Russia have the true marks of the people of God. Dedication and enthusiasm for the work. Openness for others and fellowship, but also suffering for Christ's sake. Human beings are at work but truly this work is from God. The church there is the church in mission. Preaching the word, offering Christ in a personal way but also meaningful for society. Teaching, teaching people whose minds have been formed by Marxist ideology. This is a special talent for the Methodists.

Marxist ideology is the last resort of the Enlightenment, the last fruit of the Enlightenment, and Methodism is the first post-Enlightenment religious movement. Social services: we cannot do preaching without helping people in a holistic Methodist ministry. Our church will establish according to par. 663 of the *Book of Discipline*, a mission with its headquarters in Moscow. We will have a network among our brothers and sisters there with a seminar for leadership development to be held in October this year. A Russian language newsletter to share stories and concerns has been started. There will be a network on this side of the Atlantic to join the forces of conferences and churches who are willing to share and assist. In many ministries, especially church development and planting, we are in a spirit-led movement of enthusiasm and mutual sensitivity. I come down, I'm landing with brief personal remarks. Through the last few months I have been traveling 4 times to the former Soviet Union, more that 10,000 miles by air and almost 10,000 miles by mini van, on roads that best could be described as freshly-plowed fields.

I have enjoyed this ministry. It was challenging and rewarding, and I thank you for your prayers and your support. May God bless the ministry of The United Methodist Church, and especially the ministry in Russia, and the other countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States. And let me say with this young boy on the bottom, (Russian) "Thank you very much."

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you, Bishop.

BISHOP NACPIL: Bishop, we move concurrence with this petition.

BISHOP CRAIG: Now, I know it's the order of the day, and I know this house wants to act on this item. I trust you are ready to vote. Sir, I see your card. Microphone 7. I know we are at the order of the day. I trust you will just be patient and let us finish this item.

ROBERT D. PIERSON (Oklahoma): Just a brief affirmation of this proposal and just an addition to it. I mentioned early last week that Chris Henna, our 1st missionary in Moscow was attempting to start a church last Sunday morning. I talked to her yesterday and there were 500 people in worship on Sunday morning for that first meeting of that church. It's just an affirmation of this work.

(Additional Bishop approved)

BISHOP CRAIG: Thank you. Thank you very much. All right. Calendar Item 101 is before us. Please vote your will when the light appears. "Yes," 879; "No," 42. Sisters and brothers, this may be the soundest vote for evangelism we've heard in a long time in The United Methodist Church. Let's celebrate. All right now, friends, we are at the order of the day. We have some announcements. I had hoped to get a report. I see a card. I really need a motion to extend the time. Will you go to the microphone 1 and let us see what your item is? We will extend at least long enough for some announcements I trust. Will the house please be seated.

JUNE D. MCCULLOUGH (Southern New Jersey): I would like to move that in accordance with the provisions of rule 8, beginning with the afternoon session, the length of speeches be 2 minutes.

BISHOP CRAIG: The motion is in order. Let's see what . . . we have to suspend the rules to do that, I believe. No? June, may I in all respect, so that we can move on with other items, can we ask you just to be ready to bring that at the beginning of the afternoon session? I think that might hold us a few minutes here, and I'll not be in the chair, but I think it'll be remembered that you were there. You're welcome C.P. Now I would like to recognize Bishop

Stith for a moment of privilege, if the house will, please.

BISHOP FORREST C. STITH: Bishop Craig and members of the conference, yesterday we perfected an act of covenant with 6 out of 8 churches with which we had negotiated over the past 2 years. One of those church's bishops has just now arrived. Bishop Datuk Thu En Yu, from the Bazel Christian Church of Malaysia. Bishop Yu, would you be received by this congregation?

BISHOP CRAIG: We are glad you have arrived. And we celebrate this covenant with you. Thank you so much, Bishop Stith. Now let's turn to our secretary for some announcements. You'll be interested in these.

CAROLYN MARSHALL: All right. Several announcements as far as meetings are concerned. Financial Administration will meet following the evening plenary in room 207. Legislative committee on Church and Society will meet in room 105, note these times: 1:15, 5:45, and after adjournment this evening. Question has come as to some delegate who is here who would like to have a forum for removing items from the Consent Calendar. It is unsigned and there is no way of knowing who made the request. However, may I remind you that on every report of the Consent Calendar the instructions for picking that up in room 102 is noted. They are also available in 103.

As a part of the evening agenda we will be considering the proposed *Book of Worship*. You have all received that as one of the pre-conference mailings. Would you please remember to bring it with you as you come to the evening session?

And then 1 that will be of particular interest to all of us is a report on the collection which was taken during the morning worship today for the Los Angeles situation. That total as received in this room this morning, was $21,549.63. We are mindful that there are persons in attendance now who were not here when that offering was taken, and certainly would want to be a part of contributing to it. And so arrangements have been made that there will be persons with baskets as you leave this session who will be very happy to have you share in this opportunity. Please share this information also with any persons who are not here now who would want to contribute. Any additional monies can be turned in at the Treasurer's office on the mezzanine.

BISHOP CRAIG: That was a wonderful United Methodist announcement, wasn't it? That's it? All right. The chair is certainly grateful for the good spirit of this house this morning and the privilege of presiding. I particularly want to thank Bishops Morrison and Grove who have sat behind me and all of my colleagues on the stage who undergird each presiding officer with prayerful concern and intent. It is a privilege to sit here, and I thank you and now call upon Bishop Walter Klaiber to dismiss us with prayer.

BISHOP WALTER KLAIBER: Let us stand.

(prayer)

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Delegates Limit Budget Increases

Heeding grass-roots pleas to hold down spending, the United Methodist General Conference Wednesday approved a four-year churchwide budget of $472 million. Increases in apportionments to local churches will average 2.5 percent a year.

In another major debate Wednesday night the delegates decided that four more years of reflection was needed on the ordering of the denomination's ministry. The subject has been under study for more than two decades.

The budget adopted Wednesday includes $1.9 million for new programs approved by the General Conference, including plans for ministries with Hispanics, Native Americans, the Deaf and older adults, and the support of an additional bishop to serve churches in the new Commonwealth of Independent States.



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Issues at the General Confrence call for folded hands and careful discernment.

Delegates took a middle ground between a recommendation from the church's finance agency that called for a 4-percent-a-year increase and a legislative committee proposal that would have maintained spending essentially at 1992 levels.

The total four-year figure of $471,670,000 amounts to $53.30 per member, or less than 4 cents a day. The denomination has about 8.9 million members in the United States and Puerto Rico.

In 1990, the latest year for which complete figures are available, 3.6 cents of every dollar spent at the local level went to churchwide mission and ministry. Total local church expenditures, which have risen steadily, topped $2.9 billion in 1990, with members giving an average $335 each.

The budget approved Wednesday represents an increase of $54.5 million, or 15 percent, from the $417 million quadrennial budget adopted in 1988.

Deciding once again to delay action on ordering ministry, the delegates referred a 1989-92 study to the Council of Bishops. The bishops are asked to clarify implications and prepare "appropriate, orderly, and consistent legislation" for the 1996 General Conference.

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9:55 p.m.	Committee on Agenda Committee on Presiding Officers Announcements
10:00 p.m.	Adjournment

A study committee headed by Ruth Daugherty, West Chester, Pa., had spent four years in the most recent study that cost about $180,000. She also had headed a study during the 1985-88 quadrennium.

Wednesday morning the delegates took part in a service ordered as a "faithful response to the significance of 1492" and the suffering and oppression of Native Americans.

While 1492 represented freedom and opportunity for some, Native Americans in the church say it marked for their people the beginning of "oppression, degradation, and genocide." Bishop Melvin G. Talbert, preacher for the service, called on delegates and visitors to be instruments for healing. God's people are called to "hug the world" and be a bridge, he said.

Earlier Wednesday the General Conference acted in an effort to combat what several speakers described as "the devastation of our rural communities." By a vote of 824-123, the conference approved "Rural Crisis: Special Concern," a measure that calls on the church to identify and train creative leaders and provide financial resources with which to respond to the crisis.

In proposing the effort, the United Methodist Rural Fellowship asserted that now is a critical time for The United Methodist Church to "respond to the devastating conditions experienced by numerous rural churches and communities." Oversight of the program will rest with the Board of Global Ministries.

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Kansas Choir Leads Thursday's General Conference Worship



The 35-voice chancel choir of First UMC, Pittsburg, Kan., will lead in the worship services today.

The chancel choir of First United Methodist Church, Pittsburg, Kan., leads Thursday's worship services. They sing at 8:15 a.m. before the morning service in the convention center and again at 2 p.m. prior to the afternoon service at Trinity United Methodist Church. The choir is directed by Susan Marchant.

This 35-voice adult choir has earned a regional reputation for the quality of its work and has appeared as a feature choir for meetings of the Kansas East Conference. The choir serves a congregation of approximately 1,200 members. In 1988 the group toured England and performed at Wesley's Chapel in London.

Marchant has been on the faculty of Pittsburg State since 1979. She has directed the First United Methodist Church choir since 1980. Marchant also serves as organist for both of today's worship services.

During the morning service Bishop Sharon Brown Christopher of the Minnesota Area will preach. Dr. Kihn Kihn Jensen, St. Paul, Minn., serves as liturgist.

Dr. Jerome King Del Pino, pastor of Crawford United Methodist Church, Winchester, Mass., delivers the afternoon message. Liturgist is Barbara Jantz, a lay delegate of Duncan, Okla.

Bits 'n Pieces

These items are in the "Did you know?" department. If you have interesting tidbits to share about delegates or doings, please jot them down and bring them to Barbara Dunlap-Berg at the *DCA* office on the lower level of the convention center.

The Rev. William J. "Bill" Barney is the first Vermonter to chair the Troy Conference delegation and the first native Vermont pastor in the delegation since the 1940 merger of the Troy and Vermont conferences.

The Rev. Charles W. Brockwell Jr., Louisville, is enjoying the company of his father, the Rev. C. Wilbur Brockwell Sr., 81, and his father-in-law, the Rev. R. Wright Spears, 79, both General Conference observers from the South Carolina Conference.

The Rev. Charles Logsdon Christopher, retired member of the Wisconsin Conference, is the only bishop's husband attending General Conference. He recently was elected president of the bishops' spouses organization.

Ruth A. Daugherty, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference delegate, and the Rev. Lee B. Sheaffer, Virginia Conference delegate, are siblings. Both are fifth-time delegates. Daugherty chairs the Ministry Study Committee and is married to the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Council on Ministries (COM) director. Sheaffer is Virginia Conference COM director.

G.W. French Jr., a member of First United Methodist Church, Dallas, has worked as a marshal since 1968, including the called session in 1970. His wife, Royleen, is working her second General Conference as a marshal.

The Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, Little Rock, Ark., is a visitor to the 1992 General Conference. The retired clergy member of the North Arkansas Conference has not missed a General Conference since 1952. He served as *Daily Christian Advocate* editor for three General Conferences and later was general secretary of the General Council on Finance and Administration. Accompanied by his wife, Frances, he says he remains acutely interested in the church and church issues.

Both delegates from the Mindanao Conference (Philippines) are physicians. Leo A. Soriano, M.D., a clergy delegate, recognized the need for physicians and received training in order to provide medical assistance for the poor as well as spiritual nurture. Benjamin T. Agbisit, M.D., a lay delegate, works at the United Methodist medical-dental clinic near Kidapawan. His wife, Dr. Andrea A. Agbisit, a reserve lay delegate, is a dentist at the clinic.

Community United Methodist Church, Virginia Beach, Va., has three delegates attending this General Conference: H.S. "Ab" Abernathy (reserve); Betty C. Whitehurst; and Betty's husband, the Rev. Walter A. Whitehurst, (reserve).

In the Alabama-West Florida Conference, the Rev. John Ed Mathison and Charles Auburn Holston, who head the clergy and lay delegations respectively, hail from Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church, Montgomery, Ala.

Baltimore Conference has two couples serving as delegates. They are the Rev. Warren R. Ebinger and Mary R. Ebinger, and the Rev. Walter J. Zabel (reserve) and Nancy G. Zabel.

Two of Troy Conference's delegates are from Saratoga Springs [N.Y.] United Methodist Church. They are the Rev. Jane T. Borden and Bruce Conklin, lay leader.

The two Virginia Conference youth delegates, Holly Peele and William L. "Bill" McClung Jr, are former members of the "Voices of Youth: Awakening the Church to Mission" choir, which sang at the 1991 World Methodist Conference in Singapore.

Thirty-two bishops' secretaries were honored at a luncheon Tuesday at the Galt House. Host was Jane Williams, former secretary to Bishop Robert H. Spain, Louisville Area.

TV Spotlights Ministries With Children and Youth

Tune in your hotel·room televisions at 7-8 a.m. and 9-10 p.m. today for a showcase of our United Methodist TV ministry.

"Why We Care About Children" reports on Operation Classroom, a project that takes tools for learning to children in Liberia and Sierra Leone and offers Indiana children an opportunity to experience what it means to give to others.

"Catch the Spirit" focuses on children and youth and describes the ministry of people who work for their well-being. Segments highlight the National Black Child Development Institute, which addresses children's needs and the effects of violence on children; the Asian Women's Resource Center, San Francisco, where child-care providers learn to help preschoolers with language and social skills; and Chi Chi Rodriguez and the Youth Foundation, dedicated to helping children and youth from abusive home situations who are involved with drugs or in trouble with the law.

Watch these programs on Channel 8, Brown Hotel; Channel 6, Galt House/Galt House East and Holiday Inn Downtown; Channel 4, Hyatt; Channel 14, Seelbach; and check your Visitel channel listing for other hotels.

Bishop Ajo's Goal: to Be 'Pastor' to Cuban People

"When God wants to use you," says Bishop Joel Ajo Fernandez of Cuba, God "can use you anywhere at any time, especially if you are willing to put the suffering of others first." With that comment, the air around this intensely energetic bishop is charged with a sense of authority.

Bishop Ajo was born to a family of peasants in 1944. His father died when Joel was 9 months old. His mother raised him until he was 4 years old, then delivered him to an uncle more than 100 miles away because she could no longer feed or clothe her son. That same poverty kept her from visiting Joel more than annually during his childhood.

Joel's surrogate parents were Quakers who attended a Methodist church. "It was there I learned to read," he recalls. "Each morning I read *The Upper Room*." At age 8, Joel enrolled in the local state school, but when he transferred to a Methodist school at age 12, his faith started to take on deeper dimensions.

"Because I needed the love of my mother so much," he believes today, "I became rebellious. I was known as a reckless boy. If something happened at school, I was in on it." The bishop's eyes twinkle as he describes himself at that age.

A missionary at the school became Joel's father figure and began to influence his life. He "helped me to understand the importance of [the people in] the home who raised me," Bishop Ajo says.

Joel's faith transformation at age 15 happened at a worship service at the school. His father figure told him he had been praying for him and that the students would follow in Joel's steps. The next day, Bishop Ajo preached his first sermon.

"A new life began for me," he says. A year later the Cuban revolution began, and Joel returned home. He wanted to attend seminary, but his surrogate parents objected. Then the local pastor invited Joel to be his co-pastor. He accepted. A month later the district superintendent offered Joel an opportunity in volunteer ministry and study.

"In this beautiful period in my life," Bishop Ajo remembers, "when I began to walk God's path, . . . oppression began.

"I was arrested because my church, in the poorest area of the city, had the highest number of children in the church school. My ministry was seen as a threat to the Marxist state." Bishop Ajo was arrested and detained for two years and seven months. During that time, he ministered to a diverse group of prisoners—the social outcasts of Cuba.

Bishop Ajo's spirituality was affected greatly by that experience. He learned to love the other prisoners as well as his jailers, who sought spiritual help from him. As time went on, his jailers trusted him to the point of wanting him to stay when he was released. "I have a pastoral ministry," he said. "I want to go back."

At age 24, Joel married. Soon thereafter, Joel's wife and son accompanied him to seminary, where, he says, he was influenced by the Presbyterians. They "helped me to see that I had something to share with society. Their analysis forced me to reflect on my own theology," he recalls. "When I left seminary, I knew I must do something for my society in the church."

He began working with Bishop Rodriequez. His life began to depend increasingly on God through the Holy Spirit. He was appointed chaplain to assist in the Central American Games in Cuba. This gave Bishop Ajo the opportunity to "confront directly what the government was doing."

Today Bishop Ajo is committed to "give everything as a gift of service to society and the mission of the church.

"I was selected bishop by the work of the Holy Spirit," he says. "During the first round there were 80 ballots, then deadlock. . . . A year later, "34 ballots were taken before my selection," he says.

Bishop Ajo sees serious needs in Cuban society and the church. "We are trying to be faithful—to be pastor, not bishop only, to all Cuban people as well as to the members of the Methodist Church in Cuba."

—Billie Dalton

Marshals and Pages Provide Valuable Services

Eighty-seven marshals and 86 pages from 67 U.S. annual conferences, the Philippines, and Zimbabwe assist the General Conference with its work. They provide service with a smile as they walk miles each day.

Pages carry messages and distribute approved materials. Their coordinator is Joanne "Pep" Cooke from Warsaw, Ill.

Marshals are the greeters, ushers, and "bouncers." They make sure only persons with proper credentials are admitted within the bar of legislative committees and delegate seating area on the plenary floor. They stand guard during committee sessions, recesses, and closed-door periods. Their coordinator is D. Scott Johnson of Evansville, Ind.

Marshals and pages apply to work at General Conference. They are chosen intentionally to represent a microcosm of the denomination. They are 53 percent men; 47 percent women; 49 percent clergy; 51 percent lay; 74 percent White; 15 percent Black; 3 percent Hispanic; 5 percent Asian American; 3 percent Native American; 7 percent ages 18-30; 28 percent ages 31-45; 33 percent ages 46-60; 32 percent 61 and older.

Mark Wharff, assisted by his wife, Laura, is the coordinator of pages and marshals. He solicited applications through publications such as the *Diaconal Dialog*, *Newscope*, and *The United Methodist Reporter*.

Pages and marshals come at their own expense to serve the General Conference. The offering taken Thursday will be divided among them to help defray their expenses.

—Patricia Ann Meyers

Conference Snapshots



JOHN GOODWIN PHOTO

Elise "Mia" Adjali, executive secretary, Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries, makes a comment in the Global Ministries committee.



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Jerry G. Brewster (Memphis) assumes a position taken by many delegates during this conference as he follows discussion of legislation.



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"Who was that masked man?" Philip D. DeMore (left, North Georgia) and Cornelius L. Henderson (North Georgia) seem to have spotted what they were looking for.



RALPH BAKER PHOTO

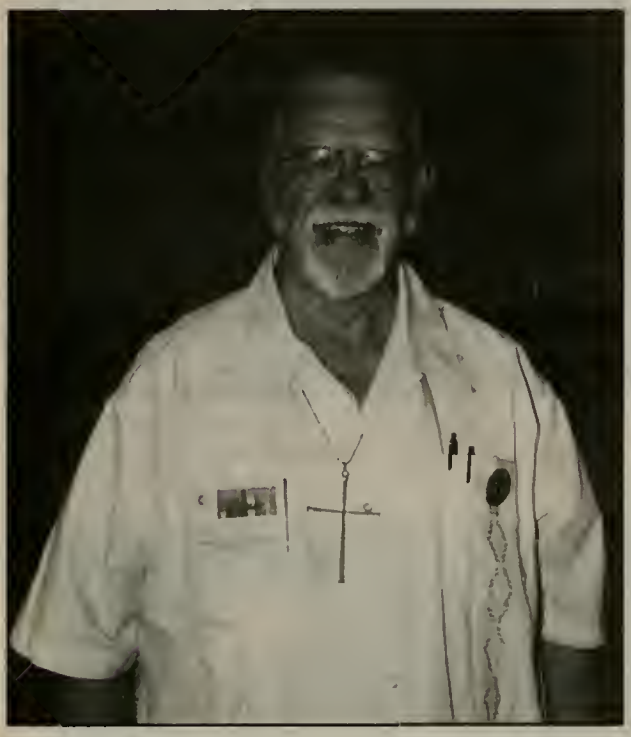
Bishops Joseph H. Yeakel (left) and J. Woodrow Hearn find that two heads are better than one as they confer during a plenary session.



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Afternoon worship services during the General Conference have been at Trinity UMC in downtown Louisville. J. Jeanette Cooper (West Ohio) preached at the May 7 service.

Octogenarian Attends His Seventh General Conference



BILLY BROSS PHOTO

Winslow Wilson, delegate to seven General Conferences, finds the church "big enough to include people of different convictions."

When the Rev. Winslow Wilson attended his first General Conference in 1936, the topic of interest was the union of the Methodist Episcopal Church; the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; and the Methodist Protestant Church. He was a student at Boston University School of Theology, attending the conference as one of the "Seminary Singers."

After celebrating his 80th birthday May 3, Wilson boarded a plane to Louisville to observe the 1992 General Conference. Between 1956 and 1972, he attended seven conferences as a delegate. Since his retirement in 1972 he has attended every General Conference as an observer.

Asked about major changes he has seen, Wilson cited three areas. "There were more heated debates when the conference wasn't so big," he said. He also noted increased lay participation and larger numbers of women and racial ethnic delegates.

The development of caucuses is one change he welcomed. "They forced into the open the kind of behind-the-scenes maneuvering that always took place," he commented.

Wilson has always believed in facing issues openly. In 1940 friends and foes warned him that he was jeopardizing his future ministry by refusing to register for the draft on the grounds of conscientious objection. Because of his resistance, he was imprisoned for nine months in 1941.

After Wilson's release, Bishop Ralph Spaulding Cushman appointed him to a Wisconsin church. Wilson noted that the bishop disagreed with his actions but never hesitated to appoint him. He has written a yet-unpublished book about his prison experience called *A Year and a Day.*

"Never did I find what I had done was held against me," he said. "My testimony is that the church is big enough to include people of different convictions."

Wilson traced the awakening of his social conscience to his teen years. At the 1936 General Conference he remembers being appalled at the creation of the Central Jurisdiction based on race.

He served for 12 years in the Division of World Peace as a member of the former General Board of Christian Social Concerns.

In addition to serving as pastor of several local churches in Minnesota, Wilson was twice appointed as a district superintendent and was a member of the conference program staff.

After his retirement, Wilson began extensive world travels. Five trips on freighters took him to South America, Africa, the Mediterranean, the Far East, and New Zealand. Three weeks before General Conference he returned from a visit to Costa Rica and Guatemala. His personal goal is to visit 100 countries, and he has only three left to go.

Since retirement Wilson has also served 13 short-term pastorates, mostly for clergy on sabbatical leave.

As for the church today, Wilson replied, "I am concerned that we tend to concentrate on secondary issues. Bringing good news to the poor, helping the brokenhearted, releasing the captives are the things the world desperately needs."

Wilson, who has observed and helped the church through two unions and more than a dozen General Conferences, concluded, "Many of us radicals don't have much confidence in the church, but I do."

—Billy Bross

Corrections to *DCA* (Other Than Proceedings)

Daily Edition p. 127, Petition No. CC12446—Change the increase of the number of bishops from two to three, rather than three to four.

Youth: Today's Church



RALPH BAKER PHOTO

Back row: Greg Hastings, Bill McClung Jr, Alice Fleming, Holly Peele, Joshua Davies, Jamey Heal. Middle row: Debbie Wilcock, Jason Dick, Sean Hemingway, Bill Buff, Stephen Euper, Stephanie Gray. Front row: Carie Pilat, Joe David Martinez, Rachel Cheek, Todd Hausmann, Christine Bergman, Kerry Krieger.

Don't call them the church of the future. They are *today's* church! And without them, there will be no church in the future.

They don't represent a special-interest group. They aren't "equalization" or quota members. They are legitimate delegates elected by their annual conferences, members of boards and agencies, pages, and observers. They are full participants in the General Conference.

They range in age from 16 to 27 and are among the 2.9 percent of delegates present under age 30. Bright, articulate, passionate, they are high school, college, and seminary students, and a career politician. They are all terrific!

Who are they? They are: Jamey A. Heal, Elk River, Minn.; Miguel A. Velez, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Scott Low, Westerville Ohio; Bill Buff, Valdese, N.C.; Debbie Wilcock, Terre Hill, Pa.; Holly M. Peele, Norfolk, Va.; Todd Hausman, Middletown, Ohio; Alice Fleming, Charlotte, Mich.; Carie Pilat, Medina, Ohio; Sean Hemingway, Springfield, Mass.; Kerry Krieger, Luthersburg, Pa.; Josh Davies, Lincoln, Neb., American University, Washington, D.C.; Joe David Martinez, Edinburg, Texas; Jason Dick, Martinsburg, Pa.; William McClung Jr., Chesapeake, Va.; Stefanie Gray, Augus, Calif.; Greg Hastings, Vancouver, Wash.; Stephen T. Euper, Saginaw, Mich.; Christine Bergmann, Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Rachel Cheek, Athens, Tenn.

When they aren't attending legislative sessions, speaking on the conference floor, running, observing, or lobbying, you might find them on the third floor of Galt House East—after 10 p.m. Providing a supportive community for one another, they discuss the high and low points. They share scholarship and other pertinent information. They develop strategies for maximum effectiveness, especially in their legislative committees. They are pro-active for higher education and ministry issues.

Asked what they would say to other delegates, the youth asked to be treated "as equals. We're all United Methodists. We're not different because we're younger." They thanked their delegations "for putting up with us" and expressed appreciation for the opportunity "to sit and listen to all the conversations. Our horizons have definitely been broadened this week," they said, "and we wouldn't trade [this experience] for anything." The youth are grateful for "those who have respected our opinions."

The delegates voiced concern about a variety of issues. Inclusiveness was definitely on their minds, particularly racial ethnic inclusiveness among themselves. Conscious that they are a predominantly White group, they talked about how they might be more inclusive in their local churches, annual conferences, and schools.

They wondered aloud whether or not the conference is really dealing with the critical issues facing society today. They observed that money often takes precedence over mission. They encouraged one another to use their voices, votes, and presence to make a difference in the conference and the church.

The youth shared some of the high points of General Conference from their perspective:

- Seeing "youth empowerment in action": knowing their skills and leadership abilities are equal to other delegates.
- "Knowing I had a hand in shaping the church. I can take that back and know I made my mark. I also became secretary pro-tem for my subcommittee."
- Voting to take the proposed *Book of Worship* to the floor. "I hope to become a minister, and the work I was part of today will be part of my whole life."
- Participating in the writing of a General Conference letter to the U.S. government, responding to the situation in Los Angeles.
- Getting youth legislation passed.
- Participating in the AIDS memorial service.
- Arguing for the campus ministry proposal and getting it to the conference floor.
- Hearing positive support for campus ministry.
- Ending the fast and writing a poem about it.
- Attending the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry banquet.
- "Witnessing the respect and Christian love my committee showed for each other during controversial debate."
- "Going to bed; I'm tired!"

— *Patricia Ann Meyers*

Announcements

The 118th annual convention of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held August 17-23, 1992, at the Wyndham Harbour Island Hotel, Tampa, Fla. Contact Nancy H. Zabel, Baltimore Conference for more information.

Thursday, May 14

The General Conference has petitioned the Judicial Council for a decision as to the legality of the General Conference setting a limit, either in dollar amount or percentage increase, for the total cap that GCFA shall use in setting the GCFA recommendations for amounts of all funds, in total, provided for in ¶906.1 of the *Discipline*. An oral hearing will be held on Thursday, May 14 at 10 a.m. in room 111 of the convention center.

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All persons whose cars have been damaged by roof leakage in the Galt Hotel parking garage are invited to meet in the lower lobby at the convention center outside room 117 at the close of the Thursday morning's session.

Friends and supporters of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women invite you to join in sharing a cake in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the commission. This cake will be provided at the traditional cookie time during the afternoon break. The cake is paid for by friends and supporters of GCSRW in thanksgiving for the commission's 20 years of work.

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The UM Western Jurisdiction Fellowship of Communicators will have a lunch meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 14 in room 203 of the convention center. Food will be available.

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"Sexual Orientation: Reading Between the Labels" will be shown at the Reconciling Congregation Program's luncheon forum today, 12:45 p.m., Days Inn, suite 615. The video provides basic information on sexual orientation as it relates to youth and gives a first-hand view of what lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth experience in growing up. A $5 lunch will be available.

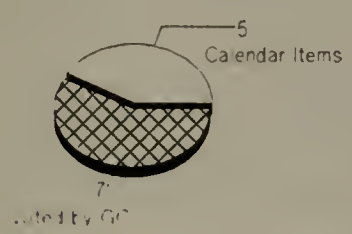
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	Laity	Jean Dowell	Bob E. Bowman
NEJ	Clergy	Claude Edmonds	James T. Seymour
	Laity	Robert B. Brandt	Margaret S. Wiborg
SCJ	Clergy	Elsie Crickard	Asbury Lenox
	Laity	Bette T. Trumble	W. E. Arnold, Jr.
SEJ	Clergy	Roy E. Webster, II	William Morris
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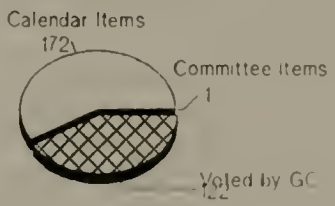
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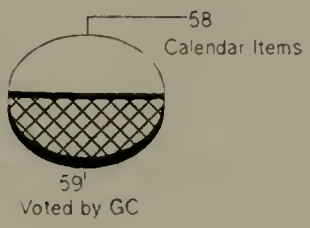
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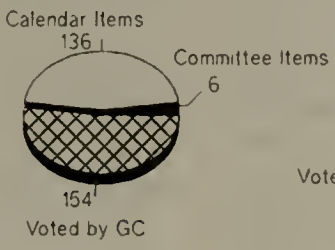
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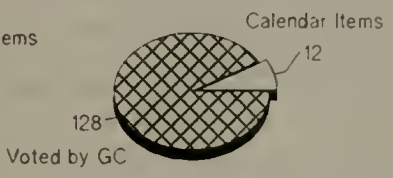
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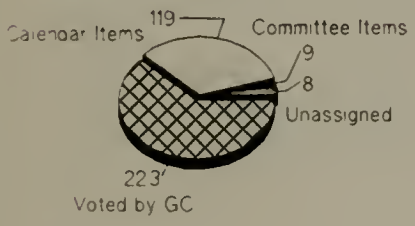
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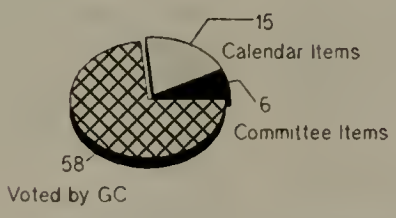
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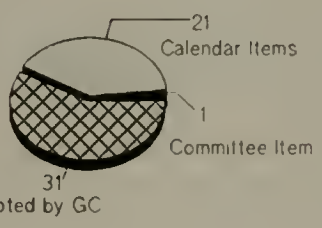
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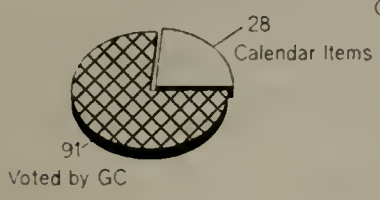
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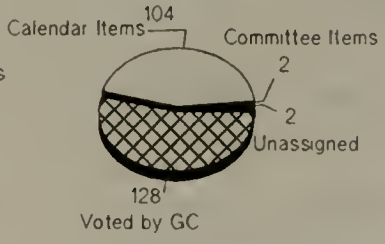
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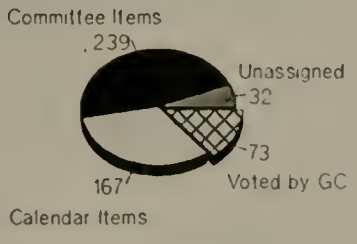
Independent Commissions



Local Church



Ordained and Diaconal Ministry



Data for 5/13/92 Midnight

These charts picture the work done by each legislative committee. "Unassigned" shows the number of petitions that the committee has not yet addresssed. "Committee Items" records the number of petitions being worked on somewhere in the committee. "Calendar Items" indicates the number of petitions voted on and released by the committee. "Voted by GC" shows the number of calendar items that have been voted on by the General Conference plenary. GRAPHS COURTESY OF JOHN AND MEL BRAWN.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Church and Society

The committee concurred with petitions to:

- amend the resolution on "Population" (p. 285 of *The Book of Resolutions*) to make it more consistent with the Social Principles statement on abortion;
- oppose food and medicine blockades or embargoes, call on world leaders not to use embargoes, and request the U.N. "to declare the practice of impeding the flow of free commerce of food and medicine to be a crime against humanity";
- affirm and become involved in the "Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation" process of the World Council of Churches, emphasizing efforts to achieve a just economic order, true security of all nations, a culture in harmony with creation, and eradication of racism and discrimination;
- add to the concerns and actions in present resolutions on southern Africa a new statement on the "Web of Apartheid, South Africa, and the Destabilization of Its Neighbors" that calls for individual, church, and government actions;
- update the present resolution on Mozambique, offering a message of support and concern to the churches and people of the country, pledging to make support tangible through the Africa Church Growth and Development Fund and the UMCOR program in Mozambique, and urging governments to stop funding RENAMO;
- amend the present resolution "In Support of the United Nations," urging nations to "let the ideals and visions of the Charter of the United Nations serve as their guide to a new spirit of international cooperation;
- call on United Methodists to celebrate annually on Oct. 24 the founding of the U.N., and disseminate information on the U.N. in a variety of ways;
- describe the situation regarding the environment, health, economics, political styles, and civil and human rights along the U.S.-Mexico border, and recommend government and church actions;
- have each local church establish care-giving teams trained to minister to persons with AIDS and their families;
- proclaim bilingual education as a necessary program for this country and affirm to the President, legislators, and governors the rights of children to bilingual education;
- strengthen *The Book of Resolutions* language about accessibility of parsonages, churches, and meeting places beyond the local church;
- ask general and conference agencies to assist urban, suburban, and rural churches to acknowledge and deal with numerous issues generated by drastic changes in rural society;
- call for United Methodists who are members of clubs or other organizations practicing "exclusivity based on gender, race, or socioeconomic conditions" to consider working for policy changes or resigning;
- petition the President and Congress to stop "all proactive U.S. military involvement and reapportion dollars designated for military spending to domestic educational, health care, employment, and retraining programs, and call for hearings on "creative redistribution of U.S. wealth";
- continue an Infant Formula Monitoring and Action Committee, urge infant formula companies to follow provisions of the WHO/UNICEF Code and the Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative, urge United Methodist hospitals to embrace the Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative, and affirm the need to support breast-feeding on a global scale;
- call for the "immediate release of all Puerto Rican political prisoners and prisoners of war" and for recognition of Puerto Rican right to self-determination;
- ask governments and United Methodist conferences and congregations to act in ways responding "to the human suffering and the ecological and economic disaster brought about the Gulf War, and support negotiations for bringing peace with justice in the Middle East;
- call all levels of the church to affirm ministries on mental ilness, and build a UMC mental illness network (through General Board of Church and Society) to coordinate these ministries;
- lift up "literacy, the right to learn" as a basic human right and a "social force for change," and carry out educational efforts and other projects promoting this concern;
- indicate support for and unity with the people of Puerto Rico in their efforts toward self-determination and independence;
- update the existing resolution on the ratification of human rights covenants and conventions;
- urge United Methodist agencies, as well as public and private employers, to include persons with disabilities in existing affirmative action plans.

The committee also voted to bring (by the chair of the Church and Society Committee) to the plenary session a resolution on the upcoming United Nations Conference on Environment and Development ("Earth Summit") in Brazil.

The committee concluded its work at midnight, Tuesday, May 12.

—Lee Ranck (May 13, 1:30 p.m.)

All legislative committees have completed their work.

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former editor of
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The Best of Motive

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11:00 - 11:30

William Quick

Author of:

Signs of Our Times

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Donald Messer

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Removal from Consent Calendar

Delegates have requested these calendar items to be removed from Consent Calendar No. 5: 1159, 1292, 1296, 1356, 1363, 1495, 1497, 1499.

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Corrections to Calendar

P. 299-300 Vol. 4 No. 5

686* LC062

Subject: Board of Trustees - Powers and Limitations.
Petition: LC-10921-2532-D
Page in Advance DCA: 848
Membership: 89; Present: 84;
For: 84; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

add: "**The Board of Trustees shall also review annually the adequacy of Personnel Insurance.**" between first and second sentences.

New third sntence now reads "**The purpose of these reviews is to assure that the church, it's properties, and it's personnel are properly protected against risks.**"

Add this text para.2532.5 "**The Board of Trustees in cooperation with the Health and Welfare Ministries Representative shall conduct or cause to be conducted, an annual accessibility audit of their buildings, grounds, and facilities to discover and identify what physical, architectural and communication barriers exist that impede the full participation of persons with handicapping conditions; and shall make plans and determine priorities for the elimination of all such barriers. The Accessibility Audit for churches shall be used in filling out the annual church/charge conference reports.**"

P. 337 Vol. 4 No. 7

791 CO074 (MR)

Subject: Assignment Process of Bishop.
Petition: CO-10099-0507-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1090
Membership: 79; Present: 57;
For: 52; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

. . . A bishop may be recommended for assignment to the same residence for a third quadrennia only if the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy on a two-thirds vote and the Jurisdictional Conference by a two-thirds vote determines

such assignment to be in the best interest of the jurisdiction. This legislation is to be effective at the close of the 1992 General Conference.

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. . . A bishop may be recommended for assignment to the same residence for a **fourth** quadrennium only if the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy on a two-thirds vote and the Jurisdictional Conference by a two-thirds vote determines such assignment to be in the best interest of the jurisdiction. This legislation is to be effective at the close of the 1992 General Conference.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

P. 454 Vol. 4 No. 8 Calendar No. 1314

Title Should be: Petitions to General Conference

P. 469-470 Vol. 4 No. 8

1439* LC087

Subject: Responsibilities of the Administrative Board
Petition: LC-11775-0256-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1266
Membership: 89; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Par 256. "The pastor in charge **or co-pastors** shall be the administrative officer(s) . . .

Delete remaining paragraphs of petition.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

Additional Petition

71 Petition Number: CS-12404-0071-D; *Administrative Council, Central MC, Laurinburg, NC.*

Include the Durham Declaration in Paragraph 71.

Include the Durham Declaration in Paragraph 71.

End of Corrections/ Addition

1510 CC012$

Subject: Increase Number of Bishops in the West Africa Central Conference From Two to Three
Petition: CC-12446-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 4-127
Membership: 39; Present: 29;
For: 29; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/4

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Change title and petition to read: **Increase number of Bishops in the West Africa Central Conference from two (2) to three (3).**

To provide for the supervision for the rapid growth in Nigeria, be it resolved that the number of bishops in the West Africa Central Conference be increased from ~~three~~ **two to** ~~four~~ **three.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1511 CO025

Subject: Voting Rights for Deaconesses.
Petition: CO-11779-0701-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1099
Membership: 79; Present: 63;
For: 48; Against: 10; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1512* CO029

Subject: Composition of Annual Conference.
Petition: CO-10005-0701-D
Page in Advance DCA: 212
Membership: 79; Present: 63;
For: 61; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1513* CO038

Subject: Number of Bishops to be Elected in a Jurisdictional Conference.
Petition: CO-10893-0507-D
Page in Advance DCA: 207
Membership: 79; Present: 56;
For: 55; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1514 CO040$

Subject: Bishops in Central Conferences & Jurisdictions.
Petition: CO-10178-0505-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1088
Membership: 79; Present: 73;
For: 64; Against: 8; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1515* CO062

Subject: The Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy assignment process.
Petition: CO-11002-0507-D
Page in Advance DCA: 207
Membership: 79; Present: 56;
For: 56; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1516* CO064

Subject: The Appointment Process.
Petition: CO-11791-0507-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1090
Membership: 79; Present: 57;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1517* CO066

Subject: The Assignment Process.
Petition: CO-12052-0507-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1089
Membership: 79; Present: 57;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1518 CO071

Subject: Composition of the Voting Membership of General Conference.
Petition: CO-10809-0602-D
Page in Advance DCA: 208
Membership: 79; Present: 56;
For: 47; Against: 9; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend para. 602 by adding a new 602.1 c), a new para. 602.2, a new para. 602.3, and a new para. 602.4:

1.c) Remain as is.

2. **The number of delegates to which an Annual Conference is entitled shall be computed on the basis of total membership of the Annual Conference arrived at by adding the number of clergy members of the Annual Conference to the number of members of local churches in the Annual Conference.**

3. Sixty days ~~prior to~~ **following...without exceeding that number.**

Change b) to read: **b) Each Annual Conference shall be represented by an equal number of lay and clergy delegates.**

Change c) to read: **c) Each Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least one clergy and one lay delegate.**

Change para. 4 to read: **4. Delegates to the General Conference shall be elected at the session of the annual Conference held in the calendar year preceeding the session of the General Conference. Consideration shall be given to electing an inclusive delegation (Para. 103. and new Para. 113). Annual Conferences are not precluded from es-**

tablishing nominating procedures to identify candidates for election to General and Jurisdictional Conferences provided that all person eligible for election, in accordance with the Constitution, may be elected whether or not they have been formally nominated. At least thirty days...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1519* CO103

Subject: Nomination and Election of Bishops.
Petition: CO-12058-0506-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1089
Membership: 79; Present: 59;
For: 59; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1520* CO107

Subject: The Book of Resolutions to Include Guidelines for Writing Resolutions.
Petition: CO-10811-0611-D
Page in Advance DCA: 209
Membership: 79; Present: 53;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1521* CO121

Subject: District Director of Religion and Race.
Petition: CO-10556-0751-D
Page in Advance DCA: 811
Membership: 79; Present: 63;
For: 62; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Line 3: ~~shall~~ **may**

Reads: ...may appoint a district director.

Line 8: to the District Director, **if appointed,** shall be a member of...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1522* CO139

Subject: Participation of lay members of the Annual Conference in matters of ordination.
Petition: CO-11118-0701-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1098
Membership: 79; Present: 62;
For: 59; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1523* CO140

Subject: Lay and Clerical Delegates Voting Rights.
Petition: CO-12197-0701-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1099
Membership: 79; Present: 63;
For: 62; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1524* CO143

Subject: The Membership of Jurisdictional Conference.
Petition: CO-12447-0614-D
Page in Advance DCA: 000209
Membership: 79; Present: 34;
For: 33; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1525 CO145

Subject: Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy.
Petition: CO-11048-0507-D
Page in Advance DCA: 208
Membership: 79; Present: 57;
For: 50; Against: 6; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1526 CO146

Subject: Number of Bishops in Central Conferences and in Jurisdictions
Petition: CO-10097-0505-D
Page in Advance DCA: 206
Membership: 79; Present: 54;
For: 46; Against: 7; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend Paragraph 505, Line 11 of point 1: After..."for each additional" substitute **310,000** for ~~300,000~~...

Add point 2: **In Central Conferences, the number of Bishops shall be determined on the basis of missional needs, as approved by the General Conference on recommendation of the Commission on Central Conference Affairs.**

Add point 3: **This legislation shall take effect upon adjournment of the 1992 General Conference.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1527* CS055

Subject: Care Giving Teams for Aids Victims and Their Families.
Petition: CS-11909-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1046
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 75; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Title: **Care Giving Teams For Persons With Aids**

Whereas, AIDS has emerged in to epidemic proportions in the United States and in the world, and

Whereas, AIDS is being transmitted more and more through contaminated needles used to inject drugs, and

Whereas, recent statistics indicate that Black Americans are being disproportionately infected and that cultural needs are not being adequately addressed, and

Whereas, current information often does not reach black communities,

Be it resolved, that each local church be encouraged to establish care-giving teams which will be trained to minister specifically to persons with AIDS and their families, giving particular attention to those communities where needs are not being addressed; and

Be it further resolved, that using materials from General Church Agencies, these teams would be trained to

provide AIDS education in churches and communities.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1528* CS069
Subject: Environmental Racism.
Petition: CS-10594-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 132
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1529* CS070
Subject: Sexual Harassment and The United Methodist Church.
Petition: CS-10547-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 181
Membership: 99; Present: 67;
For: 63; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1530* CS071
Subject: Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse.
Petition: CS-11327-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1043
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1531* CS072
Subject: Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse.
Petition: CS-10726-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 146
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1532* CS073
Subject: Hate crimes.
Petition: CS-10990-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 179
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1533* CS074
Subject: Support Legislation Prohibiting Malicious Harassments.
Petition: CS-10156-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 133
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1534* CS075
Subject: Violence in our society.
Petition: CS-11557-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1070
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1535* CS076
Subject: Condemn all sexual acts outside marriage.
Petition: CS-11553-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1053
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 62; Against: 1; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1536* CS078
Subject: The English Language movement.
Petition: CS-11293-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1056
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 75; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1537* CS079
Subject: Bilingual education.
Petition: CS-11460-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1055
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 73; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1538* CS080
Subject: Literacy, The Right to Learn: A Basic Human Right.
Petition: CS-10720-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 174
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1539* CS081
Subject: English as the Official Language of the U.S.A.
Petition: CS-12206-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1056
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 75; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1540* CS082
Subject: The United Nations Women's Convention.
Petition: CS-11814-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1064
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1541* CS086
Subject: Oppose food and medicine blockade or embargoes.
Petition: CS-11464-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1074
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 66; Against: 1; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1542* CS087

Subject: Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation.
Petition: CS-10721-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 201
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 66; Against: 1; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1543* CS088

Subject: Bring Peaceful Solution to Sierra Leone and Liberia.
Petition: CS-10606-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 197
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1544* CS089

Subject: Rights of Persons with Handicapping Conditions.
Petition: CS-11812-0072-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1030
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1545* CS090

Subject: Affirmative Action Plans and People with Disabilities.
Petition: CS-10581-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 150
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Second Paragraph: People with disabilities, ~~like racial ethnic people and woman,~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1546* CS091

Subject: Rights of persons with handicapping conditions.
Petition: CS-11155-0072-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1029
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1547* CS092

Subject: Employment Provisions for Disabled Persons Who are Ordained Ministers.
Petition: CS-11996-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1056
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1548* CS093

Subject: Accessibility regarding handicapping conditions.
Petition: CS-11070-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1057
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1549* CS094

Subject: Accessibility of Parsonages and Churches.
Petition: CS-11816-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1054
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1550* CS095

Subject: Accessibility of meeting places beyond the local church.
Petition: CS-12315-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1054
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1551* CS097

Subject: Ministries on Mental Illness.
Petition: CS-10591-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 177
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Beginning of Petition:

Purpose: ~~A new resolution on mental illness.~~

Replace Resolution on Mental Health (SP72)

pages 268-272 in 1988 Book of Resolutions

Page 178, 1st paragraph, line 6:

...hospitalization. **or other forms of treatments where research proves successful outcomes achieved.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1552* CS099

Subject: Americans with Disabilities Act.
Petition: CS-11810-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1104
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1553* CS102

Subject: Infant Formula Abuse.
Petition: CS-10590-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 192
Membership: 99; Present: 71;
For: 67; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

pg. 194, first column after point #1:

The Committee is to be convened by GBCS and shall include

one person from the 1984-88 Infant Formula Task Force, one person from the 1988-92 Infant Formula Task Force, two persons chosen at-large for their expertise on Infant Formula issues and two members of GBCS.

pg. 194, first column, point #4:

4. We urge Nestle/Carnation, Bristol-Myers Squibb and Gerber to end all public advertising of infant formula inthe U.S. ~~that fails to recognize breastfeeding as the preferred option.~~ This advertising violates...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1554* CS106

Subject: The Church's Response to Changing Rural Issues.
Petition: CS-11705-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1038
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 72; Against: 2; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1555* CS107

Subject: Publication of Information on Land Value Taxation.
Petition: CS-12208-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1037
Membership: 99; Present: 66;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1556* CS108$

Subject: Task Force to compare Creationism to Evolution.
Petition: CS-11156-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1037
Membership: 99; Present: 66;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1557* CS109

Subject: The Appalachian Mission.
Petition: CS-11294-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1064
Membership: 99; Present: 66;
For: 60; Against: 0; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1558* CS110

Subject: Our Social Creed.
Petition: CS-11921-0076-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1035
Membership: 99; Present: 62;
For: 59; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1559* CS111

Subject: Our Social Creed.
Petition: CS-12063-0076-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1035
Membership: 99; Present: 62;
For: 58; Against: 1; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1560* CS112$

Subject: Task Force to examine the effectiveness of Economic Boycotts.
Petition: CS-11062-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1065
Membership: 99; Present: 66;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1561* CS113

Subject: Membership in club or organizations which practice exclusivity.
Petition: CS-11403-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1062
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 71; Against: 3; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

... United Methodist Social Principles, and

~~Whereas, many United Methodists currently belong to such clubs and/or organizations,~~

Therefore, ...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1562 CS114

Subject: Web of Apartheid, South Africa and the Destabilization of Its Neighbors.
Petition: CS-10718-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 187
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 63; Against: 6; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

page 1 ... Resolutions "Southern Africa" (1988), ~~"South Africa" (1989),~~ and "Mozambique"...

page 4 ...RENAMO in Mozambique. ~~and UNITA in Angola. ...~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1563* CS116

Subject: Support and Concern to Mozambique.
Petition: CS-10295-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 189
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

page 189, column 2, paragraph 1:

....building new congregations, demonstrating self-sufficiency farming, providing new opporutnities for mission, and bringing new converts to Christ and His Church, the church of Mozambique is an inspiration to us all.

The government of the Republic of Mozambique has initiated conversations with RENAMO in order to advance peace and these conversations are now at an advanced stage. The Bishop of the United Methodist Church of Mozambique, Joas Somane Machado, is involved in these conversations on behalf of

the Christian Council of Mozambique. We have a strong hope that peace will come soon to Mozambique even though we are unable to say when.

Therefore, the United Methodist Church:

a) Offers a special message of support and concern to the churches of Mozambique, **encouraging them in their struggle for self-determination and freedom;**

b) .....

c) Sends a message to the delegations of the Mozamabican governemnt and RENAMO meeting in Rome encouraging them to work with all possible speed to find ways to overcome obstacles so as to declare a cease-fire and end the suffering of the people of Mozambique;

~~c)~~**d)** Opposes any efforts by ~~our governments~~**any government**, ~~or by~~ individuals or non-governmental organizations, to support RENAMO (MNR);

~~d)~~**e) Urges our governments, especially the United States of America, to pressure the government of South Africa to cease funding RENAMO and to desist from all other efforts to** ~~de-establish~~ **de-stabilize** the government of Mozambique, and;

~~e) Authorize the Council of Bishops to select.....the people of Mozambique in their struggle for self-determination and freedom.~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1564* CS117
Subject: Rights of United States Citizens.
Petition: CS-11071-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1067
Membership: 99; Present: 66;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1565* CS118
Subject: The Political Community.
Petition: CS-11922-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1067
Membership: 99; Present: 66;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1566* CS119$
Subject: Task Force on Children.
Petition: CS-12203-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1042
Membership: 99; Present: 66;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1567* CS120
Subject: Renewal of the Stewardship Covenant.
Petition: CS-10362-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 131
Membership: 99; Present: 66;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1568* CS121
Subject: Response when Expressing Personal Injury.
Petition: CS-12204-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1070
Membership: 99; Present: 66;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1569 CS125 (MR)
Subject: 1992 Amnesty for Puerto Rican Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War.
Petition: CS-10516-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 182
Membership: 99; Present: 74;
For: 39; Against: 26; Not Voting: 9;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 183; 3rd paragraph:

Whereas, ~~about~~ **at least 18 Puerto Ricans are...**

5th paragraph, #1, line 2: ... request to the President and Congress **of the United States,** the immediate ...

...UN Resolution #1514 (XXV). **(Declaration on the Granting of Independence To Colonial Countries and People)**

5th paragraph, #3, line 2:

... harassment **of the** ~~against the~~ advocates...

4. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the Governor of Puerto Rico and to the Puerto Rico Annual Conference.

Minority Report:

This resolution implies support for "armed struggle". It labels as "political prisoners" persons who were lawfully convicted of terrorist conspiracy or similar crimes.

Substitute for the entire resolution:

Title: Review Sentences of Puerto Rican Prisoners

We urge a prompt review of the sentences of Puerto Rican prisoners convicted of terrorism, conspiracy, or related offenses, to determine whether their sentences are fair and proportionate. If not, we urge prompt remedial action.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1570 CS126
Subject: Puerto Rico Colonial Status and the Right To Self Determination.
Petition: CS-10517-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 202
Membership: 99; Present: 71;
For: 60; Against: 9; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence as amended by substitution of:

GM-12152,DCA 1226 with these additional amendments:

Puerto Rico Colonial Status **and The Right of Self-Determination**

Arabic 4 - **President of the United States**~~Government~~, the **Governor of Puerto Rico** ~~Government~~

Minority Report attached

Substitute:

Title: Puerto Rico

The United Methodist Church affirms and defends the right of the people of Puerto Rico, in a free election, to determine the future of their homeland. This includes but is not limited to the options of independence, statehood, or commonwealth status. We urge a prompt election for this purpose.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1571 CS136

Subject: Human Intervention: No Military Involvement.
Petition: CS-11907-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1061
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 57; Against: 15; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

(New Title:) **ENABLING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR DOMESTIC PROGRAMS**

~~Whereas,~~ The United Methodist Church has declared war to be incompatible with the teachings of Jesus Christ; and

~~Whereas,~~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote that racism and its perennial ally economic exploitation provide the key to understanding most of the international complications of this generation; and

~~Whereas,~~ General Colin Powell offered testimony to the Congressional Black Caucus that the military presently provided the only means whereby thousands of black youth and young adults could obtain a decent standard of living and an education, going on to say that such opportunities should also be made available by the private and the rest of the public sectors; and

~~Whereas,~~ **While there is unemployment among other minority groups,** tens of thousands of African-American male and female young adults have never been employed, and are therefore, not counted in current unemployment statistics; and

~~Whereas,~~ the majority of public school districts (especially those which serve the masses of urban black, Hispanic, and poor people) find themselves facing severe financial shortfalls, staff cuts, the elimination of vital programs, and school closings; and

~~Whereas,~~ those same communities are experiencing social trauma due to plant closings and the relocation of industry to countries where the wages are from $.50 to $1.00 an hour; and

~~Whereas,~~ the Free Trade Agreement proposed by President George Bush will facilitate further plant closings and create further hardships for black, Hispanic, and other poor communities.

We p~~P~~etition the president and congress of the United States to ~~cease all pro active~~ **reduce the** U.S. Military ~~involvement~~ **presence by recognizing principals of soviregnty** in every region of the world.

We p~~P~~etition the President and Congress of the United States to reapportion dollars ~~which have been designated for military spending and those dollars which have been~~ saved ~~from~~**by reduced military spending and** base closings, for domestic programs which will**enable the financial support for** ~~insure~~ an increase in quality educational offerings ~~for all Americans~~ in the public school systems of the country, adequate health care ~~for all Americans~~, the creation of sufficient employment opportunities ~~for all Americans~~, and a new comprehensive employment training act which will ~~funnel~~ **appropriate** federal dollars into elements of the private sector which are currently in compliance with Affirmative Action guidelines, for the purpose of encouraging their participation in the re-training of American workers, and redevelopment of plants within the continental United States.

~~Petition the President and Congress of the United States to conduct nationwide hearings on the creative redistribution of wealth in the United States of America; and that these hearings include testimony from transnational corporations, industry, small business persons, the unemployed, the employed and the marginally employed, with a view toward enhancing the creativity, rights, participation, and privileges of all Americans in our world market economy.~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1572* CS138

Subject: Ratification of Human Rights Covenants and Conventions.
Petition: CS-10593-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 202
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

move "International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights," to the end of Paragraph 1.

Insert at end of last line of the resolution, before the period: **, with any reservations that may be necessary to protect the rights and safety of children and the proper responsibilities of parents.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1573* CS140

Subject: U.S. - Mexico Border.
Petition: CS-10596-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 196
Membership: 99; Present: 71;
For: 65; Against: 4; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1574* CS141

Subject: Concerns of Israel and Palestine.
Petition: CS-12001-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1075
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1575* CS142

Subject: Resolution on The United Nations.
Petition: CS-10604-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 203
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 69; Against: 1; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Insert new par. at third par.: Therefore, **we urge the United States government to provide its full share of financial support for the United Nations, related international organizations, and United Nations peacekeeping forces.**

Add fourth par. as follows: Furthermore, we call upon United Methodists to celebrate each year the founding of the United Nations on October 24, and affirm their commitment to the principles and goals of the United Nations charter; **urging them to participate in the Ecumenical Study of the National Council of Churches prepared to celebrate the Fiftieth (50) anniversary of the United Nations looking toward the new century.**

Last par.: ~~along with the 158 member states of the United Nations.~~

Last par.: ~~charter~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1576* CS143

Subject: Support for the United Nations.
Petition: CS-12205-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1082
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1577* CS145

Subject: Racial Harassment.
Petition: CS-10518-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 178
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

pg 179; Third paragraph:

1. Abusive and/or derogatory language...racial and ethnic traits, heritage, **and characteristics.**

2. A behavior...racial and ethnic traits, heritage, and characteristics.

3. Documentation...racial and ethnic **traits, heritage, and characteristics.**

Last paragraph:

Be it further resolved, that The United Methodist Church and all its agencies:

1. Encourage law enforcement personnel to maintain accurate records on hate crimes and bring to justice the perpetrators of such violence and intimidation.

2. Support hearings on hate crimes, particularly in those states where statistics reveal an increase in the activity of the Klu Klux Klan and other hate groups.

3. Support Congressional hearings when there are allegations of government involvement or negligence exacerbating such violence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1578* CS148

Subject: Reduction of Water Usage by United Methodists.
Petition: CS-11706-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1040
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

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First paragraph:

~~Be it resolved that members of this General Conference reduce usage of water both while sojourning in Louisville and when they return to their homes; and~~

Second paragraph:

Be it ~~further~~ resolved that members...

Third paragraph:

~~Finally, be~~ **Be it further** resolved that **The United Methodist Church calls on** industry, makers of government policies and regulations, manufacturers, **developers,** and consumers ~~be called upon~~ to reflect on the importance **of water conservation** and ~~problems~~ **difficulties** being faced...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1579* CS149

Subject: National Comprehensive Energy Policy.
Petition: CS-10160-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 132
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1580* CS150

Subject: Energy Policy.
Petition: CS-10344-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 131
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1581* CS151

Subject: Pollution in Metropolitan Areas.
Petition: CS-10287-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 130
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1582* CS152

Subject: A Sustainable Society for Pollution.
Petition: CS-10286-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 130
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1583* CS153

Subject: The Environment.
Petition: CS-10273-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 130
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1584* CS154$

Subject: Task force to study waste management systems.
Petition: CS-11289-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1040
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1585* CS155

Subject: Stewardship of creation.
Petition: CS-11258-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1038
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1586* CS156$

Subject: Task force to study cleaning up the environment.
Petition: CS-11291-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1037
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1587* CS157

Subject: Work area chairperson for conservation.
Petition: CS-11257-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1037
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1588* CS161 (MR)

Subject: Investment Ethics.
Petition: CS-11676-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1065
Membership: 99; Present: 49;
For: 44; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence as amended by substitution:

Investment Ethics: An Amendment to the Proposed New Resolution

We petition the 1992 General Conference to adopt the propossed new resolution "Investment Ethics," but with the addition of material under Policy and Implementation of policy, section 1.b, so the section will read:

B. To employ this combination of socially responsible approaches that contribute to economic justice and corporate responsibility:

1. Avoidance by non-purchase or divestment of holdings in companies

a. producing tobacco products or alcoholic beverages, or managing or owning gambling establishments, or have as their primary business the production, distribution, or sale of pornographic material;

b. ranking among the top 100 Department of Defense (DOD) contractors (those receiving the largest volume of prime contract awards) for the past three; and having DOD contracts larger than 10% of sales for voting securities and 5% of sales for non-voting securities. The GCFA shall publish the listing of the top 100 DOD contractors annually.

c. making components for nuclear explosive devices; or

d. manufacturing chemical or biological warfare materials.

2. Affirmative investing in companies, banks, funds, or ventures which are seeing specific targeted social goals upon which the church places high value, such as those which:

a. Encourage recycling and use recycled products;

b. Work within legally imposed discharge limits for toxic chemical, noise, and water temperture;

c. Do not sell chemicals that would be banned in the company's country of origin;

d. Invest in low-income housing;

e. Invest in companies which have positive records in hiring and promoting women and racial ethnic persons;

f. Companies owned by women and racial ethic persons.

3. Shareholder advocacy through which the agency exercises its rights as shareholder to persuade corportaions to end irresponsible behavior or live up to high moral standards by using any combination of the following approaches:

- letter of inquiry or expression of its position to management

- dialogue with management

- voting proxies

- soliciting votes for a particular reason

- doliciting or co-sponsoring resolutions for votes at stockholder meetings

- speaking at stockholder meetings

- legal action

- publicity

- working in coalitions with other concerned sharcholders

- petitioning the SEC or Congress for changes in the proxy rules

Also add a new #5 as follows:

Where financial considerations preclude immediate divestment of securities held in violation of the above policy goals, boards, agencies, and institutions of the United Methodist Church shall develop a plan for meeting the criteria whioch will bring them into compliance no later than the 1996 General Conference.

Re-number existing #5 as #6.

Re-number existing #6 as #7.

Minority Report:

Paragraph B.1.b. implies that it is morally wrong for a company to do business with the Defense Department--even to sell things like uniforms and medical supplies.

This is too extreme. If we believe it is wrong to invest in these companies, what are we saying to United Methodists who work for these companies?

This paragraph assumes it is wrong to produce goods for the Defense Department. This is equivalent to demanding total unilateral disarmament by the United States. That would increase the

risks of war, aggression, injustice, and oppression.

~~b. ranking among the top 25 Department of Defense (DOD) contractors (those receiving the largest volume of prime contract awards for the past three years);~~

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1589* CS162
Subject: A Resolution on Investments Policy.
Petition: CS-10281-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 181
Membership: 99; Present: 64;
For: 63; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1590* CS163
Subject: Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines.
Petition: CS-11195-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1066
Membership: 99; Present: 64;
For: 63; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1591* CS164
Subject: Investment Ethics.
Petition: CS-11780-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1066
Membership: 99; Present: 64;
For: 63; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1592* CS165
Subject: Pornography.
Petition: CS-12314-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1054
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1593* CS166
Subject: Violence and Pornography on TV.
Petition: CS-12002-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1054
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1594* CS167
Subject: Pornography Issues.
Petition: CS-12022-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1020
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1595* CS168
Subject: Boycott K-Mart and Waldenbooks.
Petition: CS-10154-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 151
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1596* CS169
Subject: Requirements Prior to Marriage.
Petition: CS-11600-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1046
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 62; Against: 1; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1597* CS170
Subject: The Church take a stand on moral issues.
Petition: CS-11555-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1046
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 62; Against: 1; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1598* CS171
Subject: Support Action Opposing Pornography.
Petition: CS-12088-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1049
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1599 CS172
Subject: The American Family Association.
Petition: CS-12234-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1042
Membership: 99; Present: 59;
For: 49; Against: 6; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1600* CS173
Subject: Oppose the Promotion and Distribution of Pornography.
Petition: CS-10108-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 151
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1601* CS174
Subject: Requirements for Marriage.
Petition: CS-11601-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1046
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 62; Against: 1; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1602* CS175
Subject: Issues of Pornography.

Petition: CS-12400-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1042
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1603* CS176

Subject: Reaffirm Adoption as an Option for Families.
Petition: CS-12207-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1041
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 62; Against: 1; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1604* CS179

Subject: A More Economically Just Society.
Petition: CS-10364-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 180
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 62; Against: 1; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1605* CS180

Subject: The "Memphis Declaration".
Petition: CS-11402-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1047
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 62; Against: 1; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1606* CS181

Subject: Adopt the Memphis Declaration as policy.
Petition: CS-11554-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1047
Membership: 99; Present: 69;
For: 62; Against: 1; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1607 CS202 (MR)

Subject: The Middle East in the Aftermath of the Gulf War.
Petition: CS-10719-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 194
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 54; Against: 15; Not Voting: 9;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

Minority Report:

ALTERNATIVE TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE GULF WAR

The days following Iraq's illegal invasion of Kuwait in August of 1990 mark a critical turning point in the history of the region and the world. In response to Saddam Hussein's invasion and subsequent plundering of Kuwait, a multinational military coalition, sanctioned by the United Nations, confronted aggression cooperatively. It has become quite clear that the bi-polar world of the Cold War period is indeed past.

We must not remain stuck in the mentality of the Cold War alliances, nor can we focus on selective, narrow matters at the expense of those that are encompassing and crucial. Injustices persist throughout the Middle East. Respect for basic human rights and freedoms is ignored by many governments. It is preposterous to ignore the human rights violations committed by the governments of Egypt, Israel, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Syria (including Lebanon which is now significantly controlled by Syria). At this time, we recognize the unique opportunities that now exist to advocate peace, justice, and democracy, specifically emphasizing human rights and religious freedom, in the region.

Great material damage was done to Kuwait, and many of its citizens were killed, imprisoned, and tortured by the Iraqi forces. Large numbers of foreign workers in Kuwait fled, many of them spending weeks in desert refugee camps before succeeding in returning to their homelands. Their lives were devastated, and the loss of their earnings in hard currency had a severely adverse effect on the economies of a number of countries in the developing world. After the war the Kuwaiti government was restored but did not begin the democratic reforms it had promised its own people. Large numbers of non-Kuwaiti residents, deportees have found no state that will accept them. The economic situation in the Occupied Territories of Palestine, weak at best, was devastated.

The attempts of many Iraquis, especially Kurds and Shiites, to rise up against President Saddam Hussein failed and brought about brutal repression, further material destruction, and tragic displacement of tens of thousands of Iraqi citizens. Much of the civilian population of Iraq continues to suffer from the effects of the bombing carried out by the coalition forces and by President Hussein's forces in certain areas of the country. Food and medicine shortages have much suffering, in particular among children, elderly persons, and persons with special medical problems. The continuing enforcement of the economic sanctions, while intended to require Iraq's compliance with agreements regarding nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament, has also greatly exacerbated the suffering of the innocent civilian population.

The current Middle East peace negotiations mark the realization of a new moment of opportunity. Direct dialogue between Israel and its Arab neighbors is a first constructive step toward stability and peace in the region. The state of war against Israel by its Arab neighbors, continued state-sponsored terrorist activity, as well as Israel's continued building of settlements in the disputed occupied territories obstruct the peace process and disallow viable compromise. Likewise, we acknowledge the necessity for further definition and consideration of the legal status of the remaining territory occupied by Israel according to United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338.

Throughout the region, minority rights are abused, especially the rights of Palestinians in Israeli-occupied territories and also Palestinians in other Middle Eastern nations, the Kurdish minorities in Iraq and Turkey, and the millions of migrants from Third World countries who live and work in oil-rich Arab states. Particular concern must be paid to the oppression of women and religious minorities in the region. The

church looks with deep concern on the persecution and harassment of indigenous Christian minorities being persecuted in Middle Eastern nations.

Indeed, the state of religious liberty in the Middle East is a compelling concern to the church. We understand that freedom of conscience extends beyond private worship and includes the right to public witness, charitable activity, education, and evangelizing. A particular test of religious freedom is the right to choose and to change one's religion. We defend the right of any individual to change his or her religion, as well as the right of others to proselytize.

Under the Islamic system of Shari's law, conversion from Islam to another religion is punishable by law. Because of the close linkage between the religious and political realms, converts to Christianity may be considered not only religous heretics, but also political traitors, and so subject to the death penalty. The inaccurate tendency to equate Christianity with the West, combined with strong, albeit at times understandable, anti-Western sentiments, also create an environment in which conversion is seen as cultural betrayal and participation in imperialism.

Zionism, when it prohibits evangelism and conversion, is also oppressive. Israeli laws that prohibit bribery as an enticement for conversion are vague and can be used to further restrict relgious rights.

The following are further examples of problems that need to be addressed:

* Though Saudi Arabia's King Fahd recently announced steps to reform his nation's govenment and establish a consultative council, the reality has been little change for the religious freedom and human rights of Christians, women, and other minorities. Saudi Arabia remains one of the most religiously intolerant nations in the world.

* Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories are denied their rights to self-determination and are denied basic civil and political rights of all sorts.

* Though Egypt's constitution guarantees religious freedom to non-Muslims, the government has been pressured into appeasing Islamic fundamentalists by intimidating, harrasing, arresting and even torturing Christians.

* In Iran, Chaldean Catholics and Presbyterians have been denied request to print Bibles, construct chapels, and engage in registered charitable activities. A Christian pastor, Hossein Soodmand, was executed in December, 1990, apparently on charge of apostasy, based on his earlier conversion from Islam. Severe discrimination continues against the Baha'i community.

* Christians and Jews in Yemen, while allowed to conduct worship in private homes, are prohibited from maintaining synagogues or churches.

The United Methodist Church's advocacy regarding human rights in the Middle East should be governed by these principles:

1. The United Methodist Church and its agencies should be committed to serious study of the Middle East and the religious faiths of the region.

2. Racism of all types, including anti-Semitism and xenophobia within the West, should be vehemently denouced. Religious tolerance in predominantly Christian nations must be carefully protected and preserved. But the need to sustain tolerance must not be allowed to eclipse either the evangelistic imperative of the gospel or the mandate to seek justice for religious minorities in Islamic-dominated areas.

3. A full understanding of democracy is necessary when considering what is necessary for peace and justice in the Middle East. The definition of democracy is broader than majority rule. A democratic government protects minorities, guarantees human rights, and does not seek to control or restict the practice or affirmation of religion.

4. We urge our own governments and international bodies to vigorously advocate human rights and religious liberty, and to demonstrate our commitment to these principles through foreign policy. Human rights must have an equal place on negotiating tables with economic and security concerns. We offer special support for the work of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance.

5. The United Methodist Church will engage in both quiet diplomacy and public advocacy for religious freedom and democracy in Middle Eastern nations.

6. The United Methodist Church calls upon the U.S. government to review all aid to nations of the Middle East in compliance with Section 502B of the Foreign Assistance Act, which states that "no security assistance may be provided to any country which engages in a consistent pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights."

7. The United Methodist Church urges all governments of the world, and especially those in countries where the United Methodist Church has congregations, to apply internationl law equitably to all states and peoples of the Middle East.

8. The United Methodist Church encourages all United Methodists to strengthen and expand their education and advocacy programs dealing with Middle East issues, to do the 1992 ecumenical study on the Middle East, and to join with other Christians, with Jews, Muslims, people of other faiths and all persons of good will - at the local, state, national, and international levels - to help break down the dividing walls of hostility, make peace and create in Jerusalem a rejoicing for all the nations.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1608* CS204

Subject: United Methodism in a New Europe.
Petition: CS-10585-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 191
Membership: 99; Present: 83;
For: 79; Against: 0; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 191, paragraph 3, line 2:

~~That violence continues in parts of Europe.~~ **There is civil war going on in many parts of Europe.**

Paragraph 4, line 2:

...last four decades~~,~~. **However, some countries still struggle for identity and recognition, e.g. the Republic of Macedonia. We are concerned therefore, that a special effort should be made by governments so that consensus and harmony can now be extended to the whole of Europe. The United Methodist Church needs to raise their**

members' awareness of the issues thus involving them in the effort to build a "new house" in which all people will feel at home.

Consensus and harmony...

Page, 191-1, Paragraph 1 at end:

...social and political equality. **The current priorities of the church's human rights program are:**

*** national minorities and groups in minority - like situations such as foreigners and indigenous populations;**

*** protection of refugees, migrants, asylum seekers and displaced people;**

*** development of the common rule of law in a manner that favours people's well being;**

*** religious freedom;**

*** social policy questions such as capital punishment, conscientious objection and social rights for all, including justice for women and children;**

*** environmental and energy policies for a sustainable way of life.**

Page 192, paragraph 3, line 1:

~~We live in a time of reconciliation~~ **We live in a time in which there is a great need for the Gospel of reconciliation, a time when we can share...**

Page 192, left hand column, 10th line from top

...from economic **and other** practices...

Committee requests Boris Kiril Trajkouski, Yugoslavia Provisional Conference, be allowed to address conference.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1609 CS216 (MR)

Subject: Responsible Parenthood.
Petition: CS-10366-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 136
Membership: 99; Present: 97;
For: 61; Against: 29; Not Voting: 7;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends concurrence as amended by substitution:

Retain the resolution "Responsible Parenthood" in the 1988 Book of Resolutions

Minority Report

UPDATE FOR CONSISTENCY

A - Substitute for item 9:

Assist the states to provide for the notification and the consent of parenta prior to abortion or medical treatment on unemancipated children and youth. Ensure that a minor can judically bypass the consent requirement in cases of negligent or abuse.

B - Substitute for item 7:

(a) Ensure that medically safe legal abortions are available for those instances where tragic conflicts of life with life justify abortions. Ensure economic assistance for the poor.

(b) Work to lessen the need for abortions that are related to birth control or gender selection.

C - Delete the sentence in the fifth paragraph from the top which reads:

We support the legal right to abortion as established by the 1973 Supreme Court decision.

D - In the fourth paragraph the top, first sentence, delete the phase:

"through contraceptive or human failure"

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1610* CS235

Subject: Pastoral Letter on Economic Justice.
Petition: CS-10626-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 923
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1611* CS241

Subject: The Pediatric Bill of Rights Preamble.
Petition: CS-11461-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1063
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1612* CS242

Subject: Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.
Petition: CS-12428-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1053
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1613* CS243

Subject: Adoption as an Alternative to Abortion.
Petition: CS-12425-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1052
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1614* CS244

Subject: Population relating to abortion.
Petition: CS-12424-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1053
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1615* CS245

Subject: Rights of the unborn.
Petition: CS-12418-0072-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1029
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1616* CS246

Subject: Social Principle Statement on Abortion.

Petition: CS-12399-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1052
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1617* CS247

Subject: Our Social Creed.
Petition: CS-11995-0076-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1035
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1618* CS248

Subject: Adopt "Right to Life".
Petition: CS-11462-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1049
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1619* CS249

Subject: The sanctity of pre-born human beings.
Petition: CS-11067-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1053
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1620* CS250

Subject: Discontinuance of the Pamphlet "Faithful Witness on Today's Issues".
Petition: CS-11250-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1045
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1621* CS251

Subject: Withdraw Faithful Witness Booklet from Circulation.
Petition: CS-11465-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1045
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1622* CS252

Subject: Statement on Abortion.
Petition: CS-10363-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 135
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1623 CS253

Subject: Forced Contraceptive Use and Sterilization.
Petition: CS-10283-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 133
Membership: 99; Present: 68;
For: 37; Against: 23; Not Voting: 8;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence and reference to the General Board of Church and Society.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1624* CS254

Subject: Abortions as an Acceptable Means of Birth Control.
Petition: CS-10284-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 134
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 66; Against: 5; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Page 134-135, ~~entire document~~

That the 1992 General Conference instruct the General Board of Church and Society to delete the phrase "including the right to abortion" following the words "a strong birth control program" in the *Faithful Witness on today's Issues: Human Sexuality*, p. 22. Furthermore the General Board of Church and Society cease distribution of copies of the current publication *Faithful Witness on Today's Issues: Human Sexuality.*

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1625* CS255

Subject: Oppose Support for the Freedom of Choice Act of 1991.
Petition: CS-12420-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1051
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1626 CS256 (MR)

Subject: War and Peace.
Petition: CS-12460-0075-D
Page in Advance DCA: 4-207
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 69; Against: 11; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Minority Report

In paragraph 75C, in the fifth line, after the words "or among them;" -- add the folloeing -- that, nonetheless, occasions can arise in a sinful and unjust world where a measured use of force to restrain injustice is a regrettable but necessary action;

(then continue with the rest of paragraph 75C)

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1627 CS257

Subject: Medical Rights for Children and Youth.
Petition: CS-10290-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 180
Membership: 99; Present: 74;
For: 54; Against: 17; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1628* CS258

Subject: Accessibility for persons with handicapping conditions.
Petition: CS-10968-3000-R

Page in Advance DCA: 493
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1629* CS261

Subject: 261 Population and Family Planning.
Petition: CS-10292-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 134
Membership: 99; Present: 74;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

p. 134, DCA

End of first paragraph delete rest of paragraph after "program" in 3rd sentence from top at right-hand column

Arabic 4, restore **and of abortion** in last sentence

Delete all of ~~Rationale~~

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1630* CS262

Subject: Boards and Agencies Regarding Abortion.
Petition: CS-10607-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 135
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1631* CS263

Subject: United Methodist Mission in Appalachia.
Petition: CS-11718-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1220
Membership: 99; Present: 66;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1632* CS264

Subject: The Political Community and Military Service.
Petition: CS-12200-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1069
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1633* CS265

Subject: Abortion Including God's Given Rights.
Petition: CS-12300-0071-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1035
Membership: 99; Present: 78;
For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1634 DI049

Subject: Christian Formation Responsibilities of the General Board of Discipleship.
Petition: DI-10740-1200-D
Page in Advance DCA: 244
Membership: 107; Present: 99;
For: 84; Against: 13; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Line 5: ...acts of compassion, **faith sharing**, justice, worship...

LIne 4 of item 3: ...acts of compassion, **faith sharing**, justice, worship...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1635* DI053

Subject: Comprehensive Youth Ministry.
Petition: DI-10762-1221-D
Page in Advance DCA: 247
Membership: 107; Present: 99;
For: 99; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Line 4: remove colon after church; and replace with period:

Amend Para. 1221: ...levels of the Church.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1636* DI056

Subject: United Methodist National Youth Ministry Organization.
Petition: DI-11800-1301-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1116
Membership: 107; Present: 100;
For: 99; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Referred to NYMO as amended:

Delete first 3 Paragraphs.

Keep last paragraph (in bold) "The United Methodist National Youth . . . to the 1996 General Conference."

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1637* DI081

Subject: Transfer of Certification by Lay Speakers
Petition: DI-10296-0279-D
Page in Advance DCA: 235
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Line 3: ...may transfer ~~his/her~~ certification to ~~his/her~~ **the** new district upon receipt...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1638* DI090

Subject: Responsibilities of the District Lay Leader.
Petition: DI-10748-0748-D
Page in Advance DCA: 239
Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Para. 748: DCA page 239: ...both within ~~the congregation~~ **congregations** and through their ministries in the home, work place, community, and world...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1639* DI093

Subject: The District Board of Laity.
Petition: DI-12026-0753-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1112

Membership: 107; Present: 87;
For: 87; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Line 1: Each district...conference ~~shall~~ **may**

Line 13, number 2: ...lay speaking **and may include** district president of UMW,...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1640* DI097

Subject: Organization of the General Board of Discipleship.
Petition: DI-10752-1204-D
Page in Advance DCA: 241
Membership: 107; Present: 89;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

page 241: ...who shall be selected by the ~~College of Bishops~~ **Commission on Central Conference Affairs.**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1641* DI100

Subject: Ministry of the laity.
Petition: DI-11132-1218-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1115
Membership: 107; Present: 89;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

Editorial: Note says Add Para. 1218.8.

This paragraph subsection already exists; therefore, it must become 1218.9. This is noted correctly in the petition but is incorrect in DCA-Vol 2.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1642* DI102

Subject: United Methodist Men's Division.
Petition: DI-10763-1222-D
Page in Advance DCA: 247
Membership: 107; Present: 89;
For: 89; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Para. 1222: ~~Men's Work Responsibilities...units of United Methodist Men.~~ **Responsibilities. The responsibilities of the United Methodist Men's Division shall be to have primary oversight...**

2. b) Provide resources...~~to enable~~ **enabling** men for outreach....

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1643* FA064

Subject: Determination of the pastor's salary.
Petition: FA-11369-0720-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1148
Membership: 93; Present: 58;
For: 51; Against: 3; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Paragraph 720: pastor's ~~salaries~~ **base** compensation

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1644* FA090

Subject: Equitable salaries for all ministers.
Petition: FA-11136-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1164
Membership: 93; Present: 86;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1645* FA179

Subject: Affirm full participation of gays and lesbians in the church.
Petitions: FA-12383-0906-D, FA-12384-0906-D, FA-12385-0906-D, FA-12392-0906-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1153, 1153, 1153, 1154.
Membership: 93; Present: 68;
For: 63; Against: 3; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1646* FA188

Subject: Claim for unpaid salary.
Petition: FA-11370-0721-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1149
Membership: 93; Present: 58;
For: 51; Against: 3; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

In paragraph 721: for unpaid **base** compensation

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1647* FA190

Subject: Basic Protection Plan.
Petition: FA-10940-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 390
Membership: 93; Present: 76;
For: 66; Against: 5; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend Sections 5.03 and 5.04 of the Basic Protection Plan (DCA pages 393-394) as follows:

5.03. **Disability Benefits:**

a. Eligibility for Benefits:

(1) By Reason of Illness. In the event an Active Participant who has been an Active Participant in this Program for at least ~~one year~~ **six months** becomes ~~totally and permanently~~ disabled (as defined in subsection **b** below) by reason of illness, such Active Participant shall be entitled to a disability benefit under this Program.

(2) **By Reason of Accident.** In the event an Active Participant becomes ~~totally and permanently~~ disabled (as defined in subsection **b** below) by reason of an accident the Active Participant shall be entitled to a disability benefit under this Program.

b. Definition of Disability: The Plan Sponsor shall choose for its Active Participants one of the following definitions of disability:

(1) An Active Participant will be considered totally and permanently disabled for the purposes of this Program if the Active Participant has been determined **by the Board** to be totally and permanently disabled as defined by the Social Security Administration of the United States (exclusive of any disability resulting from **(a)** service in the armed

forces of any country, (b) warfare, (c) intentionally self-inflicted injury, or (d) participant in any criminal or unlawful act).

(2) An Active Participant will be considered disabled for the purposes of thia Program as of the date the Board determines on the basis of medical evidence that such Active Participant was unable to perform the usual and customary duties of his/her employment by reason of bodily injury, disease, or mental or emotional disease or disorder which will presumably last for at least six continuous months, (exclusive of any disability resulting from (a) service in the armed forces of any country, (b) warfare, (c) intentionally self-inflicted injury, or (d) participation in any criminal or unlawful act). After having received benefit payments for twenty-four months, the Active Participant shall be considered disabled only if such Active Participant is unable to engage in substantially all of the usual customary duties pertaining to any employment for remuneration or profit in such occupation for which such Active Participant shall be considered disabled only if such Active Participant is unable to engage in substantially all of the usual customary duties pertaining to any employment for remuneration or profit in such occupation for which such Active Participant is reasonably qualified by training, education, or experience.

c. Application for Benefit:

(a) An Active Participant **whose Plan Sponsor elected the definition contained in Section 5.03b(1) above** shall complete an application for benefit form provided by the board enclosing either:

(1) a copy of a determination of the Social Security Administration in accordance with Title 42, Chapter 7, Subchapter II, Section 423(d) of the United States Code that the Active Participant is totally and permanently disabled and eligible to receive benefits from the Social Security Administration on account of such disability; or

(2) ~~only in the event the Active Participant has made an election pursuant to section 1402(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended,~~ medical evidence that the Active Participant is totally and permanently disabled in accordance with the standards prescribed by the Social Security Administration, the costs of which, including a reasonable processing fee charged by the Board, shall be borne by the Active Participant.

(b) An Active Participant whose Plan Sponsor elected the definition of disability defined in Section 5.03b(2) above shall complete an application for benefit form provided by the Board. The Board may require medical proof of such disability, including, but not limited to, a requirement that the Active Participant submit to medical examination at the request of the Board. The Program shall pay all reasonable medical fees, as determined by the Board, for any examinations requested more frequently than annually.

d. Commencement of Benefit:

(1) For an Active Participant whose Plan Sponsor elected the definition of disability defined in Section 5.03b(1) above, the annual disability benefit shall be payable on a monthly basis commencing on the first day of the month following a five-month waiting period commencing on the date on which the Active Participant became totally and permanently disabled as determined by the Board.

(2) For an Active Participant whose Plan Sponsor elected the definition of disability defined in Section 5.03(b)(2) above, payment of benefits shall begin retroactive to the first day of the month following the date of disability as determined by the Board.

e. Termination of Benefit:

The benefit payable hereunder shall cease upon the earlier of the following two events: (1) the death of the Active Participant, or (2) ~~either (a) the date on which payments from the Social Security Administration cease for the same total and permanent disability, or (b) if the Active Participant has made an election pursuant to section 1402(e) of the Iternal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended,~~ the date on which the Active Participant is no longer disabled determined in accordance with a periodic medical review, the cost of which shall be borne by the Participant, in accordance with procedures established by the Board.

5.04. Amount of Disability Benefit. The Plan Sponsor shall indicate in the Adoption Agreement the amount of the benefit coverage to be payable hereunder. This amount shall be stated as a percentage of an Active Participant's Compensation in effect as of the date on which the Active Participant became ~~totally and permanently~~ disabled.

a. Options Available For Active Participants Who Are Clergypersons. For those Active Participants who are Clergypersons,

(1) a Plan Sponsor may elect one of the following percentages to be the annual disability benefit: 10% or 20% of the greater of Participant's Compensation or the Denominational Average Compensation; or

(2) a Plan Sponsor may elect one of the following percentages to be the annual disability benefit: 10% or 20% of the Denominational Average Compensation.

b. Options Available For Active Participants Who Are Lay Employees. For those Active Participants who are lay employees,

(1) a Plan Sponsor may elect one of the following percentages of the Active Participant Compensation to be the annual disability benefit: 50%, 60% or 70% of Compensation. Said benefit shall be reduced by the amount which the Active Participant receives from the Social Security Administration for the same ~~total and permanent~~ disability.

Add a new section 6.11 which would read as follows:

6.11 Protection of Benefits From Prior Plans.

a. Any person who as of December 31, 1992 had paid up death benefit coverage as a Retired Participant in the Basic Protection Plan shall thereafter continue to have the same death benefit coverage at no additional cost to the Retired Participant or his/her Plan Sponsor.

b. Any person who as of December 31, 1992 had death benefit coverage from

the former Death Benefit Program or the Death Benefit Program Plus shall thereafter continue to have the same death benefit coverage, provided his/her Plan Sponsor continues to make the required premium contributions in the amount to be established by the Board.

Delete Section 8.01 at DCA 397 and substitute therefor the following:

8.01 Amendment of the Plan. The General Conference may amend any or all provisions of this Plan at any time by written instrument identified as an amendment of the Plan effective as of a specified date. However, the Board is authorized to amend any or all provisions of the Plan at any time by such written instrument in order to conform the Plan to any applicable law and/or regulations promulgated thereunder.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1648* FA220

Subject: Notifying the Local Church of Amount Apportioned for World Service and Conference Benevolence.
Petition: FA-10070-0247-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1261
Membership: 93; Present: 82;
For: 74; Against: 5; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1649 FA237$

Subject: Translating Book of Discipline into Hausa Language.
Petitions: FA-10300-3000-M$, FA-10301-3000-M$, FA-10302-3000-M$.
Pages in Advance DCA: 494, 494, 494.
Membership: 93; Present: 67;
For: 54; Against: 11; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Should be cared for in the World Division of the General Board of Global Ministries.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1650 FA238

Subject: Plan and Method of Clergy Support.
Petition: FA-12450-0718-D
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 93; Present: 55;
For: 47; Against: 7; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Para. 718: ...for the Equitable ~~salary~~ **base** Compensation Fund...based on the current cash ~~salary~~ **base** Compensation paid...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1651* FA239

Subject: Provisions Pertaining to Staff.
Petition: FA-10951-0814-D
Page in Advance DCA: 655
Membership: 93; Present: 75;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1652* FA240

Subject: Reduction in budget and bureaucracy.
Petition: FA-11517-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1162
Membership: 93; Present: 81;
For: 78; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1653* FA241

Subject: Shared Salary Options.
Petition: FA-10200-0725-D
Page in Advance DCA: 375
Membership: 93; Present: 84;
For: 78; Against: 3; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1654* FA242

Subject: Student Local Pastor Enrollment in the Comprehensive Protection Plan.
Petition: FA-10332-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 471
Membership: 93; Present: 76;
For: 75; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1655 FM027

Subject: Reaffirm the Doctrinal Standards.
Petition: FM-11051-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 287
Membership: 97; Present: 81;
For: 53; Against: 27; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1656* GJ285

Subject: Decision of the Judicial Council.
Petition: GJ-10682-2618-D
Page in Advance DCA: 629
Membership: 80; Present: 55;
For: 53; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

"Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

At the end of paragraph 2618, add: **"This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage by the General Conference."**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1657* IC107

Subject: Puerto Rico Colonial Status.
Petition: IC-12152-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1226
Membership: 68; Present: 36;
For: 34; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1658* LC117

Subject: Lower the Age for Older Adults to Over 55.
Petition: LC-11875-0247-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1261
Membership: 89; Present: 77;

For: 77; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1659* MN002

Subject: Offices of Bishops and District Superintendents.
Petition: MN-11109-0504-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1314
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1660* MN003

Subject: Offices of Bishop and District Superintendent.
Petition: MN-10450-0503-D
Page in Advance DCA: 908
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1661* MN004

Subject: Offices of Bishops and District Superintendents.
Petition: MN-10044-0503-D
Page in Advance DCA: 908
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1662* MN017

Subject: The nature of superintendency.
Petition: MN-11108-0501-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1313
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1663* MN027

Subject: Retain Orders of Deacon and Elder.
Petition: MN-10357-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 921
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1664* MN028

Subject: Retain the Order of Deacon.
Petition: MN-10356-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 920
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1665* MN031

Subject: One Ordination with two tracks.
Petition: MN-10025-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1295
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1666* MN042

Subject: Rights of a Retired Bishop.
Petitions: MN-11742-0510-D, MN-11986-0510-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1315, 1315.
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1667* MN044

Subject: Bishops in Central Conferences.
Petition: MN-11021-0512-D
Page in Advance DCA: 908
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1668* MN046

Subject: Nomination for the Episcopacy.
Petition: MN-10030-0506-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1314
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1669* MN048

Subject: Vacancy in the office of Bishop.
Petition: MN-11018-0508-D
Page in Advance DCA: 908
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1670* MN049

Subject: Termination of Office.
Petition: MN-11019-0509-D
Page in Advance DCA: 908
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1671* MN050

Subject: Retirement age of Bishops.
Petitions: MN-11501-0509-D, MN-11591-0509-D, MN-11741-0509-D, MN-11999-0509-D, MN-12124-0509-D, MN-12125-0509-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1314, 1314, 1314, 1314, 1314, 1314.
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1672* MN054

Subject: Commission to study The Ministry Report.
Petition: MN-11546-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1327
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1673* MN055

Subject: Vision, Mission and Restructuring of the United Methodist Church.
Petition: MN-11503-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1327
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1674* MN056

Subject: Study for the office of District Superintendency.
Petition: MN-11452-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: j 1326
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1675* MN057

Subject: The Study of Ministry dealing with the Office of Deaconesses.
Petition: MN-11451-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1326
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1676* MN058

Subject: The office of District Superintendent.
Petition: MN-11450-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1326
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1677* MN077

Subject: Responsibilities of the Division of Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-10272-1529-D
Page in Advance DCA: 919
Membership: 98; Present: 95;
For: 95; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1678* MN083

Subject: Committee on District Superintendency.
Petition: MN-10925-0754-D
Page in Advance DCA: 918
Membership: 98; Present: 98;
For: 96; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1679* MN089

Subject: Specific Responsibilities of Bishops.
Petitions: MN-10255-0514-D, MN-10256-0514-R, MN-11237-0514-D, MN-11743-0514-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 910, 919, 1315, 1315.
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1680* MN120

Subject: Continuation of candidacy.
Petition: MN-11584-0405-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1285
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1681* MN132

Subject: Continuation in Probationary Membership.
Petition: MN-10424-0417-D
Page in Advance DCA: 893
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1682* MN133

Subject: Continuation in probationary membership.
Petition: MN-11538-0417-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1290
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1683* MN134

Subject: Candidates Preparing for Ordination Through Ministerial Course of Study.
Petitions: MN-11276-0416-D, MN-11537-0416-D, MN-11733-0416-D, MN-12042-0416-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1289, 1289, 1289, 1290.
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1684* MN140

Subject: Responsibilities of District Superintendents.
Petition: MN-10506-0519-D
Page in Advance DCA: 880
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 65; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1685* MN147

Subject: Requirementa for Election as Associate Members. 0
Petitions: MN-11540-0420-D, MN-11735-0420-D, MN-11891-0420-D, MN-12043-0420-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1291, 1291, 1291, 1291.
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1686 MN152

Subject: Cabinet and the Appointment Making Process.
Petitions: MN-10923-0529-D, MN-11111-0529-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 911, 1319.
Membership: 98; Present: 71;
For: 44; Against: 26; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1687 MN153

Subject: Cabinet and the Appointment Making Process.
Petition: MN-10455-0529-D
Page in Advance DCA: 911
Membership: 98; Present: 71;
For: 64; Against: 6; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1688* MN155

Subject: Eligibility and Rights of Associate Members.
Petitions: MN-10242-0419-D, MN-10243-0419-D, MN-11235-0419-D, MN-11539-0419-D, MN-11632-0419-D, MN-11734-0419-D, MN-12189-0419-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 893, 893, 1290, 1290, 1290, 1291, 1291.
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1689* MN156

Subject: Requirements for election as an associate member.
Petition: MN-11586-0420-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1291
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1690* MN157

Subject: Requirements for Election as Associate Members.
Petition: MN-10426-0420-D
Page in Advance DCA: 893
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1691* MN159

Subject: Readmission after involuntary retirement.
Petition: MN-10449-0458-D
Page in Advance DCA: 907
Membership: 98; Present: 92;
For: 90; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

(3.... A period of at least ~~one year~~ **two years** of service...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1692* MN186

Subject: Eligibility and rights of probationary members.
Petition: MN-11536-0413-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1288
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1693* MN191

Subject: Clergy Membership of Annual Conference.
Petitions: MN-10014-0412-D, MN-10486-0412-D, MN-11234-0412-D, MN-11732-0412-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1287, 875, 1287, 1287.
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1694* MN192

Subject: General Provision Admission and Continuance.
Petition: MN-11953-0412-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1288
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1695* MN193

Subject: Amenability of Probationary Members to the Annual Conference Regarding Performance in Ministry.
Petition: MN-12187-0413-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1288
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1696* MN194

Subject: Conference and District Board of Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-12240-0413-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1288
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1697 MN196
Subject: Qualifications for Ordination.
Petition: MN-10248-0431-D
Page in Advance DCA: 896
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 48; Against: 21; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1698* MN228
Subject: Retired Ordained Ministers.
Petition: MN-10324-0451-D
Page in Advance DCA: 905
Membership: 98; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1699* MN229
Subject: Charge Conference Membership.
Petition: MN-10376-0451-D
Page in Advance DCA: 906
Membership: 98; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1700* MN232
Subject: Retirement Benefits for Ordained Ministers.
Petition: MN-10959-0451-D
Page in Advance DCA: 906
Membership: 98; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1701 MN253
Subject: Christian and Ministerial Conduct of Retired Ministers.
Petition: MN-10325-0451-D
Page in Advance DCA: 905
Membership: 98; Present: 92;
For: 84; Against: 8; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1702* MN254
Subject: The Appointment Process. Amend 533.5.
Petition: MN-10028-0533-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1320
Membership: 98; Present: 85;
For: 81; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1703 MN255
Subject: The Process of Appointment Making.
Petition: MN-12127-0533-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1320
Membership: 98; Present: 82;
For: 46; Against: 28; Not Voting: 8;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1704* MN256
Subject: Confirmation of appointments.
Petitions: MN-10087-0533-D, MN-12338-0533-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1320, 1321.
Membership: 98; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1705* MN271
Subject: Special variation in the Order of Deacon.
Petition: MN-10979-0108-D
Page in Advance DCA: 884
Membership: 98; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1706 MN291
Subject: Process of Service Assignments of Deacons.
Petition: MN-10507-0534-D
Page in Advance DCA: 880
Membership: 98; Present: 80;
For: 56; Against: 23; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Section IX, Lines 1-2: ....responsible for ~~in~~ **initiating their own service** assignments....

Line 3: ....are **also** encouraged....

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1707 MN298
Subject: Certificate of Honorable Location.
Petition: MN-10499-0452-D
Page in Advance DCA: 878
Membership: 98; Present: 60;
For: 51; Against: 9; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1708* MN306
Subject: Specific Responsibilities of Bishops.
Petition: MN-10643- 514-D
Page in Advance DCA: 910
Membership: 98; Present: 70;
For: 68; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1709* MN313
Subject: Process of Appointment Making.
Petition: MN-12078-0533-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1321
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1710* MN314

Subject: Election to Probationary Membership.
Petition: MN-11890-0414-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1289
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1711* MN315

Subject: Longer Tenure of Pastors in Appointments to the Local Church.
Petition: MN-11746-0534-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1321
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1712* MN316

Subject: Laying on of hands.
Petition: MN-11414-0435-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1296
Membership: 98; Present: 71;
For: 70; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1713* MN317

Subject: The appointment making process.
Petition: MN-11114-0533-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1320
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1714* MN318

Subject: Action on granting status regarding license, ordination or conference membership.
Petition: MN-11015-0412-D
Page in Advance DCA: 892
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1715* MN320

Subject: The Process of Appointment Making.
Petition: MN-10960-0533-D
Page in Advance DCA: 912
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1716* MN324

Subject: Frequency of Appointment and Service Assignments.
Petition: MN-10510-0537-D
Page in Advance DCA: 881
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1717* MN333

Subject: The Act of Ordination.
Petition: MN-10433-0432-D
Page in Advance DCA: 897
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 63; Against: 10; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1718* MN334

Subject: Transfer of Ministers from Other Annual Conferences.
Petition: MN-10432-0427-D
Page in Advance DCA: 896
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1719* MN336

Subject: Selection and Assignment of District Superintendent.
Petition: MN-10328-0517-D
Page in Advance DCA: 911
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1720* MN345

Subject: Lay Observers on Conference Board of Ord. Ministry .
Petition: MN-12461-0733-D
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 98; Present: 67;
For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

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The Committee on Journal hereby certifies as accurate, with the following corrections, the proceedings as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for Wednesday May 13, 1992.

Daily Edition, p. 479, col. 2, lines 29 & 35-- Substitute "BILL HINSON (TEXAS)" for "UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER."

Daily Edition, p. 480, col 3, line 29--Substitute "speech" for "speak."

Daily Edition, p. 481, col. 3, line 14--Substitute "broad" for "brought."

Daily Edition, p. 483, col. 1, line 21--End puctuation should he "hoard?"."

Daily Edition, p. 487, col. 1, par. 3, line 6--Capitalize "Report."

Daily Edition, p. 489, col. 1, par. 3, line 5-6--Substitute "Fantas" for "Fantis."

Daily Edition, p. 489, col. 1, par. 1, line 8--Capitalize "Report."

Daily Edition, p. 491, col. 3, par. 2, line 7--Substitute "Brawn" for "Braun."

Daily Edition, p. 492, col. 1, par. 3, line 14--Capitalize "Presidium."

Daily Edition, p. 492, col. 3,, 3rd line up from the bottom--Substitute "Announcement made by translation in French." for "French Translation."

Daily Edition, p. 493, col. 3, line 3--Insert "[Speaking and signing]" immediately after "HOLLY ELLIOT:."

Daily Edition, p. 500, col. 1, line 24 up from the bottom--Insert "American" between "Native" and "School."

Daily Edition, p. 501, col. 3, lines 11-12--Delete complete heading.

Daily Edition, p. 505, col. 1, par. 5--Substitute "SUSAN HASSINGER (Eastern Pennsylvania):" for "SUSAN MONCURE."

Daily Edition, p. 506, col. 1, par. 4, line 4--Substitute "Saint" for "St."

Daily Edition, p. 506, col. 2, par. 5, line 6--Capitalize "Continuing Rural Crisis."

Daily Edition, p. 508, col. 2, par. 10, line 4--Insert in brackets "[number of]" immediately after "growing."

Daily Edition, p. 509, col 1. par. 4--Insert "I'm Carolyn Johnson, North Indiana Conference." immediately following "CAROLYN JOHNSON (North Indiana):."

Daily Edition, p. 510, col. 2, para. 1, line 6--Insert in brackets "[get]" immediately following "not."

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BISHOP C.P. MINNICK: Thank you. Let us come to order, please. And will you find hymn no. 379, "Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow . . . the year of jubilee has come."

(hymn)

BISHOP MINNICK: Be seated, please. Will you please find your places as rapidly as possible? You look nourished, revived, and ready to work again. That we prepare our hearts and minds to do the work that is ours to do, will you turn now to, and remain seated, to no. 347, "Spirit Song," and let us sing this as our prayer of invocation.

(song)

(prayer)

(University Senate Elections Report)

BISHOP C. P. MINNICK: We've been reminded repeatedly by our chair of Agenda and the chair of Calendar that we have a lot of work to do and limited time in which to do it. So, with that in mind, we shall proceed with the business of the afternoon.

First of all, we have the results of the vote on the University Senate, and we'll receive that now if . . . well, it's on the screen. Election is by plurality, and, as you can see, there have been 2 elections in this category. All right, you now need to elect 2 persons from the . . . I'm sorry, that completes--oh, I'm glad--it completes that election. Let us see the second result there. Carolyn Johnson and Marjorie Suchocki have been elected. Yes, that's correct. Yes, because it only requires a plurality rather than a majority. They are elected. All right, thank you. We turn now . . . yes, I see a card here to the right; microphone 14.

RAY BRANTON (Louisiana): Sir, I move to suspend the rules for the remainder of the General Conference to provide that the body may order the previous questions after one speech for and one speech against an item.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. It does require the suspension of the rules to take this action. Is there a second to that motion? All right. It is not debatable. It will take 2/3 vote to do this. If you will suspend the rules for this purpose at this time we'll . . . well, let me say it another way. Well, you've heard the motion; will you vote when the light appears? "Yes," 363; "No," 414. You have not suspended the rules, and so we shall proceed by the rules previously adopted. We turn first, now, for the afternoon to the Committee on the Local Church, Janice Huie, chair. Yes, over here. Microphone 7.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): Thank you. While our minds are still fresh with frustration voting for people we do not know, I'd like to move that we recommend the 1996 General Conference--notice the word is recommend, we cannot bind them--that they consider publishing dossiers of the nominees for the University Senate.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. You heard that motion, is there a second to it? Is there discussion of it? All right. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 691; "No," 68. You have approved that motion for the dossiers to appear prior to the General Conference of 1996. Yes. Microphone 5.

AUSTIN FREDERICK (Southwest Texas): I would like to move that each

presentation be limited to 10 minutes for each calendar item before the matter is brought before the body for debate.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Is there a second to that? Each calendar item be considered for 10 minutes before it is brought . . .

FREDERICK: Limited to 10 minutes.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. All right, that motion is before you. Any discussion of it? If you will approve, will you please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 533; "No," 285. You have approved that. All right, we'll try again. Janice Huie, we turn to you for the Committee on the Local Church.

Yes, no. 5. Microphone no. 5. Try it.

JEROME K. DELPINO (Southern New England): Point of order, Bishop.

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes.

DELPINO: Does that vote that we just took require a 2/3 vote?

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes, it does.

DELPINO: Thank you.

BISHOP MINNICK: To change the time of speeches requires only a majority and not a change of the rules, but upon second consideration, that particular motion will require suspension of the rules. So if you will suspend the rules to take up that matter, will you vote when the light appears. "Yes," 538; "No," 276. You have not suspended the rules. Please let me see that again. It takes 66.6 when . . .. All right, now, let me . . . the abstentions do not count. So it did pass by 2/3 majority. It is passed. Now please move your motion now. The motion is to limit the presentation of the committees to 10 minutes, correct? All right. Now if you will approve that, now would you please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 572; "No," 254. And you have approved that motion. Now we turn again, Janice.

JANICE HUIE (Southwest Texas): And I'll try to give some of your 10 minutes back in these opening remarks. I do want to begin, though . . . and I hope you will accept my own personal appreciation for the members of the Committee on the Local Church. The spirit of charity and cooperation in which they worked made it a joy to be a part of that process, and I affirm and celebrate that and want to call it to your attention. Because of that spirit, you, the body, the entire General Conference, benefit. We had 240 petitions that came to the Committee on the Local Church. We have only approximately 30 calendar items to bring to you, and it's thanks to that group that we bring to you this number. Now as we move into these items, you will want to notice, I believe, that there are 3 different themes which run through both the calendar items that will be coming to you this afternoon as well as several items on the Consent Calendar.

The first one is that this committee, in a number of places, sought to open more options to a local church as it orders its own common life. That is, we sought to help churches become more flexible, so that they could respond in ministry to a changing world.

(Calendar Item No. 87, Ministry of All Christians)

A second theme you will notice in these calendar items and in others, is that this committee sought to help local churches become more inclusive, especially in terms of multi-language needs, in terms of racial and ethnic issues, and to persons with handicapping conditions.

The third theme you will notice is that we sought to help the local church become more mission focused. Christ calls us to be Christ's instrument of transformation in the world, and we sought to do that in a number of different ways.

Now if you will turn with me please. You will need your blue books, red books, white books. We'll start with the blue book, p. 172. The Calendar Item is No. 87, the Petition Item is 11100. It's found in the white book on p. 1250. Now, this petition seeks simply to add the phrase in the paragraph concerning the church, "the ministry of all Christians" to add the phrase to become "perfect in love of God and neighbor." While the committee on the Local Church did not disagree with Brother Wesley's theology, we did think that the current statement in the *Discipline* is already clear, strong, and more powerful, that this new phrase simply dilutes the present language. We recommend nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, Item No. 87 is before you. The committee recommends nonconcurrence. I believe the body is ready to vote. If you support the committee in nonconcurrence, remember, you vote yes. If you disagree with the committee, you vote no. So please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 829; "No," 58. You have supported the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence.

(Calendar Item No. 97, Work Area Chairperson)

HUIE: Thank you. Now continue in the blue book, p. 173, Calendar Item 97. The Petition number is 12015. You will find this in the white book, p. 1266. As you follow in the white book, you will notice that it is in the bottom column, I mean in the right-hand column, the bottom of the page, and that the body of the petition is located on 1267. All right, this is legislation which spells out that a work area chairperson may develop video resources in cooperation with the coordinator of communications. Of course, a work area chairperson can already do that and much, much more. We believe this added unnecessarily to the *Discipline*. We recommend nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, the committee's recommendation is before you. Any discussion? I believe you are ready to vote. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 858; "No," 28. You have supported the committee in its recommendation of nonconcurrence.

(Calendar Item No. 291, Worship Chairperson)

HUIE: Thank you. Now, back to the blue book, p. 244. This is Calendar Item No. 291. Petition 10781. You will find it in your red book, p. 843. You have already noticed in your red book that this is a revision of the duties of the chairperson on worship. The amendments you see in your *DCA* simply make explicit that the chairperson of the work area on worship should cooperate with the pastor. It also suggests that other racially ethnic supplemental worship material might be used. We recommend concurrence as amended.

BISHOP MINNICK: I'm sorry, I was looking for the number. Will you repeat that for me, please?

HUIE: Which number?

BISHOP MINNICK: Page 291.

HUIE: Yes, Calendar Item 291.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right.

HUIE: Calendar Item 291, Petition 1078, in your *ADCA*, the red book, p. 843.

BISHOP MINNICK: And you have made 2 amendments?

HUIE: Yes. Yes, 2 changes.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, these changes are before you.

HUIE: Sir?

BISHOP MINNICK: Is there a discussion?

HUIE: Sir, it was my understanding that on these petitions, since they were not from GCFA or GCOM, we simply handled, we didn't have to deal with each individual amendment, but we dealt with the whole petition itself.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right.

HUIE: As amended.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. This is before you as amended. If you will support the committee . . . well, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 846; "No," 44, and you have supported the committee's recommendation of concurrence. All right.

(Calendar Item No. 297; Chairperson Community Volunteers)

HUIE: Thank you. Now back to the blue book, p. 245. We are at Calendar Item 297, in the middle column. The Petition number is 10580. It's found in the white book, p. 1267. Please note that just across in the blue book, the *DCA*, just across the column is a Calendar Item No. 293. These are related items. We are beginning with Calendar Item 297. You'll see that what is printed out there is a job description for a work area chairperson of community volunteers. This person may be . . . this person would be added to the administrative council or to the council on ministries. This is permissive legislation. We believe that it encourages mission outside the local church and in the community through volunteering. We are aware that many churches are already doing this, helping persons to become more aware of ministry opportunities in the larger community. This would formalize that position. We are recommending concurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. It is before you. Yes, microphone 7.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Could you please clarify where it specifies that it is permissive? I see the word shall. Is there something preceding in 261 that makes all these offices permissive?

HUIE: That is correct.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. The committee's recommendation is before you. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 843; "No," 51. You have supported the committee's recommendation.

(Calendar Item No. 293, Work Area Community Volunteers)

HUIE: Thank you. Now back to the blue book, p. 245. We are going to return to Petition 290, to Calendar Item 293. What this calendar item does is, it is an attachment. Let me see. You need to turn in your *ADCA*, the red book, to p. 843. And this is Petition Item 11103. It's on p. 1267, I beg your pardon.

BISHOP MINNICK: Page 1267 in the white book.

HUIE: Yes, here it is. Here it is.

Now, this simply adds that the work area on community volunteers . . . it adds that in the proper place in the *Discipline*. We recommend concurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. It is before you. If you will support the committee and its recommendations, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 849; "No," 46. You have supported the committee's recommendation of concurrence.

HUIE: Thank you very much. The Rev. Luther Henry chaired 1 of our subcommittees that deals with property, and I call on him to present the next 2 petitions.

LUTHER W. HENRY SR. (Central Texas): Thank you, Bishop Minnick.

BISHOP MINNICK: Brother Henry.

(Calendar Item No. 299, Accessible Parsonages)

HENRY: General Conference delegation, the next petition is Petition No. 299, found on p. 245 of the blue *DCA*, dealing with Petition No. 10146. You may also find in the *Advance Edition*, the red book, on p. 848, this petition. The committee recommends concurrence with the following amendments: that we change "totally accessible" to "reasonably accessible." And putting in front of parsonages, the following words, "newly constructed parsonages." Our move is stopped.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, Item 299 is before you. Please vote. Yes, right here, microphone no. 2.

PAUL MEUSCHKE (Western Pennsylvania): Perhaps the committee might except this one. But I'd like to move that after the words "newly constructed" or "newly purchased."

BISHOP MINNICK: "Newly constructed or newly purchased." Is there a second to that? It's seconded.

MEUSCHKE: We talked about that.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right.

MEUSCHKE: We did talk about that, but the committee did not concur.

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes, I believe that the body must make this decision.

MEUSCHKE: I think the reason's rather obvious. I won't make a speech.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. The amendment is before you. Any discussion of that amendment? Yes, microphone 13.

KATHY REEVES (Northern Illinois): I have a question, and then I might have something to say after it. I would like to know the rationale of the committee for making its decision in regards to, first on the amendment, and then in regards to saying not using the words "total accessibility."

HENRY: Yes, the rationale for that was that this particular section talks about repair and remodeling, and . . . of church buildings. And the committee felt that in some of your older buildings it may be cost-prohibitive to require total conformity to this particular petition, in terms of making it accessible, and thought that perhaps it would be better for local churches if we would encourage them by using the term "reasonably accessible" and encourage local churches to move in that direction.

REEVES: I would like to make a comment if it's possible at this time, bishop.

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes, a comment?

REEVES: Yes.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right.

REEVES: As many of you probably know, in 1991 we celebrated in the United States, the ADA, the Americans with Disabilities Act. And some of you may also know that we are beginning to try to see what that looks like for our churches. The reality is there is a separation between state and church, but there is also a moral imperative to be a church that is inclusive. The reality is that there are persons with handicapping conditions who are already involved in ministry in The United Methodist Church--vital ministries as pastors and laypersons in our denominations.

The time has come, my friends, when we need to look at accessibility and the sense of full participation in the life of the church. It isn't enough to be able to enter into a sanctuary and not be able to

enter into a parsonage if you are a pastor or a person using those facilities. I understand it is very expensive to try to make the church fully accessible at one time. But how long do we have to wait for the church to become accessible? I think the words "to work toward accessibility," the way it is written now, it sounds as if it's something that you can continue to work at and maybe it'll happen.

I would encourage this General Conference to let us find ways that we can say to our sisters and brothers with handicapping conditions who are already sharing their gifts for ministry and mission throughout our church, let us say by being more supportive, by saying we are willing to be inclusive as a church, and that includes our churches and our parsonages and other facilities. Thank you, bishop.

BISHOP MINNICK: Now, my sister, is that a speech against the amendment that is there, or did you want to make another amendment?

REEVES: I would like to make another amendment.

BISHOP MINNICK: Now you may make an amendment to the amendment that's there.

REEVES: Or at least add to it. I would think . . . I would like it to have stronger language . . . that the church shall work for full participation. And I would like to say, rather than just giving it the sense of saying, "We'll do it in time."

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes, just a moment.

REEVES: I would like to say the church will make . . . work toward total accessibility.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right.

REEVES: OK?

BISHOP MINNICK: Would we adequately express what you are feeling just to change that word from "reasonably" to "totally"? Would that be your amendment?

REEVES: Yes.

BISHOP MINNICK: I believe she's indicating "yes" on that. We need a 2nd to that, and this would change the word "reasonably" to "totally," and we would add in this same . . . well . . . this would be an amendment to the amendment. And it would also change the words "newly purchased and newly constructed." All right, are you ready to vote on this? If you will support the amendment. Wait a minute. I see somebody here with a yellow card here. All right, microphone 13.

FRANK TROTTER (Baltimore): Bishop, point of order. Are we still addressing the amendment that was made by Mr. Meuschke from Western Pennsylvania?

BISHOP MINNICK: I was about to put them together, but first let's take the amendment to the amendment, which substitutes the word "totally" for "reasonably." If you will support, will you please vote when the light appears? The sign is here, and I'll read it one of these days. "Yes," 339; "No," 548. The amendment to the amendment does not carry. Now we're back to the amendment, which substitutes the word . . . which adds the words "newly constructed and newly purchased," both of them. All right, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 696; "No," 226. You have supported the amendment. And now we are back to the Item 299 as amended.

Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 835; "No," 62. You have supported the committee.

(Calendar Item No. 307, Local Church Board of Trustees)

HENRY: Our next calendar item is on p. 246 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, the blue book. The subject is the local church board of trustees, the Petition No. is 10233. It's found on 848 in your *Advance DCA*. The committee recommends concurrence. This petition simply says to the local church that when they have funds invested that they should be socially responsible.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item no. 307 is before you, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 811; "No," 67. You have supported the committee's recommendation of concurrence.

HENRY: Thank you.

HUIE: Thank you. Now if you will turn in your blue books to p. 300, Calendar Item 691, it's in the middle column halfway down the page, 691, to Petition 10845. It's found in the red book p. 836. This petition simply removes some restrictions from electing a person as an honorary member of the administrative board or council. We recommend concurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK; Item No. 691 is before you. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 840; "No," 48. You have supported the committee's recommendation of concurrence.

HUIE: Now, if you will turn in your blue book to p. 302, Calendar Item 713, the left-hand column about midway down, the Petition item is 12038. It's found in your white book, p. 1263. This petition would limit most officers in the church to only 3 consecutive years in a position. The committee feels that that is too restrictive, especially for small churches, and we believe that local churches could continue to set their own terms of office. We recommend nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item 713 is before you. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 790; "No," 133. You have supported the committee's recommendation of non-concurrence.

HUIE: Thank you. Continuing on p. 302 in the blue book, 302 in the blue book, Calendar Item 715, further down the column, left-hand side, Petition Item 11393, p. 1263 in the white book. This petition would prohibit local pastors or spouses of a pastor from serving as a lay member to Annual Conference. Again, we believe this is too restrictive, especially for small churches, and we would support the freedom of each church to decide. We recommend nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item No. 715 is before you. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 784; "No," 133. You have supported the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence.

HUIE: Thank you. Continuing in the blue book, p. 302, the middle column, Calendar Item 717, Petition 11392. In this petition the lay leader--this is p. 1263 in the white book--in this petition the lay leader is urged to become a certified lay speaker. We recommend concurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Item 717 is before you. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 747; "No," 171. You have supported the committee's recommendation of concurrence.

HUIE: Thank you. Again, the blue book continuing on p. 302, now Calendar Item 719, the bottom of the middle column, Petition 10622. It's found in the red book p. 839. This petition would add the lay leader as an ex-officio member of the pastor-parish committee. The lay leader is already a member of finance, nominations, and the administrative board or council. We did not want to

load the lay leader up any more. We recommend nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item 719 is before you. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 754; "No," 157. You have supported the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence.

HUIE: Thank you. In the blue book p. 303, Calendar Item 726, the left-hand column, midway down, Petition 10010. It's found on p. 836 in the red book. This petition invites the charge conference to determine each year the amount it will accept for world service and conference benevolences. We thought this unwise. We recommend nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item 726 is before you. Please vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 776; "No," 144. You have supported the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence.

(Calendar Item No. 729; Administrative Board Membership)

HUIE: Thank you. Now, continuing on p. 303, Calendar Item 729, that's in the middle column, top, Petition 10073. It's found in the red book p. 841. This petition allows for 10% of an administrative board or council to be affiliated or associate members. We thought this unwise because it confuses one of the privileges of membership. We voted nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item 729 is before you. Yes, microphone 6. And then, brother, I'll get to you, at 11, after that. Microphone 6. Well, brother, come to microphone 6. I thought the delegate was heading for that microphone. Go ahead, please.

GEORGE CARUSO (North Indiana): I want to speak against the nonconcurrence. I serve a local church that is breaking through the 200 barrier. We're attracting a number of upward-moving, executive-type people, professionals. We need them in our leadership. We need them badly in our leadership, as our membership is aging. The dilution of 10% of our administrative board by nonmembers I do not see as a hazard. I strongly urge that we adopt this measure, recognizing the mobility of our modern-day society.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, that's a speech against the committee's recommendation. Is there someone who speaks for that recommendation? Yes, over here. Microphone 5.

JEROME K. DELPINO (Southern New England): Bishop, I come to speak in support of this simply because we're not dealing with issues of quantification here. We're dealing with what is the meaning of membership in The United Methodist Church. And if membership indeed has any real prerogatives that are based upon one'a owning of covenant with the denomination and being faithful to its order and discipline, that should not be confused with simply bringing in numbers *per se*. Hence, I would say that what we want to say in this has been adequately represented by committee, and we should take seriously that full membership in a local church is indeed a prerogative that is granted and one that brings significant responsibilities. We aught not dilute those.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Yes, microphone 12.

REBECCA KAY BARGER (Baltimore): It's my understanding that affiliated membership is a full membership in another United Methodist Church within our body. So, we're . . . is that correct, bishop?

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes, that's correct.

BARGER: I was hoping so because we have several affiliate members in the church that I serve. It seems to me that we are talking about a connectional body here and that if a person is going to be in a particular location temporarily for 6-8 or 2-3 years, that they may not want to change their membership if they realize they are going to be returning to the area where they have their full membership. So, I would speak against the motion for nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Is there someone to speak for the motion of nonconcurrence? Microphone 7.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): I believe maybe we can clarify this by making an amendment on the amendment. Would that be in order?

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes, that would be in order.

GOLDSCHMIDT: As we look at the *Discipline*, par. 227, we see the definition for affiliate member, which agrees with the previous spokesperson. And, also, we see the definition for an associate, which is a member of another denomination. So, the amendment will be to delete the words "or associate." In that matter, the only people that can be members hereafter will be United Methodist Church members.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, there is a motion to delete the words "or associate." All right. Over here, microphone 6.

DICK LENOX: Did you get 2nd of that. I thought so.

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes.

JAMES BRYAN (Missouri West): I serve two churches that I think are situations where both the amendment we've just heard and the committee recommendation would be a difficulty for us. One, I've had a church in a resort area where many of the people who are very active in my church were members in their home communities, but for 3, 4, 5, or 6 months out of the year are very active in my local church. Secondly, I serve a church in a university town. We have many students who are visiting with us all of the time. We want to involve them in every way we can. They are active members in their home churches, not only United Methodist churches, but other cooperating Protestant denominations. And we like to involve them in our local church at every level, and I would like the freedom to do that. Thank you.

BISHOP MINNICK: So you are speaking against deletion of the word "associate."

BRYAN: Yes.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Is there someone else who would . . . all right, I believe you're ready to vote. If you will support the amendment to delete the "associate," this will be before you. Yes.

CHARLES JOHNSON (South Carolina): Doesn't the *Discipline* specify that affiliate members are not able to hold certain positions that will give them votes on the administrative board?

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes, but I believe this is not in conflict with that.

JOHNSON: I think the . . . when the last motion was made, was not part of the rational for making the motion, the fact that affiliated members are entitled to be officers in the church?

BISHOP MINNICK: In certain positions, yes.

JOHNSON: OK, but, you know, that's the point I'm trying to make. In certain positions, but the *Discipline* specifies, "not positions that will give them votes on the administrative board."

BISHOP MINNICK: And that'll be the responsibility on the Committee on Nominations, yes.

JOHNSON: That's the point I'm trying . . . right.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. The amendment to the amendment is to delete the word "associate." Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 441; "No," 478. The amendment does not prevail and you have not deleted that word.

Now we're back to the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 605; "No," 319. You have supported the committee's recommendations of nonconcurrence.

(Calendar Item No. 746, Pastor-Parish/Single Household)

HUIE: Thank you. Page 304 in the blue book. Blue book p. 304. Calendar Item 746, right-hand column, at the top. Petition Item 11146. You'll find this in the white book p. 1269. This petition is an attempt to prevent both a husband and a wife, or other family members residing in the same household, from serving together on the pastor parish relations committee. We recommend concurrence as amended. And you see the amendment there in the blue book by the calendar item.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Item No. 746 is before you. Please vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 833; "No," 76. Your support of the committee's recommendation of concurrence.

HUIE: Thank you. In the blue book, p. 304, continuing down the column on the right-hand side, Calendar Item 748, Petition Item 10037. It's found in your white book, p. 1268, down in the bottom, and the rest of the petition is on p. 1269. Currently, at least 1 youth and young adult are already among the duly elected membership of the nominating committee. This petition would mandate that a youth be added in addition to the regularly elected membership. Our recommendation is nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item Number 748 is before you. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 854; "No," 50. Your support of the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence.

HUIE: Thank you. The blue book, p. 305, Calendar Item 754, the middle column at the top, Calendar Item 754, Petition 11936. It's found in your white book, p. 1268. Of what this petition does is to focus attention on the positive applications of science and technology to human welfare. It's in the context of the church school. We recommend concurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item 754 is before you. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 834; "No," 91. You supported the committee's recommendation of concurrence.

(Calendar Item No. 759, Lay Leader on Pastor-Parish)

HUIE: Thank you. Now again on p. 305, the right-hand column at the bottom, Calendar Item 758, Petition 11147. It's found in your white book, p. 1259. This petition would add the lay leader to the pastor-parish relations committee, in addition to persons who are already in the regular membership. We recommend nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item 758 is before you. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 793; "No," 126. Your support of the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence.

HUIE: Thank you. Now turn the page to p. 306--the blue book, p. 306 in the upper left-hand corner, Calendar Item 759, Petition 10142. It's found on p. 846 in the red book. This petition would add the lay leader to the pastor-parish [relations committee] within the 5-9 members of the pastor-parish [relations] committee. Again, we recommended nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item 759 is before you. Yes, microphone no. 4, please.

BILL HATAWAY (Texas): I appreciate the conference giving me 3 chances to get to this thing. I didn't realize we could, but. I'm one of these people who have served at most of the work areas in the church, and I really believe that it is instrumental for the lay leader to be part of the pastor-parish or staff-parish committee in order to know what is going on in the church. Now this person is responsible for all of the information of what's going on in the church, and in every work area, and the annual conference, and the district conferences. I just feel like it would be instrumental to have the lay leader as part of the pastor-parish or staff-parish committee. Therefore, I would speak against nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Is there a speech in support of the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence? Yes, microphone 4, please.

HELEN POTTER (West Ohio): I have served on the pastor-parish relations. At other times, I have been lay leader at several levels of our church. The lay leader is a liaison between the laity and the pastor--a confidant, many times, of lay persons to talk to them, and certainly a person who is a confidant of the pastor. Serving on the pastor-parish relations committee gives you a completely different relationship with the pastor. A pastor would not feel as free, I don't believe, to talk and spend time with the lay leader in a confidential relationship as they would otherwise. I support the committee in the recommendation.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Item 759. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 761; "No," 160. You have supported the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence.

HUIE: Thank you. Now on p. 306, continuing down that left-hand column of Calendar Item 760, Petition 10232. It's found in the red book--I'm getting colors mixed up here--p. 846. This is a rewrite of 2 of the paragraphs concerning the duties of the pastor-parish relations committee, and the petition says explicitly that the pastor should be present at pastor-parish relations committee's meetings. It did seem strange to some of us that we needed to put that in the *Discipline*--that the pastor needs to be told to attend--but we concurred as amended. You see the language as should.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Item 760 is before you as amended by the committee. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 839; "No," 82. You have supported the committee's recommendation of concurrence.

(Calendar Item No. 1179; Inclusiveness)

HUIE: Thank you. Now in your blue books, p. 371, Calendar Item 1179, the middle column near the bottom, Petition 10843. It's in the red book, p. 828. This petition defines what we mean by inclusiveness as United Methodists. It's a positive statement about who we are as United Methodist church. Our recommendation is for concurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item No. 1179 is now before you. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 845; "No," 35. You have supported the committee's recommendations of concurrence.

HUIE: Thank you. Now in the blue book, p. 373, Calendar Item 1200. It's found in the right-hand column near the top of the page. It's in your *ADCA*, p. 128. This petition recommends that a lay leader may also serve as a lay member of the annual conference, and you'll note that we concur as amended. The original petition said "the." There are many churches where there is more than 1 lay leader. This is a recommendation. It's permissive legislation, and we concur as amended.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item 1200 is before you. Yes, I see a yellow card. Microphone 9, please.

WILLIAM PEEPLES (Louisiana): Isn't the lay member to the annual conference a member of the PPR?

HUIE: Yes.

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes.

PEEPLES: And so a lay leader would also be a member to the annual conference and the PPR?

HUIE: They could be.

PEEPLES: OK.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item 1200. Yes, microphone 7.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I will vote against this, having served as lay leader and lay delegate for too long a time. I realize the uniquenesses of these 2 functions. For the lay leader, priorities call more to carry the Bible and be loving, whereas the lay delegate is going to be called more to carry the *Discipline* and be legalistic. And it's hard to do both tasks effectively.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. This a vote against the committee's recommendation. Right here, microphone 3.

KEN PLUMMER (Central Pennsylvania): Is there not a lay member for every charge, and there is a lay leader in every church? If you have 4 charges, you have 4 lay leaders, but you may only be entitled to 1 lay member. If I understand this motion, it is putting all lay leaders as members, lay members. This is permissive legislation. And it says A, and not B.

HUIE: Yes, it says A, and not B. Right. That's what our amendment is: to make it A, and not B.

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes, microphone 10.

W. E. ARNOLD JR. (North Arkansas): Bishop, I would like to just simply emphasize what has been said. This is permissive. And the reason it's permissive is because if we look at what we're asking to be done, we know that when you see the experience and the job of the lay leader of the local church, which it says clearly in the *Discipline*, that it is the primary lay representative of that local church. When we keep that in mind, and then look at the paragraph talking about the lay leader's duties, which state that along with the pastor the lay leader shall serve as the interpreter of the actions and the programs of the annual conference and the church. What better way could a lay leader be equipped, along with the pastor, and that is to be at annual conference, to know what's going on through the whole church, to work hand-in-hand with that pastor, so that we can be a connectional church and help the people at home know what we're supposed to do. And I suggest to you that the lay member of annual conference does his or her job, but they go to annual conference and they prepare, and they come back and they make their report. Basically that's what they do, but the lay leader has that knowledge and can use it all year long. It is permissive and we're simply saying here that this is the best of all ways, but it's permissive. Our annual conference has a large number of lay leaders serving as lay members of annual conference, and it's really proving successful. Thank you.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Right in the middle, microphone 7. Yes, the delegate in the gray suit.

BYRON BROUGHT (Baltimore): Serving as a district superintendent I've noticed that often there is an accumulation of power, and power plays on the part of certain lay persons within a local congregation. Existing within the *Discipline* are precious checks and balances to prevent the accumulation of power, and I would like to speak against concurrence with this, that these duties might be spread out to different persons within a congregation.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Is there someone who would speak for concurrence? All right, microphone 7.

JOHN SHEPPARD (California-Nevada): I have a point of information. What page is this on? Some of us are trying to find it.

HUIE: Page 848.

SHEPPARD: Page 848?

HUIE: Right. It's 838--I beg your pardon--838. But the amendment . . . it's important to look at the amendment, which is on 373 in your blue *DCA*. The amendment is a significant amendment.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Yes, over here. Microphone 1.

WILLIAM B. COOK (Oregon-Idaho): Bishop, I am conference lay leader. I strongly oppose having this permissive language put in. It voids the checks and balances. It takes away the confidence level between a pastor and a lay leader, which is necessary in the local church.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. We need a speech for it, for concurrence. Back at microphone 11.

BARBARA P. SHELDON (Kansas West): I support this legislation. It's permissive. It is very much sought after by our members of our small membership churches. It gives them a bit of flexibility with a limited membership that they desperately need.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. We've had two speeches on each side. I'll go ahead to the front to Microphone 3, please.

PAUL V. CHAFFEE (Western Pennsylvania): I move the previous question.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Point of information. Is there a second on the call for the previous question? It's seconded. All right. Microphone 4.

PHILIP SUSAG (Southern New England): As I read in the blue book of the *DCA*, it says "a leader," not "a lay leader." Is that a misprint?

HUIE: It's in the section on lay leader. It says a leader, that is right, but it is in the section of the *Discipline* that is concerning the lay leader.

SUSAG: So it does say "a lay leader"? I mean, that is nit-picking . . .

HUIE: Some churches have more than one lay leader, and that's part of the reason for the clarification.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. We are ready to take the vote on the previous question. We need a 2/3 majority for this. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 730; "No," 191. You're ready to vote. Item no. 1200 is before you. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 533; "No," 390, and you have supported the committee's recommendation for concurrence.

(Calendar Item No. 1207, Administrative Board Responsibility)

HUIE: Thank you. One last petition. In the blue book, p. 374, the middle column, about halfway down the page, Calendar Item 1207, Petition No. 10778. It's found in the red book, p. 842. The original petition clarifies some of the responsibilities of the administrative board. It is with pride that we present to you this amendment, which you see in your blue *DCA*, which says that members of the administrative board shall embrace tithing, regular worship attendance, regular church school and/or bible study attendance. We recommend concurrence as amended.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Item no. 1207 is before you. Yes, microphone no. 4, please. Yes.

KIRBYJON CALDWELL (Texas): Bishop, thank you very much. As a member of that legislative committee, it gives me great joy to hear you respond with so much enthusiasm. And let me emphasize, if I may, quite humbly, I may add, we've been hearing budget tight here, budget problem there. Brothers and sisters, we really don't have a budget problem. What we have is a stewardship problem. We have a discipleship problem. We have an evangelism problem and these three means are designed to help us address those issues. We like to focus in on the other side of the equation, the liability management side, the expense control side. Let's look at the revenue side. We are no. 300 or lower in terms of mainline Protestant per capita givers. Everybody is above us. It's shameful, it embarrassing. Any document you read, we're at the very bottom of per capita giving. Brothers and sisters, this can and must get better. Thank you very much.

BISHOP MINNICK: I assume that was a speech for.

HUIE: Now you know one of the reasons we had such a great time in our committee.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item 1207 is before you. I see a person asking for microphone 14.

JOHN J. THOMAS (South Indiana): Is that a misprint or is that correct where it says "and/or bible study, or bible study attendance"? Do we have a choice?

HUIE: Correct.

THOMAS: May we tithe, or bible study, or, or . . .

HUIE: The choice would be . . . some people are doing Disciple Bible Study . . . so the choice is regular church school and/or bible study. It's not a choice among all the rest of those. I mean, we are assuming that we'll do all the rest of those.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item 1207 is before you. Please vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 868; "no," 56. You have supported the committee's recommendation of concurrence. Yes, microphone 6.

BARRY BAILEY (Central Texas Conference): It's goning to be a postscript here. I was just going to say that in order to put teeth in this, I think it would be nice to propose to our administrative board, since we're going to be utterly religious in this matter, that they seriously take, they take serious consideration of paying 100% of the apportionments--we're now paying 85%. We can all attend Bible studies and do all of this lovely thing, but we're talking about taking it seriously. I'd like to make an amendment; we just voted on it, but I'd like for our administrative boards to take seriously we pay 100% of the apportionments.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, thank you for that comment.

HUIE: Bishop, and this concludes this portion of the report from the local church. Congratulations to the body; you did 27 petitions in just over an hour.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, and thank you and your committee. All right, I have a note here that seems to be urgent. It says, "I'm too fat already, so it's not for me, but the guest visitors are devouring all the cookies before break time." Now I realize we don't have a break, but the chair has the privilege of calling a recess. Let's take a 10-minute recess and come back.

(recess)

BISHOP MINNICK: Move back into business. Will you find your places, please, and we'll return to the business of the session. Will you please take your seats now as we move to further calendar items. Please be seated, thank you. Let us be in order, and we will turn now to the Legislative Committee on Higher Education and Chaplaincy. Janet Stephenson is the chair. Please be seated and give your attention. All right, microphone no. 4, please give your attention.

KENNETH SUMMERS (Wyoming Conference): I have a point of parliamentary inquiry. We made a motion limiting debate to 10 minutes per calendar item. How will that affect the items with majority and minority reports?

BISHOP MINNICK: It is the chair's understanding that the person presenting the committee report will have 10 minutes, and the person presenting the minority report will also have 10 minutes.

SUMMERS: Thank you, bishop.

JANET STEPHENSON (Iowa): Bishop?

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes, I hear a voice.

STEPHENSON: It's me.

BISHOP MINNICK: What microphone? I apologize, I should have known it was you.

STEPHENSON: And I apologize.

BISHOP MINNICK: Thank you, Janet.

STEPHENSON: I'll start again. Bishop, friends, members of the conference, I am the chair of the Legislative Committee on Higher Education and Chaplaincy. The responsibility of our committee was to discuss and make recommendations to this plenary body on all items dealing with schools and colleges, campus ministries, theological schools, and chaplains and related ministries.

The report we are bringing consists of 13 items that were not on the Consent Calendar and 1 that was lifted. I want to express my appreciation to the committee which worked with care and diligence and efficiency and which completed its work in short order. Partly because we had a light petition load, mostly because it was a good committee, and thirdly because the temperature of the room in which we did our work ranged between 55 and 60 degrees, and we had to move fast to keep warm. I also would like to express my appreciation, in addition to the members of the committee, to the subcommittee chair, Sam Montgomery, Phylemon Titus, Paul Bailey, and Tom Christian. And to my able fellow officers, Dr. Alfred Norris, Dr. Sam Wynn, who served as vice chair and secretary respectively.

I've tried to organize this report to minimize the number of times you have to flip back and forth between books. So,

to begin our report, I will ask you to take your blue book and your red book.

Calendar Item No. 228; Responsibility to General and Annual Conferences)

The first item is calendar no. 228.

BISHOP MINNICK: Page please, if you will.

STEPHENSON: On p. 238.

BISHOP MINNICK: Page 238.

STEPHENSON: That's Calendar 228, p. 238, in the blue book. Now, if you will cross-reference to p. 748 in the red book. Page 748, and it's the par. of the *Discipline* numbered 1514.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, 1 moment please. Item 238 in the blue book.

STEPHENSON: Item 228.

BISHOP MINNICK: I'm sorry.

STEPHENSON: On p. 238

BISHOP MINNICK: Item 228 on p. 238 in the blue book.

STEPHENSON: Then, in the red book the actual petition is listed, and it says par. 1514. It's in the right-hand column on p. 748. The petition was to change the *Discipline* so that the Division of Higher Education of the general board would approve changes in institutional sponsorship by annual conferences, the General Conference, and, by, or between General Conference agencies. The recommendation of the committee is for nonconcurrence.

It was felt that with the of possibilities of litigation and with the undo legal entanglements with institutional management, that this would not be a wise move. So I give you the recommendation of the committee for a nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: Persons who are using translators have asked us to slow down just a little bit and repeat the information given so that they may find their places. We are on item 228, p. 238 in the blue book, "Responsibilities to General and Annual Conferences" is the title. Item 228 is before you. The committee has recommended nonconcurrence. Will you please vote when the light appears? "Yes," 707; "No," 19. You have supported the committee's recommendation for nonconcurrence. All right. Please. Microphone 5.

THALIA MATHERSON (North Texas): Thank you, bishop. The electronic equipment is not working in section A, row 1.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. We have several sections in which the electronic equipment is not working. Let's take that vote again with a show of hands. The committee recommends nonconcurrence. If you will support the committee's recommendation on item 228, lift the hand, please. Thank you. Oppose, by the same sign. And you have supported it.

(Calendar Item No. 235, Context of Seminary Education)

STEPHENSON: Thank you. The next item is found on p. 239 of the blue book. It is Calendar Item No. 235, that'a 235. And on p. 750 in the red book . . . 750. It is entitled, "Disciplinary Paragraph 1531." It deals with United Methodist schools of theology and reads, "All seminary education is to be in the context of ecumenical, interreligious, and global perspectives." This is one of a series of proposals that were brought to suggest or mandate what the theological seminaries could or should teach, and it was in that context that the committee recommends nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item 235 on p. 239 is before you. All right. Microphone 9. Well, are you closer to 10? Whichever. Microphone 9, please.

MARGARET TURBYFILL (Virginia): I certainly understand what the committee chair has presented, and yet I also think that this is not mandating content of what is to be taught, but rather is giving guidance for the context. And I think that there is a big difference, given the history here in the South of some denominations withdrawing into themselves, and this seems like a very positive motion or petition.

BISHOP MINNICK: So you are speaking against the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence. Is there someone to speak for it? Yes, microphone 5.

WILLIAM CROUCH (North Texas): It seems to me that it is very difficult even to define what is the context of interreligious, ecumenical, etc., here, and that it would be far better to leave our theological schools untrampled by such a restriction.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Microphone 3.

FRANK GAYLORD (Wisconsin): We have said several times in the course of our conversation of these days that we are a global church. Certainly the theological education of the pastors ought to be in a global context.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. That'a 2 speeches for. Is there anyone who would speak against the committee'a recommendation? Yes, microphone 13.

PHILIP J. WOGAMAN (Baltimore): I need to be instructed by the chair on how many have spoken. I wish to speak in favor of the committee'a recommendation.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Two have spoken in support of the committee'a recommendation and 1 against it. You want to speak for it? Does anyone want to speak against it? One right here. Microphone 2.

JUDY CRANE (Wisconsin): I wish to support the petition as it was proposed and against the committee's recommendation. I believe that in terms of ecumenical understanding, in terms of our global understanding, in terms of understanding who we are in the midst of our brothers and sisters of other religions, other denominations, and in the context of the entire world, I think this is essential in the seminary education today.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Now, Brother Wogaman. You may speak for the committee's recommendations.

Microphone 13.

WOGAMAN: I'm very much in favor of the purposes of that proposed item. Certainly, theological education must be in a global context and must be ecumenical and must be conscious of the interreligious situation. I don't know of any of our United Methodist seminaries that are not self-understood in that way. But I think I join the committee in its assessment of where we would be if we started going down that path. I can think of a lot of other agendas that might seem sensible to some people in the church, and pretty soon the theological schools might be in a kind of a straightjacket. We have had a trust relationship between the churches and their theological seminaries that has been very productive in the life of the church, and so I would support the judgment of the committee that we should not concur in that petition.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. We may have 1 more speech by our rules, by one who is against the committee's recommendation. All right, microphone 14.

JOHN P. MILES (Little Rock): If necessary suspend the rules. Call the question. We got other hogs to slop.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. I think we are ready to vote. Are we not? The item is number 235. The committee has recommended nonconcurrence. Please vote when the light appears. You still cannot vote. The equipment is not there. And now I've got to go back to what I was doing when I began, asking for a hand vote. All right, if you will support the committee's recommendations of nonconcurrence, please lift your hand. Thank you. Opposed by the same sign. And you have supported it.

(Peace Studies Scholarships)

STEPHENSON: Bishop, the next item before you has not been assigned a calendar number. It was in 1 computer printout which we received. It was not in the *DCA* when it arrived. Therefore, I would ask if we could suspend the rules to consider this item, and then could it be assigned a calendar item later?

BISHOP MINNICK: Well now, the calendar committee might have to respond to that, if it can be.... All right, it will be necessary to suspend the rules to consider it. What is your decision? Do you want to do that?

STEPHENSON: Would it necessitate a meeting of the Higher Education Committee again to consider that? We have all ready acted on it. We voted nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: I would think not.

STEPHENSON: All right.

BISHOP MINNICK: Let's try this and see. If you would suspend the rules... is the equipment working now? It's not. All right. This takes a 2/3 vote. If you would suspend the rules to consider this item which has not yet appeared in the *DCA*, will you lift the hand? Thank you. Opposed? And you have suspended the rules. All right.

STEPHENSON: Thank you. I think that is a noncontroversial item, but who knows? It is... would you please turn in your red book to p. 752? The item is entitled "Peace Studies Scholarships." Are you with me?

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes.

STEPHENSON: P. 752, "Peace Studies Scholarships." It is a petition that was forwarded from an annual conference, and the last paragraph is the 1 that has to do with higher education. It reads, "Therefore, be it further resolved that United Methodist affiliated institutions of higher education be encouraged to add peace studies to their major studies offerings." This is a petition similar in intent to the 1 we previously voted nonconcurrence to, and so knowing how you acted on the previous petition, gave me courage to submit this one for your concern. I think that the same arguments that applied to the previously considered petition apply here. Therefore, the legislative committee would recommend nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. P. 752 in the red book, "Peace Studies Scholarships," the committee recommends nonconcurrence. If you will support the committee's recommendation, lift the hand. Thank you. Opposed? And you have supported it.

(Calendar Item No. 243, Scholarship Endowment Fund)

STEPHENSON: Thank you very much. The next item before us is Calendar Item 243 in the blue book, p. 239. It is on p. 239 in the blue book, Calendar Item 243. Then if you will turn to your red book, p. 751, just turn back from the page you were before. That is p. 751 in the red book. The title of the item is called "Scholarship Endowment Fund." This item has a little history. You may recall at the 1988 General Conference, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry was authorized to set up a $100 million scholarship fund. That is in process of being put in place, and this petition would ask that at least 10% of those funds be given to United Methodist students at non-United Methodist institutions. The committee recommends concurrence with the petition as is amended, as you see on p. 239. Those amendments will be explained to you by Tom Jackson, who is secretary of our subcommittee on campus ministry. May I defer to him, please?

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes, you may.

TOM JACKSON (North Georgia): Thank you, Janet, and Bishop Minnick. In that we deleted 4 paragraphs and added back 2 1/2, the committee thought it would be helpful to explain those in advance. In 1988, General Conference defeated, by a 578 to 344 vote, an attempt to restrict use of these scholarship funds to United Methodist institutions only. Now in 1992, it is the purpose of the original petition to designate at least 10% of proceeds from the fund to United Methodist students at non-United Methodist-sponsored colleges. Because of restrictions placed on many funds by donors to the fund as to how the gifts may be used, the committee amended the petition to have at least 10% of the funds designated for United Methodist students at non-United Methodist institutions, but only if such unrestricted funds are available. Now in the great scheme of things, the dollars available through this fund are not that much. As such, the committee operated under the premise that these scholarships are for students and not for institutions.

We propose that this fund be for United Methodist students wherever they attend college. In the committee's opinion, there are many and varied scholarships and funding programs. We realize that not all together are adequate to meet all needs. Each must be targeted to where it can be most effective. None can be all things to everyone. There are other funds for seminaries. A free public education is available to students in preparatory school grades. The purpose of the scholarship endowment fund, as the committee sees it, should be to send United Methodist students to college to obtain an undergraduate college degree. The United Methodist Scholarship, funded through the Student Day offering similarly is limited to undergraduate students.

Then we come to the question, what is a United Methodist student? Many students at Methodist colleges are not Methodist. Most Methodists do not attend United Methodist colleges. Therefore, the committee deemed a certification process to be necessary and added the requirement that an applicant have been an active member of a United Methodist church for at least 1 year prior to the application for the scholarship. This requirement already exists for both United Methodist scholarship and the United Methodist loan program. The committee deleted the 2nd through 5th paragraphs of the original petition because they contained background information not necessary to implement the main motion, and were deemed unnecessarily recriminatory toward our very fine general board.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Item No. 243 is before you. scholarship endowment fund. All right. Microphone 2.

PAUL J. MEUSCHKE (Western Pennsylvania): Bishop, I'd like to move to amend. I am looking at the petition, the

calendar item on page . . . I'm on p. 240. That paragraph that begins, "Therefore, be it resolved," . . .

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes?

(University Senate Responsibility)

MEUSCHKE: In line, let's see: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Where it says "attending non-United Methodist institutions," immediately following the word "institutions," add, "approved by the University Senate."

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Is there a second to that? It's seconded.

MEUSCHKE: My reason for this is that we have a review body within our denomination which reviews institutions of higher learning to see whether they are in conformance with those standards which are consistent with who we are as United Methodists. And I think those schools or those students attending schools seeking scholarships to attend such schools, should meet this particular standard. I think the scholarship should meet that particular standard.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, the amendment is before you. Microphone 9.

MARILYNN M. HUNTINGTON (California-Pacific): I would like to speak against the amendment. It seems to me that we have so many of our United Methodist students--and I just, a few years ago, finished having 3 go through state universities in the state of California--find accredited institutions, no scholarship funds were available to them through the United Methodist Student Scholarship funds. I believe that through the application processes, there would he enough safeguards to see that students were attending schools that were accredited and by having the year requirement for membership, it would insist that people were active in their churches. Let's support our young people in any school that they want to attend. They're fine United Methodist students and we want to support them.

BISHOP MINNICK: That's a speech against the amendment. Is there one for it? Microphone 10.

VIVIAN A. BULL (Northern New Jersey): The University Senate is charged with visiting United Methodist-related institutions only. And I would submit that it would be impossible for the senate to evaluate non-Methodist-related institutions. And I think the item further below, in that resolution, suggesting that accredited institutions would be only those under consideration, would deal with the issue.

BISHOP MINNICK: So you're against the amendment? That by stating . . .

BULL: What I am saying, sir, is I think there is a misunderstanding in relationship to what the University Senate visits. It's only Methodist-related institutions.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Item No. 243 is before you. All right, the amendment approved by the University Senate is the addition. Please vote when the light appears. All right, it is still not working. If you will support the amendment, would you lift the hand? Opposed? You have not supported the amendment. So we are back to the Item 243 as a whole. Yes, Microphone 7.

JOHN E. CORSON (California-Nevada): I move in the last paragraph, the 3rd line, to strike the word "full time." If there is a second, I'll speak to that.

BISHOP MINNICK: Now, where are you?

CORSON: The last paragraph of the amendment statement, the 3rd line. The word "full time," I wish to delete.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. The amendment is to delete the words "full time."

CORSON: Do I have a second?

BISHOP MINNICK: Is there a second? It's seconded.

CORSON: Presently in the state of California, higher education institutions are severely impacted. There are many students on their way toward graduation that cannot get the courses they need, and may not technically qualify as full-time students. I would prefer for the scholarship committee overseeing the project to give the kind of guidelines that would allow a student that was caught in that kind of situation to still be eligible. This happens to many 5th-year seniors in colleges in our state.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. You have heard the amendment. Is there someone who will speak against it? Microphone 12, did you want to speak against it? Did you want to speak for it? Yes, microphone 12.

DAVID B. QUEE (Sierra Leone): I speak for the amendment because there are many students who would, otherwise, have not got their education, if they had not had the opportunity of a scholarship. And the scholarship should not be circumscribed to be a full time scholarship. That is why I speak for the amendment.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. It is before you now. The amendment to add the word, to delete the word, "full time." Yes, yes, Microphone 2.

T. TERRELL SESSUMS: Bishop, I served upon the legislative committee. I speak in opposition to the amendment, not because I am not in sympathy with it. Probably most American students in post-secondary education attend on a part-time basis. But, we are dealing with an established scholarship program that provides scholarships in the amount of approximately $3,000 per student per year to be matched by an institution. It seems to me that that is a substantial amount of scholarship aid to be given to a student who may be a part-time student pursuing only 1 course. And at our United Methodist institutions, the overwhelming majority of students are full time students, taking 12 or more hours in contrast to students at public, junior, and community colleges. So I would suggest the amendment is well-intended, but does not fit the program. Now, if it passes, it may very well be that you can go back to the drawing board and revise a scholarship program that impacts many students that are United Methodist institutions, but I think the wise thing to do rather than to be the proverbial committee to design a horse that ends up with a camel, that we defeat the amendment and call upon the Board of Higher Education and its staff to work out proper adaptations for part-time students.

BISHOP MINNICK: The amendment before you is to delete the word "full-time" in the last paragraph in the left-hand column on p. 240. Microphone 8.

EWING WERLEIN, JR. (Texas): Mine is simply a point of inquiry for the chair or others that might help us. What sum of money has been actually raised for this $100 million scholarship fund that we authorized at the 1988 General Conference, so that we would know what the size of the fund is at present, please?

JACKSON: The committee's understanding is that the total at present is approximately $30 million.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, the amendment is before you. I believe the electronic equipment is now working.

The amendment is to delete the word "full-time." Please vote when the light appears. "Yes" 379, "no" 533. The amendment fails, "full-time" is not deleted. All right, we're back to the item as a whole. Are you ready to vote? All right, microphone no. 5.

CHRISTINE BERGMANN (New York): I would like to propose an amendment to the committee's amendment. It starts in the paragraph, "applicants shall." I would like to delete the word "active" in the third line, and if I have a second, I'd like to speak to it.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, it's seconded.

BERGMANN: Many undergraduate students are unable to attend one single United Methodist church while they are students. They are forced to go to many United Methodist churches. They may be active in many United Methodist churches, but because of this, their local pastor may be unable to certify that they are an active member in the church. Therefore, I would like to delete the word "active," leaving "member." Their pastor can still certify that they are a member of The United Methodist Church.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, the amendment is before you to delete the word "active." Is there someone who would speak? All right, the amendment is before you, please vote when the light appears. "Yes" 238, "no" 657. You have not deleted the word "active." Yes, microphone 2.

CHARLES PEARCE (Florida): Bishop, I have a point of inquiry, sir.

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes.

(Scholarships Available in Central Conferences)

PEARCE: Is this money available to the Central Conferences, sir?

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, would the committee please respond?

JACKSON: We discussed this. It is our understanding it is not restricted to the United States. It's available to the worldwide Methodist church.

PEARCE: It is not restricted, so it would be available.

JACKSON: To the Central Conferences, yes.

PEARCE: It would be available to the United Methodist student from a Central Conference country, right?

JACKSON: That was our understanding.

PEARCE: Thank you very much.

BISHOP MINNICK: Microphone 2 again, over here.

GREGORY HASTINGS (Oregon-Idaho): Bishop, I would like to propose an amendment that at the end of the paragraph that says, "United Methodist students at non-United Methodist schools . . . "

BISHOP MINNICK: What page are you on?

HASTINGS: Page 240.

BISHOP MINNICK: 240.

HASTINGS: Left-hand column.

BISHOP MINNICK: Now, in the first paragraph there "that's" not . . . .

HASTINGS: "That" is not deleted, yes.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right.

HASTINGS: I would like to delete "provided that funds are available without restriction from the donor." And I'd like to speak on that for a second.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, now state your amendment again, if you will, please. Thank you.

HASTINGS: I'd like to amend by a deletion of the words, "provided that funds are available without restriction from the donor."

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, is there a second to that? It's seconded.

HASTINGS: Bishop, I am a recent graduate of Oregon State University, and through my 5 1/2 years of my term of education, I have been a very active member of this church. Throughout those 5 1/2 years, I believe, to my knowledge, I have not received any available funds from this United Methodist church as far as scholarships are concerned, or have had that opportunity to have that given to me. I feel that this statement restricts that 10%, and I feel that our students going to public schools or state schools should have a full opportunity to get these monies from this scholarship. Thank you.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, the amendment is before you.

JACKSON: Bishop, may my committee address that?

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes, let's hear from microphone 4 and then . . .

DONALD J. HAND (Southwest Texas): I believe that probably legally this language is required because there may have been some donations made with the stipulation that the funds be used for scholarships in Methodist institutions. If they do not have funds without that restriction, I believe they could not legally provide them for scholarships to non-Methodist schools.

BISHOP MINNICK: Did you want to comment?

JACKSON: Yes sir, if I could. I work as a development officer at a public university and often in a fund to which private gifts are received, the amount of unrestricted dollars will be less than 10% of the fund, so this phrase is put in as a failsafe if the amount of unrestricted dollars falls to less than 10%.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, you hear the reasoning of the committee and the amendment, therefore, is before you. Microphone 14.

MARK HORST (Minnesota): Call the question on all that is before us.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, we've not had three speeches on both sides of this amendment, but I believe you're probably ready to vote without that motion. It appears to me that you are. If you will amend to delete that last sentence of the first paragraph on p. 240, "provided that funds are available without restriction from the donor," well I believe the equipment is working now, please vote when the light appears. "Yes" 162, "no" 732. You have not deleted that sentence. Are you ready to vote now on item 243? Microphone 4.

BETH CAPEN (New York): I would like to propose an amendment to the last paragraph on p. 240 of the proposed petition wherein after the words, "to full-time students," to insert the words, "unless that student is a single parent," in which case part-time, the funds could go to a part-time student.

BISHOP MINNICK: Is there a second to that? All right, you may speak to it.

CAPEN: There are a number of persons in our community and some in my local church who are parents who cannot, do not, have the resources to go to school on a full-time basis because of various problems such as child care. And because of that, it would be a shame to restrict them from access to these funds if they do qualify simply based upon the fact that because of the children they cannot go full-time. I have faith in the committee that they can design their own guidelines and policies whereby they can judge between someone who's going for a regular degree as opposed to someone who's just taking one course.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, the amendment is to add the words, "unless a single parent."

JACKSON: Bishop?

BISHOP MINNICK: Yes.

JACKSON: The committee did discuss these sorts of situations, and our conclusion, regretfully, is that sadly this is a limited fund which cannot be all things to all people, and we deem it to be designed for the regular undergraduate college student.

BISHOP MINNICK: The amendment is before you. Please vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 312; "No," 584. You have not amended it. Now, I believe we're ready to vote on this matter. We've had ample questions all over the floor. Well, microphone 14.

MAXINE ALLEN (Little Rock): I just have a question. In one instance, you said that there was $38 million in the fund, and in the sentence you just completed a few moments ago, you said that the funds were limited. So my question is, how many students are currently under scholarship and what is the average amount of scholarship per student?

JACKSON: The $30 million that has been raised to date is the corpus of the fund which, of course, could not be touched. The scholarships would come from the interest derived from that $30 million. At present time, the fund is not operational, and will not become operational until the $100 million mark is reached.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Microphone no., the female delegate, microphone No. 7, 12 now. Microphone 12, please.

KAY BARGER (Baltimore): Bishop, I would like to move the question on all that is before us.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, is there a 2nd? If you will support the call for the previous question, lift your hand. Opposed? It is obviously, almost unanimous. Item No. 243 is before you. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 867; "No," 44. You have supported the committee's recommendation of concurrence with the amendment.

STEPHENSON: Thank you. Friends you can put away your red books now and get out . . .

BISHOP MINNICK: Microphone no. 5, please.

D. JACK HOOPER (Southwest Texas): I wish to move suspension of the rules to limit the speeches on each motion to 2 speeches for and 2 speeches against.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, is that seconded? All right, if you will suspend the rules where you hear the motion. It is to suspend the rules for the purpose of 2 speeches for and 2 speeches against on each item. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 735; "No," 180. You have suspended the rules. Now if you will support the motion, 2 for and 2 . . . all right.

DONALD OTT (Wisconsin): Agenda Committee. I would like to speak against the motion.

BISHOP MINNICK: I believe we're under the previous question, Don. No?

OTT: Thank you.

BISHOP MINNICK: Oh, I apologize. No, you're right; we just suspended the rules.

OTT: Thank you, bishop. I'd just like to report to the conference that the Agenda Committee discussed this matter and this possibility, which was a carry over from this morning's session, at our noon meeting. It is the sense of your Agenda Committee that we have some heavy waters and difficult issues, that deserve adequate floor debate, ahead of us; that we're making good progress; that this is Tuesday afternoon; that it is a bit early to make that limitation.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, that's a speech against the motion. All right. The motion is 2 speeches for, 2 speeches against on each item. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 365; "No," 556. The motion fails. All right.

(Calendar Item No. 236, Seminary Chair of Town and Country)

STEPHENSON: If you will take your white books, I don't think we will be needing the red books, so you may put those to 1 side for the remainder of our report. Take the white books and look on p. 1233, the Calendar Item in the blue book is No. 236 on p. 239. The page in the blue book is 239. The Calendar Item is 236. You will find the petition on p. 1233 in the white book, entitled "Chairs of Town and Country Ministry at United Methodist Seminaries." The item is to amend Disciplinary par. 1530 by adding an item that says, "Each United Methodist seminary or school of theology shall maintain or establish a chair of town and country ministry." Again, the same reasoning that applied in a couple of previous motions: the money, the resources, and so on to establish such chairs is prohibitive, and, therefore, the recommendation of the committee to you is for nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MINNICK: The committee recommends nonconcurrence. Microphone 3.

SHARON A. HAUSMAN (West Ohio): I understand where the committee is coming from. However, I want to speak against that motion, or the committee's decision. I grew up in a rural church served by student pastors, and I went to seminary, and I didn't learn anything about working in rural churches or small-membership churches. Student pastors, a lot of times that's all they think they're going to work in, is just to be student pastors until they go on to real churches. These churches could be places of mission if what was important to the people were that there is ministry to be done and leadership. Lay leadership needs to be trained, and they're going to be best trained through the pastors. So there is, for me I know, as one who works in rural ministry and finds it very fulfilling, a need to legitimize that, and I can see a possibility through this particular petition that was given to us.

BISHOP MINNICK: This is a speech against support of committee's recommendation. Yes, microphone 8.

ROGER W. BARR (Pacific Northwest): I have an amendment to make, if we'll read through it. "Each United Methodist seminary or school of theology" delete "shall maintain or" and substitute "is encouraged to" and then we continue, "establish a chair of town," delete the "and," "country and small membership church ministry." I so move to amend.

BISHOP MINNICK: The amendment is before you. Is it seconded? It is seconded.

BARR: This is an encouraging statement. It also takes into account that a large number of our small-membership churches are not only in town and country settings but also in urban and suburban settings. It is my experience and the experience of many of my colleagues, that if adequate training in administration and understanding the dynamics of small-membership chur-

ches was experienced by seminary students, that that would enable them to have success in small-membership churches and be able to move on, as many do, to larger churches.

BISHOP MINNICK: Please share with me again on how you amended the last sentence. Chair of town . . .

BARR: Chair of town, country, and small-membership . . .

BISHOP MINNICK: All right.

BARR: . . . church ministry; small-membership church ministry.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, that amendment is before you. Microphone 3.

THOMAS LANGFORD (Western North Carolina): Bishop, I served as dean of a theological school for 10 years. I think in that time every program agency, every special emphasis in the church, asked that we establish a chair in that area. Phil Wogaman was exactly right. Once we start down this road, there's no stopping. I think we simply have to trust the seminaries to be sensitive to the variety of needs, and make as many opportunities as possible as they can.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, that's a speech against the amendment. It is before you. The amendment to substitute the word "is encouraged" for "shall maintain or establish," and add the word "and small-membership church" after town and country. Please vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 429; "No," 458. The amendment does not prevail. Item no. 236 is before you. The committee recommends nonconcurrence. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 749; "No," 164. You have supported the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence.

(Calendar Item No. 58; Campus Ministry Special Program)

JANET STEPHENSON (Iowa): Thank you. The next item is Calendar Item No. 58. You'll need to turn back in your blue book to p. 170. The Calendar Item is 58, on p. 170. If you look on p. 1234 in the white book, you will see that the item pertains to the campus ministry special program.

BISHOP MINNICK: Janet, I'm sorry, will you give me that number again?

STEPHENSON: Yes, the Calendar Item No. is 58 on p. 170; the item itself is on p. 1234 in the white book, and it deals with the campus ministry special program. Even though this was a committee dealing with issues pertaining to higher education and campus ministry, the campus ministry special program was not placed in our committee since it called for funding. Therefore, this petition is an endorsement of the campus ministry program mission of the center, which was already presented to this group earlier this week. The intent of the group in endorsing the petition was that the funding endorsing it as a special program was special funding and not to come out of the general board's budget. That is the endorsement that is before you. I urge your concurrence with this item.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item no. 58 is before you: campus ministry special program. Microphone no. 7.

VICTOR W. GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): I need the guidance from either you or the chair of the legislative session that dealt with GCOM business, because was this not already adopted? And do we really have to adopt the same thing twice?

STEPHENSON: The committee received this petition as an endorsement, and we would not have put it on the Consent Calendar or taken it off the Consent Calendar except it had a dollar sign with it; and, therefore, it is for us to act on. It is an endorsement of a program that has already passed, except that the funding is a question as to whether or not it will be a special program with funding outside of the General Conference Board's budget; and our endorsement is for that kind of funding.

GOLSDCHMIDT: Yes. Thank you for your reply. I strongly suggest we all vote against so we don't end up with 2 conflicting, possibly conflicting, legislations at the end of the game.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item no. 58 is before you. The committee recommends concurrence. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 704; "No," 195. You have supported the committee's recommendation of concurrence.

STEPHENSON: Thank you. The next item is Calendar Item No. 59 on p. 170 in the blue book and on p. 1229 in the white book. That's 170 in the blue book, item 59; and it is on p. 1229 in the white book. It has to do with the Conference Board of Higher Education. It deals with circumstances in which, if there's an absence of an annual conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry, the duties will be assumed by the Conference Council on Ministries. Because of the urgency of each conference having such a board to deal with higher education matters, the committee voted nonconcurrence with this item; and that is our recommendation.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item 59 is before you, with the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 861; "No," 69. You have supported the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence.

STEPHENSON: Next item is on p. 294 in the blue book. It is Calendar Item No. 634. That is p. 294 in the blue book, Calendar Item 634; and if you will look in the white book, the actual item itself is printed on p. 1217. This is one of the items that you heard about earlier today that was referred from the Board of Global Ministries to our committee. The title of the item is Increased Support for Programs Impacting the Higher Education of Native Americans. I would point out to you that this had a dollar sign attached to it. During the course of the committee deliberations, it was amended so that the funding provisions were omitted. Therefore, the items should have been placed on the Consent Calendar. The vote was 55 to 3; 55 in favor of the item amended to remove the funding appropriations. The dollar sign was not removed in the computer; therefore, it came out as not being on Consent. So the item is before you; it is . . . it should be on the Consent Calendar because the funding provisions were removed, and I would ask your support in concurring with that proposal.

BISHOP MINNICK: Item 634 is before you. Committee recommends concurrence. Please vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 897; "No," 37. You have supported the committee's recommendation of concurrence. Now we have about 2 minutes. Do you have another 1 we can handle there before the order of the day is to recess--unless there is some motion to extend the time?

STEPHENSON: All right. I saved the controversial stuff for the last.

BISHOP MINNICK: We appreciate that.

(Calendar Item No. 635; Education and Native American Culture)

STEVENSON: We can try on the next item which is 635, on p. 294, which immediately follows the one we just acted on. It is on p. 1223 in the white book. It also has to do with responsibilities concerning Native American cultural traditions. Let me give you the numbers again. In the blue book it is 635 on p. 294. In the white book it's on p. 1223: Education Responsibilities Concerning Native American Cultural Traditions. Again, the committee deleted the references to funding, and you will see those amendments as in your *DCA*. I would like to defer to Sam Wynn, who will speak to you regarding this item. We did recommend concurrence with the item as amended.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right, Sam Wynn.

SAM WYNN (North Carolina): Bishop, I would rather that Janet continue. You are in a good mood. All I would like to make reference to is that over the course of a number of years we have sought within our community to begin to introduce some kind of curriculum, or courses, in our seminaries that deal with the conquest and the relationship of our church. And so all of this is asking that we begin to look at something like this as well as to make it available to our seminaries. Most of our seminaries do not have these kinds of courses, and this would begin to start something of this nature in our seminaries. A lot of pastors who go to Native American churches don't have any background or any working relationship, and this would begin to equip them to do such.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Item 635 is before you. The committee recommends concurrence. Microphone 9.

JIM LOCKWOOD-STEWART (California Pacific): I rise in part of the matter as personal privilege. I'm seated at this session in the chair to which Rev. Marvin Abrams, a Native American pastor in our conference, was elected; and I also attended in March of this year a Western Jurisdiction Urban Network Conference at which Native American leaders of our jurisdiction led us and shared with us in a particularly meaningful way. I think this form of education, this awareness of a culture that existed in our land before the arrival of European culture, is crucial. On behalf, though not speaking for him, of my brother in Christ, Rev. Abrams, I endorse this proposal.

BISHOP MINNICK: Thank you. The item is . . . yes, I was just being reminded that Brother Abrams has left the site of the conference because of the death of a sister, and he is certainly in our thoughts and prayers as is the whole family. Thank you for lifting that up for us. Item 635 is before you. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 821; "No," 102. You have supported the committee's recommendation of concurrence. We have come to the end of the business for this afternoon. Please let me say to you my word of deep personal appreciation for your gracious support; and I am grateful, too, to my colleagues, Bishop Yeakel and Bishop Grove, who sat behind me. Thank you. There are no announcements for this afternoon, but I have asked Bishop Abel Muzorewa from Zimbabwe to come and lead us. Oh, are there announcements? Oh, I didn't know that; I thought there were no announcements. I beg your pardon, there are announcements.

CAROLYN MARSHALL: Church and Society will meet at 5:45 in room 105. The Commission on Central Conference Affairs will meet after the session tonight in room 205/206. Then an additional reminder, and perhaps something that will be of assistance to many of the delegates, to bring the *Book of Worship* as you come for the evening session. We have also been made aware that there are some additional copies of the *Book of Worship*--not enough for everybody who are delegates here to have another copy--but if you forgot one and do need one, there are a limited number available at the left, at your right, of the stage. Please pick up those copies, if you need them, before you leave this evening.

BISHOP MINNICK: All right. Does that complete the announcements?

MARSHALL: Yes.

BISHOP MINNICK: Will you be in an attitude of prayer as Bishop Muzorewa comes to lead us?

BISHOP MUZOREWA:

(Prayer)

(song)

BISHOP MINNICK: Go in peace.

Tuesday Evening
May 12, 1992

Bishop Roy I. Sano, presiding

BISHOP ROY I. SANO: And turn to hymn no. 68 in your hymnal, when in our music God is glorified. The 1988 General Conference said, the *Book of Worship* is to be related to our hymnal, and if there is a hymn that relates both the hymnal and the *Book of Worship*, it is no. 68, 68. We will remain seated so that those who are coming in can walk in behind you. It's one of the great hymns of Peter Green that was introduced earlier in the conference. Let us be in order, please.

(hymn)

BISHOP SANO: Let's be seated. Turn first, please, let's give our attention to Don Ott. Don?

DONALD A. OTT (Wisconsin): Good evening, bishop, and members of the conference. We want to thank you as Agenda Committee people and encourage you in the direction you've moved today. The secret to our moving through this week and all the items of business is in watching ourselves and the things that need to be said and how often. You, of course, will set the pattern and the flow. Our encouragement to you as an Agenda Committee would be on a night like tonight not to extend the time. We have a legislative committee still working and will be after our session tonight, and we'd encourage you also, not yet at least, to limit debate. I thought you might like to know that, regarding calendar items, there are approximately 420 non-consent calendar items yet to be cared for. We have done approximately 50. Let's have a good evening. Bishop?

BISHOP SANO: Thank you, Don. Charles Jordan, calendar items, please? There's not a report at this time? Then let the chair call your attention to the fact that the Higher Education Legislative Committee had 5 additional items they needed to bring before us, but we'll proceed 1st to the order of the day, namely the *Book of Worship*. And after we have acted on the *Book of Worship*, we'll then turn to the higher education recommendation. That's the outline, broadly speaking, of our work for this evening.

Before we turn to the presentation of the *Hymnal*, excuse me, the *Book of Worship*, let's see how many we have. Looks good. I think most of us are within range of seeing the items. I partly held that up to remind you the size of this item. Because I think you can appreciate that, on

behalf of the legislative committee, I'm going to suggest that we suspend the rules and to extend the presentation to 25 minutes. This is only the presentation part. As you may have noticed, just in the recommendations alone there are 51 items. But just in the presentation portion, nevertheless, I think you would want to get an orientation to this *Hymnal*, get a look . . . I keep calling it *Hymnal*, the *Book of Worship*, and so to get an orientation to it in the presentation. Let's just ask for a hand vote on this. How many of you will suspend the rules? Lift your hand. Thank you. Those who will not? We will suspend the rules. Those willing to extend the time of the presentation to 25 minutes will lift the hand. Thank you, those opposed, same sign. We have extended the presentation a maximum to 25 minutes. I turn now to Rex Bevins.

(Calendar Item No. 842; Proposed Book of Worship)

C. REX BEVINS (Nebraska): I am chair of the Discipleship Legislative Committee. Bishop Sano and members of this General Conference, please turn to the report of the United Methodist *Book of Worship*, Petition No. 10176 3000R, and also turn to p. 3 . . .

BISHOP SANO: Let's see, I think we agreed, give us the color of the book, the page, and then item.

BEVINS: It's the blue *Book of Worship* that Bishop Sano held up a few moments ago, and then turn to the *Daily Christian Advocate*, pp. 342, 343, and 344, Calendar Item No. 842. Two reports will be given to present the proposed *Book of Worship*. First the Book of Worship Committee will summarize its work, and following the report of the Book of Worship Ccommittee, the Discipleship legislative committee will present its action on the report. The Book of Worship Committee has provided this conference with a proposed *Book of Worship* that is inclusive of our diversity and faithful to our traditions. This significant achievement is the result of prodigious work of committee members, the editor, the staff of the section on worship of the General Board of Discipleship, consultants, contributing authors, reader consultants, and the committee's willingness to listen to the church.

All persons involved in the process are deserving of high commendation, but none are more deserving of praise than Bishop Susan Morrison. Bishop Sano, I request that the General Conference grant Susan Morrison the privilege of presenting the report of the Book of Worship Committee.

BISHOP SANO: Those who will grant her voice will lift the hand. Thank you. Those opposed, same sign. Granted. Bishop Morrison, please.

BISHOP SUSAN J. MORRISON: Thank you. Let's get our books out a minute and turn to p. 360 to the first full prayer on that page. And let us pray together.

(prayer)

Well, I think the first thing I want to say is we have a book for you. But it's not just for you. It's for your grandchildren and your nieces and your nephews--the neighbor youth down the street that you yearn might find a welcome space and hear through that person's experience and words the gospel of Jesus and his love.

The Board of Discipleship put together a very diverse community, a committee, and they were given a gift: the preparation of this new *Book of Worship*. I believe we handled this responsibility with gentle care and with integrity. Throughout the process, we attempted to practice the gift of reading the heart to discern God's Spirit working in your midst and in our midst. The committee, living the marvelous diversity of the family of God, worked at being a faith community itself--listening to one another intervene, making most of our decisions through the process of consensus, building one another up, centering our life in prayer and worship. I'd like to introduce that committee to you and have them stand. Most of them are on stage. A few, I think, are out among the rest of you--just to recognize them for all their work.

(Research Process)

In all of our work, we used a variety of means to discern the sense of the Spirit moving. In the winter of 1989, soon after the creation of the committee, questionnaires and requests for information went out throughout the denomination. The *Interpreter* included a questionnaire on worship to its 250,000 readers. A self-mailing questionnaire was enclosed in 40,000 copies of the *Circuit Rider*. Three thousand questionnaires went to members of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship, Music, and the Arts. And another 400 were sent to the Order of St. Luke.

These first questionnaires revealed, among other things, that what the people wanted was a source book for pastors and for lay leaders of worship, which would be focused directly on the worship life of the congregation. And so, the form of the book in which you have today is based directly on your response.

In addition, every member of the committee conducted a series of focus groups, over 100 in all, to ask questions and to dialogue face to face. In the spring of 1990 there was a follow-up questionnaire sent out to 1,800 selected leaders of the church, including all the delegates that were at the 1988 General Conference.

Also was held a small-membership church consultation. Throughout the process, we also used consultants, such as ones from the multi-cultural Worship Round Table as well as seminary professors teaching worship. The pattern of our process was as follows: review, evaluation, revision, consultation, and further review. We believe it was a thorough and a fair process.

We also learned from the work of the Hymnal Committee. For instance, we used the same language guidelines that the Hymnal Committee used. Instructional material for worship leaders is printed like it is in the hymnal, and there are many thousands of references to hymns from the *Hymnal*. Other general features include a *New Revised Standard Version* of the Bible as the basis for Scripture readings. All the material is available to be printed in bulletins; you don't need special permission.

Print is in a size that's easier to use in public reading, and there's new artwork throughout the book. We've got a book for you, but not just for you gathered here, I would remind you, but for your grandchildren and your nieces and your nephews and that neighborhood youth down the street that you might yearn could find a welcome space to be touched by the gospel of Jesus and his love. This is a book for all of us and all our life transitions--and I want to emphasize "all of us"--a book I hope that, through the diversity of its materials, its prayers, its liturgies, its services, there will be something that will touch your life jour-

ney. A coming home. You know how it is to feel like you're at home in worship? A place where all our brothers and sisters are included in, where they might feel that welcome space, where they might be touched by the gospel message. It's a book for future generations. There is much rich, rich tradition in the book. But I believe that one of the things that our committee has learned is that in the nurturing of tender new shoots from older branches, those shoots give birth to new frontiers--to new and fresh ways God's Spirit is flowing in our midst. And in the last analysis, is it not the Holy Spirit that makes worship come alive?

In a new worship resource called *Birthings and Blessings* there's an interesting imagery used. The authors say an order of worship is best viewed, not as a jungle gym on which to climb up unyielding bars, but as a flying trapeze whose fluidity demands that we often let go--let go and trust ourselves to the air. Or, to put it in the words of Scripture from John 3:8: "The wind blows where it will, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know from whence it comes or whither it goes." So it is with everyone born of the Spirit. The *Book of Worship* is a resource. There's always room for religious creativity. We must learn to let go and trust the fluidity of the Spirit moving among us in new and fresh ways that is both a living and life-giving experience.

MORRISON: There will be 3 people from our committee which will work you through the book in a brief way, Rev. Ann Sherer, Lavon Wilson, and Andy Langford, who's our general editor.

(Book of Worship and Cultural Diversity)

ANN SHERER (Texas): As we offer this gift of *The Book of Worship* to you, the General Conference, I would like to note 3 things:

First, this book is not a book of law. It does not say "shall" or "shall not," except when quoting the*Discipline*. It offers suggestions, not mandates. No particular action, no particular act of worship is required. *The Book of Worship* affirms our United Methodist tradition of order and freedom.

Second, this *Book of Worship*, as proposed, is entirely compatible with the 1988 *United Methodist Hymnal*. The *Hymnal* contains the text needed by the people for participation in the general services. *The Book of Worship* includes those services and adds commentary and suggestions needed by pastors and other leaders of worship.

Third, the book reflects the cultural diversity of our great United Methodist Church. I invite you now to examine several sections of this book. I know you have already been reading it. The 1st section of *The Book of Worship* found on pages 1-170, this section is the general services. And it includes the basic pattern of worship and the services of *Word and Table*, baptismal covenant, Christian marriage, death and resurrection. None of these services have been changed. However, in response to express needs, *The Book of Worship* provides additional texts and additional resources. Some of those additional texts include the former Methodist service of Holy Communion and infant Baptism; the traditional service of marriage from the EUB and the former Methodist tradition; a shortened version of baptismal covenant 2, baptismal covenant 2a (this has been requested by several of our large-church pastors), an order for a wake out of the African-American tradition. The Book of Worship Committee sought to expand the possibilities of variation and use of the general services. Then, in sections 6, 7, and 8 of *The Book of Worship*, these are found on p. 378 to p.438, there are several new and revised occasional services.

I would like to share with you 3 I find of particular value. On page 398, there is the celebration of new beginnings in faith which grows out of our evangelical heritage and provides the opportunity for an individual to share with the community a new experience of Christ. Then, on p, 395, there is an Order of Thanksgiving for the birth or adoption of a child. It can be an immediate act of worship with a family who needs further nurture before they can take the baptismal, vows with integrity. It can mark the adoption of a child already baptized, it can express gratitude for the safe delivery of a child.

Then, on pp. 422-438, there are healing services. These services are based on sound biblical and theological reflection, and they call us to an awareness that healing is physical, emotional, and spiritual. We offer to you, the General Conference, and through you, to pastors and leaders of worship, resources to meet pastoral and congregational need, options from which to choose and structure on which to build.

BISHOP MINNICK: Thank you, Ann. Lavon.

(Music as Acts of Worship)

LAVON WILSON (Central Illinois): I ask if you will continue in your document as we look at the Music as Acts of Worship, which you will find on pp. 171-200. And as you're looking for that, John Wesley said, "to sing all and see that you join with a congregation as frequently as you can and let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find it a blessing."

I would also like to say to you that the late Roger Deschner, who was one of the persons who worked with us, said that "anything that could be said, could be sung." The composers that you will see in that particular section were chosen with a wide reflection of people that include ethnic diversity, large-and small-membership churches, formal and informal styles of worship. I would like to hasten to say to you that much of this music presented here is new. You may copy that without worrying about a copyright.

I would think that it would be appropriate if we would turn to p. 189. You already know this, and I would like for you to sing along with me very briefly.

(song)

WILSON: You make an excellent choir. As I continue on, if you will notice that the Christian Year, which picks up on pp. 201-311, the resources of the Christian Year were among the most frequent for the new *Book of Worship*. The table of contents provides an outline of all of the topics. I would like to say that the Christian Year also contains a few new and significant changes over previous resources. First and most significant is the inclusion of the New Revised Common Lectionary, adapted for use by the United Methodists. You will find this on p. 205-215. This is a completely new revision of the 3 year set of readings for use in worship.

I would also like to say to you that on p. 203 and p. 204, in the Christian Year section, you will find the 3 things as often that the leaders and pastors have mentioned that they need. One is the Christian colors for the appropriate days

of the season. And secondly, the various signs and visuals for the year that may be included. When we hasten on to pp. 312-329, we also find that we have Special Sundays and other Special Days. We felt that the resources in this section of the book fall into 2 categories: Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church and other days; and that the Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church include all those days approved by the previous General Conference for churchwide emphasis.

The *Book of Worship* has made it clear that these days, while mandated for observance, but not to take precedence over the observance of the particular days of the Christian year. And so, therefore, we have separated those. Also, would like to say that in the services, The United Methodist Book of Worship Committee monitored carefully the proceedings of the . . . will be monitoring carefully the proceedings of the 1992 General Conference and will make any changes necessary to bring this section of the book in conformity with the actions of the General Conference. I would like to ask you again if you would look on p. 324 with me. The Aldersgate Day or Sunday prayer, you will find in the middle of the page. Would you pray this prayer with me at this time?

(prayer)

(General Acts of Worship)

WILSON: The next section that you will find are the General Acts of Worship found encompassed between pp. 330 and 377. These General Acts of Worship include some of the most distinctive new resources in the proposed *Book of Worship*. And it expands a very broad repertory of prayers and includes worship resources that have never before been considered for adoption by this denomination. The prayers and acts of worship in this section witness the great variety of effective prayers, and they are intended to encourage worship leaders and congregations to find their own style of speaking and listening to God. This is not to provide an exhaustive list of resources, but just merely a sampling of what is possible and encouragement for persons to develop their own prayer language. As we go over to the Daily Praise and Prayer, which is the latter section of there, you will find that there are 5 service orders of Daily Praise and Prayer, expanding on the true services of Daily Praise and Prayer found in *The United Methodist Hymnal*, which only encompasses the morning and evening praise and prayer. I would like to say to you that it is our hope that this expanded section of The United Methodist *Book of Worship* will enable United Methodism to reclaim daily prayer as a means of grace eternal, essential to Christian life. Thank you.

BISHOP SANO: Chair will need to interrupt the presentations. If you'll . . . can we have a presentation in 3 minutes, Andy? OK. Those of you who will extend it by 3 minutes, lift the hand. Thank you. Those opposed, same sign. Thank you. It is extended 3 minutes.

LANGFORD (Western North Carolina): The very last section of The *Book of Worship* that we would like to look at begins on p. 463, the Services for Consecrations and Ordinations. In this section of the book, we have taken the current Disciplinary statements of our church defining who we are in ministry and how we set persons aside for ministry in our church. The most frequently asked question of me this week has been: what happens if the ministry study produces a new ordering of ministry in the church? What I'd like to say quickly is that these services reflect our current *Discipline* and our current understanding of ministry. If the ministry study comes out with a new report, we have been monitoring that work. We have another whole set of services consistent with that work that we will put in following your decision on that work.

Final statement. Who is our audience? As we try to describe to you primarily pastors and musicians in local congregations, they wanted 1 complete comprehensive source book, and I believe that we will provide for you and for our denomination and for the church universal, the most comprehensive worship resource ever seen before, and we are excited and proud about that. But who is our audience? Susan has already said, it is the women and the men, the youth, and especially the children in our local congregations. Our desire is through our liturgy, through the way we pray, through the way we worship together to form disciples of our Savior Jesus Christ. The way we worship together shapes who we will be as Jesus' followers. I think especially of my daughters, Ann Green, age 11, and Sara, age 7. This *Book of Worship* will shape who they are in their relationship to God. It will tell them as they grow up, that men and women are created equal in the eyes of God and are worthy of God's love. It will tell them that all Christians throughout the world, though they speak in many languages in many ways, all relate to their Creator. It will tell them in every moment of their lives, from the time they begin school till the time they graduate. Through their marriages; God forbid, through their divorce. At times of pain, and at times of joy, God will be there, and the liturgy will allow them to speak.

Tonight, you are being asked not just to create a worship book for pastors and musicians. You are being asked to create the book of spiritual formation, of corporate spiritual formation for our people. I urge you to sustain the desires of the pastors, musicians, and people who have called for this book. To endorse the work of the committee, to support the legislative committee in all of its amendments, and by your action tonight create for our denomination *The United Methodist Book of Worship*. Thank you.

BISHOP SANO: Thank you.

BEVINS: Bishop and members of the conference, the amendments that the Discipleship Legislative Committee is proposing were developed as the committee spent several days reviewing every page, every service, and every prayer. We revised the book at dozens of places, and finally voted 94 to 1 to enthusiastically place this *Book of Worship* before you with the amendments that are found on pp. 342, 343, and 344 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Calendar Item 842. Our committee report will be given by the chairs of the subcommittees which develop the amendments. The Rev. Donald Haynes will present the amendments to the General Services and Music as Acts of Worship. Next, Mary Brooke Casad will lead us through the amendments that relate to the Christian year, Special Sundays and other Special Days, General Acts of Worship, daily praise and prayer, occasional services, and healing services and prayers. Then Don Haynes will return to present the amendments on services relating to congregations and buildings, consecrations and ordinations, other annual conference and dis-

trict services, general church services, and an ecumenical service of Holy Communion. They will speak in that order.

(Process for approving Item 842)

BISHOP SANO: Before we have Don come forward to speak, let the chair propose a process. As you notice, this is the section where I call to your attention the fact that I counted 51 proposed amendments. This is a way the chair would propose that we handle it. As the interpretation is given to you on each proposed amendment, please flag those items you wish to either debate or amend. If you wish to either debate or add any further amendments, note those items. After we have had a full description of all of these proposed amendments, I will see how many of you wish to either speak or propose an amendment to the body. Now let's work through a possible scenario. Let's say that we have 10 of you who wanted to speak or propose amendments. That would mean that no one wanted to speak supposedly for 40, or 41 of the 51. The chair would suggest that we act on those 41 as a whole. And then we would only have 10 more remaining. Now I'll explain the steps more carefully as we come to them, but this is the a broad outline. We will have all of the amendments described and the rationale offered to you. If you want to debate them or amend them, please flag them. And then I, we'll see how many of you wish to speak on any 1 of these items and then from there, I will explain further on the procedure. Is there any question on this proposal?

Before we move in decisive points of this process, I'll give you a chance to comment on the processes being proposed. Let's then turn to Don Haynes, please, and he will lead us through the 1st section.

DONALD W. HAYNES (Western North Carolina): Thank you, Bishop Sano. I call your attention first to p. 25 of the proposed *Book of Worship* and simultaneously to p. 342 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, Calendar Item 842. Our committee has worked with scrutiny, and we have several amendments. We report this book to you with excitement and with pride, and we highly anticipate placing it in practice.

Turning now to the 1st amendment, under the division "Response to the Word." The amendment will now read, "responses should include an invitation to Christian discipleship, followed by a hymn of invitation," etc. The rationale for this amendment is that the reconfiguration in the amendment accents the 1st commitment to Christ and reaffirmation of faith as normative responses to the gospel when it is preached. This also substitutes "should" for "may" to define such an invitation as normative.

The next amendments I should like to present to you as a group. In *The Book of Worship* on pp. 56-81, these are prayers of great thanksgiving for the entire Christian year. There really is no amendment here. We simply call your attention to the fact that the committee wishes to sustain the alternate language in the parentheses, because God is greater than any adjective. Biblical imagery is rich in addresses for God. Hymnody is even more diverse. A favorite gospel hymn addresses the deity, "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me." In recognition and appreciation of the ways in which God is revealed to us and experienced by us, the "Prayers of Great Thanksgiving Throughout the Christian Year" are provided with a primary text which says, "Father Almighty" and a parentheses, which says "Almighty God." At the close of each of the great thanksgiving prayers, the deity is addressed as "Almighty Father (God)."

I should now call your attention to p. 102 of the proposed *Book of Worship*. This is the last part of a new abbreviated baptismal covenant, perhaps one of the greatest requests that The Book of Worship Committee had before it. At the conclusion of that brief order of Holy Baptism, the committee feels it necessary to amend by insertion in the section, "Commendation and Welcome." Believing that while we affirm the need for brevity in this new service, we also feel that the congregation must respond as participants in the nurturing community, and partners in the baptismal covenant.

The next amendment is on p. 130, excuse me, yes, 130 in the marriage ceremony under the section, "Declaration of Marriage." This is an amendment by addition, and it brings *The Book of Worship* into total parallel or identical language with the new *United Methodist Hymnal*. Adding in the rubrics that the minister is to "wrap a stole around." "May wrap a stole around," thank you.

The next amendment is on p. 132. This is an amendment in the title of a new service which many of us welcome. The service is entitled "A Service for the Recognition of a Marriage or The Blessing of a Civil Marriage," and we believe that the deletion of the words "of a marriage" will clarify the title.

The next amendment is on p. 135, also a new service which we welcome. An order for the reaffirmation of the marriage covenant. The majority of the committee feels that the new words which are inserted here emphasize the terms of endearment.

The next amendment is on p. 170. This is the last part of a new and much-needed service, "A Service of Death and Resurrection for a Stillborn Child." Reading it, it reads, "we thank you for the life and hope you give through the Resurrection of your son Jesus Christ." This amendment undergirds one of life's most difficult losses with the affirmation and hope of the Resurrection. I should like now to yield to Mary Brooke Casad of the North Texas Conference for presenting the next section of the *Book of Worship* Report, bishop.

MARY BROOKE CASAD (North Texas): I want to invite you now to turn to p. 250. You will see art-work at the top of the page. The committee proposes that a clear symbol is needed. The Greek letters *alpha* and *omega* need to be more distinct, so the individual letters would be clearly visible. If you would turn now to p. 257, par. 4, line 2. The change called for is to delete the word "is" and replace it with "can be." In order to be responsive to various interpretations, the words "can be" acknowledge that persons experience this service in different ways. The line would then read, "The imposition of ashes can be . . . ."

If you will turn now to p. 299, the committee has recommended that Scripture references be included for these prayers in hopes that this will provide a useful worship resource and a helpful aid.

Now if you would turn to pp. 306, we will be looking at 306 through 310, and also if you would turn to 314, you'll see that our recommendation is to delete "A Native American Service of Thanksgiving."

(Native American Service of Thanksgiving)

Representatives from the Native American International Caucus and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference requested to speak to our Discipleship Legislative Committee. At that time they asked that the "Native American Service of Thanksgiving" found on pp. 306-310, which is adapted from the Shawnee Nation United Remnant Band Green Corn Ceremony, not be included in the *Book of Worship.* Many nations do not practice this service, and others consider it a violation of sacred rights. Our committee honored this request by voting to delete the service from the *Book of Worship.* Persons from the Native American community shared information about Native American Thanksgiving celebrations. This material was referred to the editorial committee for placement in the Native American Awareness Sunday section on p. 314. It encourages United Methodists to plan Thanksgiving celebrations in consultation with representatives of the Native American community in their local area.

If you would look now on p. 319, line 4 under "Prayers," the committee proposes that the capital "C" in "Church" be dropped to lower case. And this proposed change is made to give emphasis to the fact that it is the people who make up the church who are often troubled and divided.

Page 330 offers a new paragraph, and you see that it is printed in your *DCA*, p. 343, through prayer the Holy Spirit. It continues and gives the Scripture reference, and this new paragraph sets the scriptural context of prayer and reminds us that corporate prayer incorporates our individual prayers. Also on p. 330, the 1st paragraph, which would become the 2nd paragraph, asks us, we are asked there to delete the words "by a single person." Since many unmarried persons in our culture are called single persons, the statement is unclear and might be misconstrued to be exclusive. The intent is that the new statement will help everyone avoid lengthy discourses.

BISHOP SANO: Is there general consent on that? Consider that adopted.

CASAD: If you will look now on p. 337 at the 2nd prayer, the recommended change is to delete the words "baker woman God" and replace with "God like a baker woman." The change proposed here is in keeping with the biblical tradition of the use of simile that Jesus frequently used, as is found in Luke 13:18-21, in the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast.

Turn now to p. 363, and you will see in the bold type the recommendation of the committee is to delete the words, "Oh, Mother God" and replace with "Oh, Creator God." This proposed change keeps the form of address for God consistent throughout the prayer. You will see the first "Oh, Creator God," then it is repeated again.

On p. 367 the proposed change is for a title change, that the title "For Those Who Work" be deleted, and be replaced with "For Disciples in the Marketplace." This title change more accurately reflects the subject of the prayer. In the same section, the committee proposes the addition of 2 new prayers as found in your *DCA* to provide further resources. The prayers are entitled "For Those Who Work" and "For Those Who Are Unemployed."

On p. 402, the committee recommends that the word "to" be deleted and replaced with the word "with." That's in the bold type on line 2, so that the line would then read, "In ministry with the people." This accurately reflects that persons serve one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

On p. 421, please note that there has been a mistake in the *DCA.* 421. "The Consecration of the Home" title and prayer will remain as printed on p. 421. Immediately below the rubrics which begin "The service may conclude," an additional title and prayer are proposed for inclusion. These are found in the *DCA* in the p. 421 amendments. The title would then read, "Consecration of a Parsonage," followed by the words, "when appropriate" in parentheses.

The prayer appears before you now in the *DCA* and provides a worship aid for a particular occasion. I now turn to Don Haynes to continue our report.

DONALD W. HAYNES (Western North Carolina): Thank you, Mary. Bishop Sano, members of the conference.

My coaches have reminded me that I omitted to note an amendment on p. 184.

Choir directors in my parishes across the years have always told me to please stick to preaching and to leave the music to them. And I have always been requested not to sing when mikes are on, so that's why I omitted it. But on p. 184, there was some concern for the biblical foundations for addressing the deity with the word "wisdom" and with a bit of research, we should like to add the footnote that this comes from Proverbs 9:1-6, and it is changed here, or this footnote will be inserted at the permission of the author.

I should like to call your attention now to p. 440. Again, from the Scriptures, "You are God's temple," from the 1 Corinthians passage, should not be followed with a question mark. We hope. Page 446, the *DCA* is in error here. The amendment is only to delete the word "parsonage" in the 1st line under the Service for the Consecration or Reconsecration of a Church Building. Following the comma, the words, "or other church unit," should remain. The reason, obviously, for this deletion and the insertion of 3 periods, is that it avoids confusion, since this service does not fit the consecration of a parsonage. And the footnote should not be struck, as is indicated in your *DCA*, but rather added, so that a person looking at this service is immediately referred to the service which Mary Brooke just presented to us, "For the consecration, not dedication, of a parsonage, see p. 420." I might say in passing this, that there is no service *per se* for the dedication of a parsonage, and it is impossible at this point in time to meet publishing deadlines for adding the pages that that would require. So just a bit of improvisation might be required of you at that point.

I should call your attention now to p. 462. Again, a very sad moment in the life of the church, an order for disbanding a congregation. The amendment, by insertion, was suggested by a very sensitive and perceptive member of our committee, and the rationale is that it softens the blow.

And now the ordinal. From pp. 463-524, and from pp. 525-554, we are referring this whole section to the editorial committee, asking them in each instance that might be detected by word search on their computer to change the words, "oversee" and "oversight" to the words "supervise" and "supervision." And I think it's important that we hear the rationale for these changes. This amendment is made in appreciation of the connotation which the word "overseer," and all its derivatives, has for our

brothers and sisters in the African-American tradition.

I shall now call your attention to p. 469. This is an amendment to that section of the consecration of diaconal ministers in which the bishop is examining the candidates. The rationale for the change is to enhance the theological dimension of the diaconal vow, and to make it parallel to the vows for deacons and elders. I might add, parenthetically, that there is a contingency service in a computer that would reflect any actions which this body might take concerning the ordination of the diaconate, so we need not worry at that point.

Now, on p. 470, there is an amendment to the Trinitarian formula in this same service. And at this point, I should like to call your attention to other amendments that are identical. Here, on p. 470, then on p. 502 in the Combination Service for Diaconal Ministers, for Deacons, and for Elders, and on p. 516, for the consecration of bishops, and on p. 552, for the commissioning of missionaries, and 554 for the commissioning of deaconesses. The rationale for this amendment is that it brings consistency to the Trinitarian formula. It brings the same language to the consecration of diaconal ministers, the consecration of bishops, and the commissioning of missionaries and deaconesses which is already used in this book in the Order of Baptism, the Order of Christian Marriage, and the Ordination of Deacons and Elders.

Now, I call your attention to p. 477. And the committee puts before you identical amendments for pp. 477, 487, 503, and 506. The issue here is the connotation which language has. The word "submit" and "submitting" recalls the memory of great pain in some people's lives, some who have been oppressed in the work place, some who have been forced to submit to abusive parents, and some who have been forced to submit to abusive spouses. I should hope that we would be sensitive to the painful old tapes which this word plays for some persons. The words at the last part of that sentence, "serve over," have a connotation of physical superiority. And again, the word "oversee" which was suggested as a substitute by some and does have a tradition in the church, nevertheless brings forth memories of the slave plantation. The committee was troubled as we struggled with these words and several attempts at adjustment were made. We are indebted to Joy Barrett of the Detroit Conference for proposing the language which brought us together. And, if it is necessary, I should suggest that you later allow her to speak to that. The next page is 529.

Renaming the "Order for the Admission of" what reads here as "Ministerial Candidates" to membership in the annual conference. All Christians are in ministry. Therefore, we propose to strike the word "ministerial" and to add before the word "membership," "clergy." "An Order for the Admission of Candidates to Clergy Membership in An Annual Conference."

On p. 534 a new service for the celebrating of the appointment of a district superintendent, and it's good to know that there might be occasions when that is a matter to be celebrated. I call your attention to the fact that there is an error in the line sequence for this amendment, as you probably have already noted, and should like to ask you as you consider on p. 344 of the *DCA*, line 12 and then the 3rd paragraph down, p. 534 under the covenant service, line 13. Would you make an arrow please, and move 13 up under 12, and then it will read line 12, line 13, and line 15. The reason for these, I think, is perhaps already reflected in the rationale for other places. Line 12 "oversight" to "supervision and leadership." This amendment adds the word "leadership," recognizing the role of the superintendent is more than one of authority. Line 13 changes the district superintendent covenant so that it parallels, with some adjustments, the covenant of the general superintendents, the bishops. There is an error in the *DCA* under line 13. The words "guard the faith," "you are called to guard the faith." "Guard the faith" should not be in bold print because this is not an addition or an insertion, this is in the text. And, the word "oversee" in your *DCA* should have been struck, inserting in its place, the words "supervise and support," so that it would read, "You are called to guard the faith, to seek the unity, and to exercise the discipline of the church, and to supervise and support the church's life, work, and mission." On p. 536 in the Consecration of the Bishop, at the bottom of that page, the new line is there because it seemed awkward to address a question to the new bishop, which is really a question to the chair of the Committee on Episcopacy.

Bishop Sano, this completes the amendments of the legislative committee. The committee chair will complete our report, and I thank you for your leadership and the conference for your patience through a tedious process.

BISHOP SANO: And we want to thank you for your careful work. Very helpful orientation. Now, let's test with the house whether you are prepared for this approach. I'm going to ask how many of you have any of these amendments you wish to debate, or you wish to propose an amendment, and we will separate those out from all of these proposals. Whatever remains, we will test with the house whether they are prepared to vote on them as a whole. Is the procedure clear? OK, let's, maybe I could see you better . . . yes, is there an inquiry? A question? Microphone 1, please. Microphone 1.

(Copyright Question)

WILLIAM B. COOK (Oregon-Idaho): Am I correct that any change in any prayer will have to be approved by the original writer before it could be included in this book?

BISHOP SANO: Yes, let's see, Andy, do you answer that question about copyright?

LANGFORD: The response is that if any prayers are changed, it depends. If it's in public domain, this conference has absolute freedom. If it's not in public domain and the copyright is held by an author or by a publisher, this body may choose to change anything it wishes; we would then have to negotiate to see if we would have permission then to print it. But I think my suggestion is for you to make the changes you wish to make, and then we'll have to see if we have permission to print them.

BISHOP SANO: All right. Thank you. Let's see if there are any other inquiries? Let's only deal with inquiries at the moment. Yes, microphone 11. That was, by the way, the first speech was by Don Cook, Oregon-Idaho. Bill.

RILEY B. CASE (North Indiana): Bishop, I'm wondering about some other petitions that relate to the *Book of Worship*. I'm thinking specifically of Calendar Item 845 which would call for a Service of Infant Dedication. When can that be presented?

BISHOP SANO: Yes. After we have gone through and attempt to deal with these amendments as a whole and individually, then the chair will call for additional items and at that point, blue book p. 342, Item 481 and p. 344, Item 485 will be brought by the committee. Are there any other inquiries at the moment? Yes, down here, microphone 2.

J. LAVON KINCAID SR. (Western Pennsylvania): Bishop, my question is in regards to where there is a direct quote from Scripture, is it permissible for an amendment?

BISHOP SANO: You want to try answering that, Rex? I would assume that if you're going to re-translate, and it said in the introduction it's NRSV, we'll just have to take the quotes off.

BEVINS: If it's a direct quote from Scripture, Bishop Sano, the committee will stick with the Bible.

BISHOP SANO: All right, is this an inquiry? Microphone 7. The recorders, by the way, need a chance to hear from the chair, a reiteration of your name and conference. Microphone 2.

JERRY D. HOLLIDAY (Kansas East): Yes. I was on that committee also, and I have 2 inquiries of things that were changed that they did not get in here, and the presenter did not give it. So I call your attention to p. 363 in the bold section. I believe the phrase, "let the waters of your wound heal," was deleted. No? OK. I'll call your attention, then, to 1 other 1 on p. 421. The "Consecration of a Home" was not changed to Consecration of a Parsonage, because it was brought out there are more than 1 type of home or homes that this could be used for. When you change it to Consecration of a Parsonage, you specifically limit it to 1 type of home, and there are other types of homes that this could be used for.

CASAD: Bishop Sano, may I speak to that?

BISHOP SANO: Yes, please.

CASAD: As I stated, there was a mistake in the *DCA* regarding the proposed change. The Consecration of the Home, title and prayer, will remain as printed. Immediately below that an additional prayer will be included, entitled Consecration of a Parsonage (When Appropriate), and then the prayer as you see it amended in your *DCA*.

HOLLIDAY: OK.

BISHOP SANO: Any further inquiries? Is this an inquiry? Microphone 10.

ROBERT B. BRANDT (Northern New Jersey): Bishop, in relation to that same page on addition of a Consecration of a Parsonage, will the blessing, the symbolic acts, and the Holy Communion remain in that service for the blessing of a home?

BISHOP SANO: Why don't we have you stand here, Rex? It seems like we may have a few more questions.

BEVINS: Yes, it will.

BRANDT: Thank you.

BISHOP SANO: All right. Any other inquiries? Back there, microphone 14.

(Stoles in Marriage Ceremony)

REBECCA YOUNGBLOOD (Mississippi): Point of curiosity. I consider myself to be pretty updated in worship stuff, but I just wanted to ask the committee to explain the addition of the wrapping of the stole in the marriage ceremony--where that comes from. It is new to me and all of us on our row, and we'd like to hear about it. Thank you.

BEVINS: Thank you. The rational which we gave was that this was already in the *Hymnal*. But there is another rational. When the pastor chooses to wrap his or her stole around the joined hands of the new husband and wife, he wraps it there as a symbol of the yoke of Christ. He or she wraps it there. Thank you.

BISHOP SANO: Thank you. Microphone 12, way in the back. Let's only have inquiries that are really going to change or that might eventually lead to an amendment. Just a moment.

BEN ALFORD (Tennessee): Bishop, let me inquire of the chair if on p. 334 . . . some of us were of the impression that the committee did change the word in the middle of the page--the prayer beginning, "With all our heart we take refuge in God," line 5--the word "pure" to "true." It's an inquiry.

BISHOP SANO: OK. Mary Brooke?

CASAD: That prayer has been taken out of The *Book of Worship* and replaced with a prayer that is on your blue authorized correction sheet.

BISHOP SANO: Was that distributed in the legislative committee?

CASAD: That was distributed to all of the delegates the first day that we arrived.

BISHOP SANO: Oh, all right. OK. We need to pause for a moment because some persons from Central Conferences were not able to pick up the extra copies. If you have a copy at home and are close to a person that you could follow the discussion and can give yours up, can you hold your *Book of Worship* up, and if we can have the tellers please pick them up. Could we just pause to have you do that, please? Lift the book high. Here is 1. Do we have some more? There is 2. Let's see if we can have some more. Will 5 help? Who did I get this note from? You have 1 you could share? Are there others of you who could share? Here's 1 up here. All right, let's see, then, if there are any other inquiries that would correct the book, or, if it is an inquiry that might eventually lead to an amendment. Back there, please. Let's see if we can finish this up with another 2 more beyond this. Microphone 12.

TOM HOLTSCLAW (North Carolina): Bishop, I, too, served on the committee. I was wondering if there might be a possibility of making some kind of statement, possibly on [Calendar Item] 330 or near there, where we would say something about the use . . .

BISHOP SANO: The chair hears this as a proposed amendment.

HOLTSCLAW: Excuse me?

BISHOP SANO: The chair hears this as a proposed amendment, and there will be an opportunity to make proposed amendments later.

HOLTSCLAW: OK, thank you.

BISHOP SANO: Any other inquiries? Please, down here, mike 2. Mike 2.

DAVID BADGER (Western Pennsylvania): Bishop, extremely trivial change on p. 464 about the permission to use cameras during a service.

BISHOP SANO: Is this a debate or . .

BADGER: Potentially, later, an amendment.

BISHOP SANO: OK. All right, the chair is going to . . . is this an inquiry? All right. Mike 13.

FRANK TROTTER (Baltimore): A question. Some elderly members of my congregation in the present *Hymnal* have trouble reading the print that is printed in red ink that is directly before instructions in certain parts of the *Hymnal*. They cannot see it. And I am wondering, as a point of inquiry, is it possible in *The Book of Worship* that

that ink be printed more darkly, or a more appropriate ink be found?

LANGFORD: We say red ink. If you'll look in the *Hymnal*, in fact, it will be in italics; and, in fact, it's kind of a dark, earth-red kind of ink which, at least in our testing, is proven candy red by persons who are color blind or have difficulty reading that. So we are playing with the inking to try to alleviate that problem. And the people at the Publishing House have been very helpful about that.

BISHOP SANO: All right. Let's keep in mind, friends, that we need to be moving on. The chair will be closing the inquiries with these next 2 cards. Please, right here. You want to go to microphone 8, please? If you could say the name slowly, please.

EWING WERLEIN JR. (Texas): The deletion of the term "Oh Mother God" at p. 86--I beg your pardon--p. 363, to which our attention has been called: Is that the only such reference, or are there any other references to "Oh Mother God" and, if so, where are those, please?

CASAD: There are other prayers found in the general acts of worship and in occasional prayers, occasional services. It would take a little research right now to go through and flag those. If you would give me a minute, I would be glad to go through and report on those in a minute.

BISHOP SANO: All right. One more, and then the chair will explain the next stages of the process. Microphone 9.

(Book of Worship in Different Languages)

AKASA UMEMBUDI (Central Zaire): Bishop, I would like to know . . . this is a general question. I would like to know if there is any provision for translation from English to foreign language--such as French, for example--so that this valuable book can be accessible to many members of this church as a global church whose main language is French.

BISHOP SANO: Could anyone answer that?

LANGFORD: At this point, the book is only being presented to you in English. We have negotiated copyright permissions for international rights, not only in English but also in other languages, and also for it to be electronically based. Therefore, this fall you should also be able to receive the entire book on 1 disk to put in your computer. At this point, we will need to be in negotiations with the Publishing House. There were no plans, at this point, to publish this resource in languages other than English, but it's entirely feasible and is entirely possible to be done.

UMEMBUDI: Excuse me, bishop. I think you are in a good place at a good time. I would like to know also about *The Book of Discipline*. Until today, the people who speak French don't have that *Book of Discipline*.

BISHOP SANO: Is a representative of the Publishing House here who can answer that now? Or shall we note that question and have it answered later? Can you answer that, please? Could you identify yourself?

THEO W. SCHAAD (Switzerland/France): May I share information with you? That the Constitution of our church gives the Central Conferences the right to adapt the *Discipline* for the situation in the place of the Central Conference. And so, all Central Conferences have made their own *Disciplines*. But we have the same Constitution. And, about *The Book of Worship*, let us say that French-speaking parts in Africa took over the French liturgy from the Switzerland/France Annual Conference.

BISHOP SANO: OK, do you have a further inquiry?

SCHAAD: OK, I will check on that.

BISHOP SANO: OK, please, Mary Brook.

CASAD: I would like to give the information requested by Ewing Werlein. Page 298 and p. 336; p. 298, the prayer at the bottom of the page; p. 336, the prayer at the top of the page, and the second prayer from the bottom.

BISHOP SANO: OK, the chair would now like to turn to describing the process for handling the amendments that are proposed by the committee.

As indicated already, the 2 additional items, 841 and 845, will be handled separately. After we have handled the amendments from the committee, and these additional amendments from the blue *DCA*, the floor will be open for additional amendments beyond the ones that have come from the legislative committee.

So now, on to the matter of treating the amendments from the legislative committee, the chair would suggest that we see a raising of hands. How many of you either have speeches to make on any of the amendments or have amendments to propose on these, the report from the legislative committee.

Let us bear in mind, as you have heard, this is not a book of law that is to be followed as printed, as may be true in other communions. You have heard this described as a resource. Now if you will review the items that you may have checked that you either wish to speak to or propose an amendment, please review that list and then I will call to see how many of you wish to speak or propose amendments. If you want to look at your list there, let's give them a chance to review this, and then if there are some questions, I'll ask for questions before I ask you to raise your hand.

All right, let's see, back here, was that a question, an inquiry? Could you go to mike 9?

HELMUT NAUSNER (Austria Provisional): Is it in order, bishop, to raise an amendment now?

BISHOP SANO: No, it is not.

NAUSNER: OK.

BISHOP SANO: I'm gonna ask for who wanted to raise amendments.

All right. Let's see how many of you either want to speak to any of the proposed amendments or propose an amendment to these reports. Let me have you stand and wave your cards. Could the committee help me get an estimate? OK, we estimate that there are approximately 25. Even if we have 25 separate amendments, there are 25 of these that we can adopt as a whole. Now if I can have the help of the chair of the committee; also record which 1 of these amendments you either wish to speak to or amend. Will you please quickly go to the microphone and stay there and they will call out microphone numbers that you could speak to. Please go to the mikes now.

Delegates speak from different microphone locations. Delegates do not identify themselves.

(Delegates List Page to Amend)

BISHOP SANO: Let's start over here at mike 1. Let's give your attention, please, so you could follow along. Mike 1. Simply tell us which one you wish to speak to; page number.

DELEGATE: Page 337; p. 363.

BISHOP SANO: All right, next.

DELEGATE: Page 314.

BISHOP SANO: All right, next.

DELEGATE: In the blue *DCA,* Petition 845; it deals with child dedication service.

BISHOP SANO: No, we're only on 842. We'll deal with those later. Next, please, on mike 1. There are none? Mike 11, please, Give us your page numbers for item 842.

DELEGATE: Page 367 at the bottom.

BISHOP SANO: The very last one; 367. OK, mike 7, please.

DELEGATE: 502, 503, 516, and 470.

BISHOP SANO: Let's see, give those more slowly.

DELEGATE: 502, 503, 516, and 470.

BISHOP SANO: All right, next on mike 7.

DELEGATE: 363, at the bottom.

BISHOP SANO: Let's see, that's been noted already, I believe. Yes, mike 7.

DELEGATE: 298. I'm sorry, sir.

DELEGATE: She has 7, but they're all related to 1 concern, the language of "Mother God."

BISHOP SANO: Have they already been noted?

DELEGATE: Yes.

BISHOP SANO: If they have been noted . . .

DELEGATE: 1 or 2 have; some may have not.

BISHOP SANO: Let's come back to you and call out what additional needs. [Mike] 12.

DELEGATE: [referring to most immediate exchange] Let me say the numbers she has in her list, if I may: 298, 323, 337, 436, 421, 363, 377. But as we understand it, she wants to address a general concern that relates all those pages.

BISHOP SANO: Some of those are not on here. Please understand, we're only trying to reduce this. This approach may not work here, but let's see if we can make it work. Only the ones that are listed here, please. Could you help her because we need to go on and get tabulation? Mike 12.

DELEGATE: Bishop, I want to make an observation. What has been presented to us is a suggested *Book of Worship.* And each of us here can make amendments to every line. And therefore, if we want to take what everybody wishes to suggest, then we end up with nothing. My own view is that we have this book suggested to us. And we can adapt it in the way we want it. And, therefore, I would suggest that all these amendments could be observed in our several congregations, but to go ahead and accept the book as a resource.

BISHOP SANO: That was what the chair was trying to say and other speakers have said. Those of you who wish to make amendments, we urge you to bear in mind, this is not a book of law, this is not a book of law, but a resource. OK, back on mike 12.

DELEGATE: Yes, on p. 502, line 22, and all other references in ordination and consecration services that are similar to that.

BISHOP SANO: Yes, ma'am, we need to ask all of you--if the numbers have been already noted, please do not reiterate. Those have all been noted. Up here, in mike 3.

DELEGATE: Would that count p. 314, 315, Native American?

BISHOP SANO: 314 and 315 was noted here, but 314 was already noted.

DELEGATE: 336.

BISHOP SANO: It has been noted. No, it has not; it was not even proposed. That's a separate amendment. Yes. Mike 3. OK, Mike 8.

DELEGATE: Bishop, the prayer that was added on p. 343 of the *DCA,* for those who are unemployed.

BISHOP SANO: What page are we on?

DELEGATE: 343 of the *DCA.* It's the prayer that was added by the committee.

BISHOP SANO: What page is it?

DELEGATE: 343 of the *DCA.* The prayer is on p. 367 of the proposed *Book of Worship,* but this is the prayer that was added for the unemployed by the committee, *DCA,* page 343.

BISHOP SANO: All right, is that mike 7?

DELEGATE: Right now you're just calling for amendments on what's already been amended, am I correct?

BISHOP SANO: That's being proposed, yes.

DELEGATE: Our sister from Mexico most likely would like to speak when 363 comes up.

BISHOP SANO: All right.

All right, fine. Is that mike 4.

DELEGATE: 337, 363.

BISHOP SANO: 337, 363 have already been proposed.

DELEGATE: I have an amendment on p. 129 of the general service. It's a part of the marriage ceremony, and it has not been mentioned.

BISHOP SANO: No, and those amendments will be called for from the floor later. [Mike] 9, please.

DELEGATE: I want to make an amendment on p. 529 and 534. On p. 344 of the *DCAs*

BISHOP SANO: Yes, thank you, mike 9.

DELEGATE: I desire to make a brief semantical amendment to pp. 535-536.

BISHOP SANO: 535 is not on this list, but 536--is it related to the proposed amendment?

DELEGATE: It is an addition.

BISHOP SANO: Then that's separate. We'll deal with that as amendments proposed from the floor. Mike 10, please.

DELEGATE: Page 130.

BISHOP SANO: 130, OK. Are there any other proposals? Chair does not see any. There is 1, thank you on 5 or 4.

(Motion to Suspend Rules and Eliminate Amendment from the Floor)

ROBERT SWEET (Southern New England): If it's in order, I would like to propose a motion that we suspend the rules, and if I can have a 2nd, I'll explain my reason.

BISHOP SANO: All right.

SWEET: In light of the counsel that we have received in terms of *The Book of Worship* on being advisory position rather than a doctrinal statement, my motion, if the rules are suspended, my motion would then be to accept the entire *Book of Worship*as presented without amendment.

BISHOP SANO: Let's see, you're asking to depart from this procedure that I have proposed. Is that what you're saying?

SWEET: Yes, sir.

BISHOP SANO: Sounds like you have a lot of following out there.

SWEET: Bishop, that would include the amendments that have been presented from the legislative committee.

BISHOP SANO: Yes, those are only the amendments proposed from the legislative committee. All right. The chair is treating this not so much as suspension of the rules, but as proposing another procedure to follow than what has been proposed from the chair. Is that what you hear? OK. You want to restate that motion.

SWEET: The motion I would have made after a suspension of the rules?

BISHOP SANO: Yes, we do not need a suspension of the rules. Yes.

SWEET: I would move that we accept *The Book of Worship* as presented by the legislative committee with the amendments proposed by them.

BISHOP SANO: Now what you are doing with that motion is, you're also eliminating additional motions from the floor.

SWEET: Yes, sir.

BISHOP SANO: Do you understand that?

SWEET: I'm clear that's what I'm doing, sir.

BISHOP SANO: All right, OK.

SWEET: If I may speak to the motion, I'll say why.

BISHOP SANO: Does that eliminate any discussion on 841 and 845? It does not, does it?

SWEET: No, it would not.

BISHOP SANO: OK, all right, we just want to know what we're going to be stating before the house. OK, any other questions before the chair states a question. Let's see if we got a 2nd.

SWEET: Bishop, may I speak to it.

BISHOP SANO: All right, there is a second. Go ahead and speak.

SWEET: Bishop, it seems to me that the study commission has done a superb job for the General Conference. The legislative committee has spent many hours. All of the points of view have been clearly represented in that legislative committee. We've had ample time to look at *The Book of Worship* to examine it. We've been told that it is not a book of doctrine, it is not a book of discipline. It is a book of worship for us to use as a resource. We are not bound by every line of its contents. We're opened to be creative with the contents of that book. We are not put in a position of causing our congregations to be threatened by stuff that we have to impose upon them. With good pastoral care, any of the pastors will use what makes good sense to them in their own parish. Laypeople will use those prayers and resources that will be most helpful and creative and useful to them.

Given the number of potential amendments that I heard proposed to the chair in the last few minutes, I suggest we may be here until 6 a.m., breaking just in time to get here for the morning session.

BISHOP SANO: All right, we need to pause to confer where we are parliamentarily. So, if you'll allow us to visit here for a moment.

BISHOP SANO: Let's come to order, please. We have a wave fanning us on. Thank you. Let's take our places, please. Could the mover of that motion state that motion in writing and repeat it for us at this time? The chair and parliamentary backups here, we need to confer.

SWEET: I move that we adopt *The Book of Worship*as proposed by the committee with the amendments endorsed by the legislative committee. Bishop Sano, it occurs to me that I should have also included the words without further debate.

BISHOP SANO: No, that part . . . yeah, that part is a separate motion and you cannot combine those 2 motions.

SWEET: I thought I had originally. Perhaps I didn't.

BISHOP SANO: OK, the chair will entertain this motion without the motion to cut off the debate. So that if you could restate that motion again.

SWEET: I move that we adopt *The Book of Worship* as proposed by the committee with the amendments endorsed by the legislative committee. Bishop, did I earlier say, without further amendment. That's the phrase that I do not have written down.

BISHOP SANO: All right, reread it again.

SWEET: I move that we adopt *The Book of Worship* as prepared by the committee with the amendments endorsed by the legislative committee without further amendment.

BISHOP SANO: OK. Being advised that that would 1st require a suspension of the rules.

SWEET: I so move.

BISHOP SANO: This is not debatable, and those who will suspend the rules will lift a hand. Thank you. Those oppose, same sign. OK, we have suspended rules; let's hear the motion again.

SWEET: I move that we adopt *The Book of Worship* as proposed by the committee with the amendments endorsed by the legislative committee without further amendment.

BISHOP SANO: All right, is there a 2nd? There is a 2nd. All right, we need to give opportunity.

SWEET: I think I've spoken clearly enough.

BISHOP SANO: All right, is this . . . Yes, microphone 5.

STEVEN MOTT (Southern New England): I'm very much in favor of the book as it now is, but I think this is a way to create a very bad feeling among the minority of the members of this meeting. Even though I urge members even if you are in support of the book as it is, to vote against this because I think this is not in favor of good will amongst us.

BISHOP SANO: All right, that's a speech against. Is there a speech for? Is there a speech for? Mike 13.

JAMEY A. HEAL (Minnesota): I'm speaking in favor of the motion. We cannot make all people happy, no matter how long and hard we work on this. As you have stated, chairperson, this is a book of resource, not of law. We could work on this for a year, and we would not have a book that would make 100% of the people of The United Methodist Church happy. All we can do is to strive to make the majority of the people happy. We have to trust the people who were on the legislative committee to do what is generally right for the whole church. I urge that we accept the book as amended by the legislative committee because if they feel it's good like that, we have to trust them that they are in the right.

BISHOP SANO: All right, is there a speech against, down here? You had your hand up? I'm sorry, the woman, please. Mike 4.

JANE T. BORDEN (Troy): Over half of our constituency is female, and I think this was a wonderful book in the original presentation of it. The editorial committee, the legislative committee, has written out some of the language that might have been very much appreciated by women pastors and many male pastors. You have kept in and incorporated every minority, every nation, ancient Columbia, things from Scotland, things from Brazil, things from every nationality, almost other languages; you have written out Mother God. You have written out other names for the deity. In many cases, you have written it out. I would like a substitute motion that we take it as originally presented to us before any amendments were done at all.

BISHOP SANO: This is a speech for. We have only had 1 speech against. Is there a speech against the motion? Back there? Way in the back. 14. Are you

debating the classification of that speech?

BORDEN: I'm against.

BISHOP SANO: No, the chair heard her to be supportive of the committee. Could the . . . all right, thank you. She has spoken. I will take her word. All right, mike 14.

ELIZABETH B. ST.CLAIR (Peninsula): I am in opposition to the proposed resolution, proposed amendment, whatever that's called, because I heard that we would accept the amendments to the . . . that are written from the committee's proposal, and while some of those amendments I like--inclusion of prayers for those out of work--there are other amendments I don't like and don't want to have those copies in the finished product. So, I'm afraid we would lose some of the good ones and keep some of the bad ones, that I think are bad.

BISHOP SANO: So you did consider that a speech for?

ST. CLAIR: No! That's against!

BISHOP SANO: All right. Maybe if you spoke in Japanese, I'd be able to follow. All right, we have had 3 speeches against; that's the maximum. We can only have 1 more speech for before we go for the vote. Is this a speech for? OK. Mike 12, 7? Seven, please, mike 7.

TOM FLINN (Baltimore): My colleagues told me to make it short and sweet. I would just like to say that the committee has worked 4 years on this *Book of Worship*. It has gone to the General Board of Discipleship, and they have refined it. It has come to the legislative sessions, and we spent many, many nights refining it, and I think that we have as close to a perfect book that we can get. I urge your approval of this *Book of Worship* so that we can all celebrate.

(Book of Worship Approved)

BISHOP SANO: All right, we have had the 3 speeches for and 3 against. I will read the motion, and then we will vote on this 1 by the electronic voting. OK, I move we adopt the *Book of Worship* as proposed by the committee with the amendments endorsed by the legislative committee without further amendments. Please vote when the light appears. We have a *Book of Worship!* "Yes," 809; "No," 149.

BEVINS: Bishop, we had indicated that there are 2 additional items that we would consider. Item No. 841 which has already been dealt with by the legislative committee. It is on p. 342 of the *Daily Christian Advocate*. It is to remove the "Green Corn Ceremony" in the *Book of Worship*. This committee vote was 85 to remove it and 11 against and 2 not voting. I recommend that the action of the committee be supported.

BISHOP SANO: OK, the chair will call for the vote on this on the electronic voting. Is there any discussion? There is none. Please vote on 841 when the light appears, whether you will support the committee or not. The committee is supported. "Yes," 870 ; "No," 26.

(Calendar Item No. 845; Infant Dedication Service)

BEVINS: Then on p. 344 of the *DCA*, Calendar Item No. 845 has to do with an infant dedication service. The committee voted nonconcurrence, 57 for, 35 against, and 6 not voting.

BISHOP SANO: Right, you have heard the report from the committee. Any questions? There is none. Vote whether you will support the committee or not. There is? We will hold the voting. Just a 2nd. Microphone 11.

RILEY B. CASE (North Indiana): I know that once we begin to get into a voting mode, we like to vote to approve or disapprove everything that comes along without great debate, but this particular calendar item has a great deal of interest on the part of many people, and I hope we would allow some discussion and some debate on it.

This presentation I oppose, by the way. I am opposing the action of the committee. This presentation started out with the remark that the new *Book of Worship* would be inclusive of our diversity and faithful to our tradition. This is of great concern to some of those in the former EUB church and particularly, from the former United Brethren church, who had understood that they were part of the diversity and part of that tradition, and who were told at the time of the merger that the rights and the traditions and the practices of the former churches would be respected. And have been wondering where that respect is, particularly when it comes to some of those practices, like the option of infant dedication. People on the committee indicated that they received many requests for such a service--5% of those who were surveyed. Some people say that this is an insignificant minority in the church. Maybe it was not even a majority in the former United Brethren Church, but I would submit to you that 5% is a significant minority. The committee has argued that the service of thanksgiving for the birth or adoption of a child would be a substitute. My friends, it is not really a substitute. Could we honor those practices and rights and the understandings of some of those in the former United Brethren Church? Over a 100 years ago there was a great revival in my city of Kokomo, IN. 143 persons were baptized. They formed a church; they began to look around for some denomination to affiliate with. They did not want to be Methodist, in part, because of the practice of infant baptism. They preferred an option. The presiding elder of the United Brethren Church came along and argued that they could have that option in the United Brethren Church, and they became United Brethren. A nearby church to me heard a woman remark that she was dedicated; her mother was dedicated before that. and her grandfather was dedicated before that. She always understood that that was a part of the tradition. I can take you to at least 20 churches in our conference that have baptismal tanks.

BISHOP SANO: If you could complete your sentence, please, the red light is on.

CASE: I would urge us to allow this service in this *Book of Worship* in order to respect the rights and practices of those who have held to this tradition.

BISHOP SANO: Do we have any further discussion? There is? Mike 4.

MICHAEL B. SLAUGHTER (West Ohio): Bishop, the church I serve is a former EUB church, and in our 1964 *Book of Worship* we had a service of infant dedication. The people in my church still choose that as an option. We have been so careful to respect the traditions of our Native American brothers and sisters; can we not be as careful to respect the traditions of the EUBs?

BISHOP SANO: OK, we've had 2 speeches against. Is this a speech for, in support of the committee? Mike 5.

(Infant Dedication Theological Issues)

DONALD W. HAMILTON (Yellowstone): I think the matter that we have here is a deeply theological one. It's not a matter of convenience or not a matter of tradition as much as it is a

theological position that has been a part of the Methodist/Wesleyan heritage, back to Wesley and through Wesley on back to the early church. And that is infant baptism is a declaration of faith in the grace of God. The emphasis in infant baptism is upon God's action rather than upon our human response or action. An infant dedication service puts most of the emphasis on the parents responding and their action, their taking to the altar their child to dedicate that child to God. Infant baptism is a sacrament, a means of grace, an action of God in the Holy Spirit. This is entirely different--where we come to the point of giving people the choice to dedicate their infants or the infant baptism is a significant and deeply theological shift for our church if we were to take this. I am in favor of the motion as presented by the committee.

BISHOP SANO: All right. Speech in favor. Back here, please. Mike 13.

MERLIN J. ACKERSON (Iowa): Bishop Sano, I rise to support the committee's recommendation that we not concur in having the infant dedication service; the reason being that we have practiced during our tradition and, in fact, our tradition of infant Baptism goes way back, we think, to the Bible itself. There are roots in the Bible or evidences in the Bible where we practiced infant baptism or family baptisms, and so forth, and we continue to do that. I think my major objection to dedication services, though they sound good, is the confusion that it oftentimes leaves in people's minds as to whether they were baptized when they were a child or whether they were simply dedicated. And there is, of course, a big difference in terms of our theological understanding of baptism and church membership.

I would suggest that we continue our practice and encourage our families to have their children baptized; and, of course, if they don't want to, the alternative is to have a believer's baptism later on--but to counsel with them to encourage them to have baptism because in infant baptism there is an act of dedication. As mentioned earlier, obviously baptism is God's movement toward us. But dedication in the act of--or in--baptism gives us a chance to respond to that as parents or as persons who are sponsors for the child. So I support the committee.

BISHOP SANO: All right, friends, we're going to need to extend the time until we complete this item. Those who will extend the time will lift the hand. Thank you. Those who will not? We will extend the time through the completion of this item. We have had 2 speeches for; 2 against. Only 1 more on each side is the maximum allowable. Down here, please. Mike 3.

BOB W. PARROTT (Texas): I call for the question on Calendar Item 844.

BISHOP SANO: All right, is there a 2nd? There is a 2nd. Those in favor of closing debate will lift the hand. Thank you. Those opposed? The question has been called for. I'm going to turn to the electronic voting. Oh, yes, thank you. The committee wanted a speech.

BEVINS: Bishop, I would like to request the conference to permit Bishop George Bashore to provide the concluding comment on this.

BISHOP SANO: Those who will grant Bishop Bashore a voice will lift the hand. Thank you. Those opposed, same sign. It is granted. Bishop Bashore, please. Thank you. It has been called to my attention some seem to be calling it 844, numbering 844; it is 845. It is 845 that is before us. Yes, Bishop Bashore?

(History of Infant Dedication)

BISHOP GEORGE BASHORE: All right, some of you may know that I am from the predecessor Evangelical United Brethren tradition, and I've been asked to attempt a solution for the mystery of the appearance of the service of infant dedication in that tradition. It's very difficult to trace. Such an exploration was undertaken by the Hymnal Revision Committee, and we have tried to trace this through documents and also through oral tradition. As near as we can tell, there is no history at all of the service of infant dedication nor practice of infant dedication in the predecessor Evangelical Church. There also is no record prior to 1945 in the United Brethren in Christ Church. And there has been no recognition in *The Books of Discipline* of both of those predecessor denominations. It is true that after the 1946 union, the service of dedication--into dedication--appeared in *The Book of Worship*. It was no different from the service of baptism in its wording, except for the baptismal formula, the pronouncement of baptism. The former Evangelical Church thought it must have come from the former United Brethren tradition. The former United Brethren Church thought it must have come from the former Evangelical Church.

No official action seems to be recorded at all. In fact, oral tradition portrays some bishop somewhere who thought it should be included, and somehow it magically appeared. Now some have said it comes from the former Anabaptists background of the United Brethren in Christ Church; but if you trace that Anabaptist background, you will see that, in those traditions, such a service really is only a modern phenomenon. Infant baptism is in the confession of faith that is in our *Book of Discipline*. We believe children are under the atonement of Christ and, as heirs of the kingdom of God, are acceptable subjects for Christian baptism--and it goes on. This inclusion of the service of infant dedication in *The Book of Worship* of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church caused confusion and diminished the focus on infant baptism. I agree with what was said that grace is primary and operative at any age and that baptism is the beginning of a process of becoming in Christ. Hopefully, we will take the action which is being encouraged by the committee which highlights the centrality of grace and clarifies, I think, for us the norm for faith and practice. Thank you.

BISHOP SANO: Thank you. We will now call for the vote. Whether you will support the legislative committee or not, vote when the light appears. There are 760 in support of the committee; and "No," 197. The committee is sustained in their recommendation.

BEVINS: Bishop Sano, this concludes our report.

BISHOP SANO: Thank you very much.

HAYNES: Bishop Sano, I request a point of personal privilege.

BISHOP SANO: Yes, please.

HAYNES: I should request the privilege of asking this conference to express its appreciation to the Book of Worship Committee; to the General Board, of the Book of Worship Committee, especially the signatories, Bishop Morrison, Bishop White, and Ezra Earl Jones to the General Board of Discipleship, especially its Section on Worship staff, Andy Langford, Hoyt Hickman, and Diana Sanchez; and to the officers of the legislative committee,

Rex Bevins, Ann Sherer, and LaVon Wilson for the leadership which they have given us and the book they have provided us.

BISHOP SANO: Can they stand where they are? Thank you. Sarah Miller has words about the agenda. If we can take our seats, please, to hear about tomorrow.

SARAH S. MILLER (Wyoming): Thank you, bishop.

SANO: Please, Sarah.

MILLER: I'd like to report that we have already agreed that tomorrow morning's worship would be a Native American service of repentance and healing. Following that, there will be a recognition of retiring bishops, and then we had agreed previously that tomorrow morning's main agenda would be Council on Finance and Administration consideration of the budget. In the afternoon, there will be a brief time for courtesies, and then we will proceed with calendar items afternoon and evening. We don't need a motion to approve that. The afternoon and evening are simply tentative at this time. We may have more detail tomorrow morning.

BISHOP SANO: Thank you. Allen Norris on presiding officers.

J. ALLEN NORRIS (North Carolina): Bishop Sano, and members of the General Conference, the Committee on Presiding Officers is ready to announce at this time, 2 of the presiding officers for Wednesday, May 13. Bishop Joseph Yeakel of the Washington Area will preside during the morning session, and if the matters dealing with finances should extend beyond the morning session, he will remain in the chair until those items have been completed. Bishop William B. Grove of the West Virginia Area will preside at the afternoon session, and we will be prepared at tomorrow morning's session to announce the presiding bishop for the evening session.

BISHOP SANO: Thank you. I am sure you want to thank the parliamentary backup that we've had tonight. And you folks have been thanking the presiding bishops regularly, but you will notice tonight that the proposal from the chair did not move along as smoothly as was hoped. But the suggestion came from the floor, I think you ought to thank yourselves for being helpful to each other. Carolyn Marshall, announcements, and then I am going to call on Bishop Wilbur Choy to close us. Carolyn, please.

MARSHALL: Bishop and delegates.

BISHOP SANO: Mike?

MARSHALL: Bishop Sano and delegates. For some of us, the meetings for today are not over. May I remind you, the Commission on Central Conference Affairs will meet soon after this adjournment in room 205. The Legislative Committee on Financial Administration will also meet. That will be in room 207, and the Legislative Committee on Church and Society in room 105. Those of you in Church and Society, as well as others who have watched you as you have worked and been with you in spirit, will be interested and appreciative of the note that is on here which says you expect to finish this evening.

BISHOP SANO: Thank you. Let us rise.

BISHOP WILBUR W.Y. CHOY: Day is dying in the west. Heaven is touching earth with rest. Wait and worship while the night sets the evening lamps alight through all the sky. Let us pray.

(prayer)

BISHOP SANO: Amen.

Wednesday Morning
May 13, 1992

Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel, presiding

BISHOP JOSEPH H. YEAKEL: Let me call now on the chairperson of the committee, the Committee on Agenda. Don Ott, please.

DONALD A. OTT (Wisconsin): Good morning, bishop and members of the conference. Today is Wednesday, May 13, 1992. We have yet remaining, 24 1/2 scheduled hours of plenary. I'm pleased to tell you that the last legislative committee, early this morning, completed its work, and adjourned. As you know, I have been researching all the Bible verses that contain the word "time." I have 1 this morning for you that responds to the number of you who have asked me through yesterday about particular matters and when will they appear on the agenda. Mark 13:33, "Take heed, watch, for you do not know when the time will come." The burden of managing the flow of our work has shifted a bit, from the Agenda Committee to the Calendar Committee, which Charles Jordan chairs. He and the coordinator of the calendar have a report to you now, prior to the adoption of the agenda.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. Dr. Jordan.

CHARLES W. JORDAN (Northern Illinois): Bishop and members of the conference, I would first call your attention to our Consent Calendar No. 4, which is located on p. 335, p. 335, Consent Calendar No. 4. And when you have found that, then I would ask you to turn to p. 451, and you will there find the removals from that calendar.

BISHOP YEAKEL: 335 and 451. 451 is in today's edition.

JORDAN: And I would add to that, Calendar Item 1159, which is found on p. 370, if you wish to refer to that, and that is also to be removed. Calendar Item 1159 is to be added to that list. Pardon?

BISHOP YEAKEL: They're saying it's not on . . . 1159 is not on p. 335, is that what you're saying? Yes?

JOHN BRAWN: Calendar Item 1159 was added to Consent Calendar No. 4. And the delegates who removed it were so effective that they had the paper in the office before the office was ready to receive it. And we didn't find it again until after 1:00 last night. That's why it's not listed as one of the removals from Consent Calendar 4. But it is officially removed from Consent Calendar 4, if you could make that notation. It is an additional removal from Consent Calendar 4. That's Calendar Item 1159.

BISHOP YEAKEL: We need it for the record, if you'll just note it on p. 451. All right, the Consent Calendar with these removals, then, is before you. I take it you're ready to adopt. If you'll adopt, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 792; "No," 13. The calendar is adopted.

JORDAN: Now, I would share with you for your information, that this afternoon our calendar items will include calendar items related to the study of ministry and other items related to ministry. Among our calendar items this afternoon will be items related to the study of ministry and other items. This evening our calendar items will include abortion items from the Legislative Committee on the Church and Society. Now, I'd like to have John Brawn come and share with us some information about where we are.

BRAWN: Good morning, the good news is that we're 1/3 of the way through the calendar process approximately. The bad news is we've exhausted more than 1/3 of our time. So, I'm afraid that we're running behind. For those of you who are keeping track of the large picture, I guess I want to alert you, if you look in the *DCA* at the pie charts, and you just glance at the whole page, and you look at how much is in the cross-hatch pattern that indicates what has been voted by the General Conference session, it looks like there is more happening than what's happening. And that is because many of those pies that show a lot of cross-hatch pattern involve very few calendar items. Central Conferences, is an example. While it's mostly or more than half taken care of, it only represents 12 calendar items. In the opposite corner, Ordained and Diaconal Ministry, which represents nearly 1/4 of all of our calendar items has very little cross-hatch pattern. We expect to have about 1,960 calendar items, by the time this is done Friday night. So far, with the exception of what we just did a moment ago, we've worked on 664 of them. We're about 1/3 of the way there; let's keep pressing on.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you.

OTT: Bishop, I would then move the adoption of the agenda for this day as printed on the 1st page of today's *DCA*, with the addition of a report from the Presiding Officers' Committee just prior to the noon recess.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, with this addition then, the agenda's before you. If you'll adopt, will you lift the hand? If not, will you lift the hand? Thank you, it is adopted, and we'll move ahead.

I'll give you a Scripture verse, too. It's Revelation 2:10, "Do not fear what you are about to endure." We'll turn now to the secretary of the Council of Bishops, Bishop Melvin Talbert, to present the bishops who will be retiring at the sessions of the Jurisdictional and Central conferences. Bishop Talbert.

(Retiring Bishops)

BISHOP MELVIN G. TALBERT: Bishop Yeakel, and members of the General Conference, there are many opportunities and privileges that I have as result of being secretary of the Council of Bishops, representing this church in various arenas. But I have a great privilege this morning to present to you those colleagues of mine in the council who are retiring this year. And so, let me have all of those who are retiring just come here and stand across the front of the stage. All of those who are retiring. I want to present these persons to you by name, and as the names are called, I will just ask them to raise their hands, so that you will know who they are. But I would ask you to hold your applause until I will name all of them.

We have 19 persons who are retiring, which means that after the Jurisdictional Conferences of this year, we will have 19 new colleagues in the Council of Bishops. So I begin with the Central Conferences: Paul Granadosin of the Baguio Area, Tom Bangura of the Sierra Leone Area, Abel Muzorewa of the Zimbabwe Area.

Of the North Central Jurisdiction: Edsel Ammons of the Ohio West Area, Leroy Hodapp of the Indiana Area, and Rueben Job of the Iowa Area.

Northeast, 2: James Mathews, now this is a unique situation, he's retired once and he kept pulling like a horse, and he was needed again, so he's back in space and serving, and he's the oldest and the senior bishop serving at this time. So Jim Mathews is serving in the Albany Area; and he'll be retiring again. Dale White of the New York Area.

And then South Central; Ernest Dixon Jr. of the San Antonio Area, W.T. Handy Jr. of the Missouri Area; Ken Hicks of the Kansas Area; Ben Oliphint. Ben cannot be with us today because he went home. He was having a little difficulty before the conference and decided he would not push himself, and so we miss him. But he's retiring from the Houston Area. John Russell from the Fort Worth Area, Lou Schowengerdt from the Northwest Texas-New Mexico Area.

And then Southeast: Ernest Fitzgerald from the Atlanta Area; Charles Hancock--he's not here this morning; You know he's in the hospital; and the message we received this morning, that he is doing well. And we wish him well. Ernest Newman, Nashville Area; Robert Spain of the Louisville Area. And then of the Western Jurisdiction: Los Angeles Area, Jack Tuell. Let's express our appreciation to them, these our colleagues.

BISHOP YEAKEL: My brothers of the Council of Bishops, the General Conference has honored you. I want to say a word, on behalf of the council, to you for your service. I'm reminded that Augustine once wrote, "For you I'm a bishop, but with you I'm a Christian. The 1st in office accepted, the 2nd to grace received--a danger and the other safety. And if I'm gladder by far to be redeemed with you than I am to be placed over, I shall more faithfully be your servant in Christ." Thank you for your ministries as servants of Jesus Christ. We honor you. And in that point of honoring, we have 1 of our number who has an achievement, that I think he's the only one can claim. He is the father of 6 sons, Bishop and Mrs. Granadosin, and all of the sons are here. Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Charles Lock, Steven Lock, and Edward Lock. I'm sure you would want to hear them as we honor these retiring colleagues.

BISHOP GRANADOSIN: Thank you very much, and good morning to everyone. I would like to give 2 songs to you this morning. And we'd like to dedicate these songs . . .

BISHOP YEAKEL: I'm sorry we've agreed to 1 song, please. We'll need to stay with that.

GRANADOSIN: A song that I will have to give and dedicate to all the retiring bishops, especially our father.

(song)

BISHOP YEAKEL; Thank you very much.

I probably should have been a little more on the ball than I was. I have a note or two passed up to me that there are certain members of the retiring bishops' families that are here for the conference. I think I would probably not be helpful if I identified only certain persons. Will the spouses and immediate members of the retiring bishops' families stand where you are and let the conference greet you? Many of them are in the bleachers to the center and in the back and there are others through the conference.

(Judicial Council Clergy Reserve Ballot No. 1)

And now we shall prepare ourselves to take a ballot for the reserve members of the Judicial Council. You will be voting for 4 clergy persons and then we will take the ballot for 3 lay persons. These will require a majority to be elected. I have in hand a notation and a letter, a note from Joyce Alford asking that her

name be deleted from the nominees for the clergy alternates for the Judicial Council. We haven't had time to communicate that to the folks, well we have had time, just like that. See how you can be emulsified? All right, you have the names before you. You will need to make note of 4 of these persons; the numbers corresponding to the name for 4 of these persons. I will give you just a moment to jot these on your pads and then we will proceed as we have done before. You will vote for one at a time each time the indicator is lit, and then we will go to the second, third, and fourth and that will complete the ballot. You will wait for my instructions, please. I take it you are ready. Will you vote now or cast your ballot for 1 of your 4 when the light appears? Thank you.

Now we vote for a second, choice. Vote when the light appears.

I'm sorry, vote when the light appears.

Now your third choice, vote when the light appears. All right, now, if you will vote for the last of your nominees.

Vote when the light appears. And that completes the ballot for the clergy. As indicated before, it takes a little time to report it because the equipment will check to see if you voted for the same person 4 times.

(Judicial Council Laity Reserve Ballot No. 1)

Now the laity slate is before you. You will be voting for 3 persons this time, 3, so if you will note on your pad some place the numbers assigned to these persons' names. It will require a majority of the votes cast to be elected. These are the reserve members of the Judicial Council. It appears to me that you are ready.

All right will you vote for your first person when the light appears?

And will you vote for the second person when your light appears?

All right, now the third person, when the light appears. All right, that completes the ballot and we will report it back and follow up when we have the opportunity. Thank you.

We turn now to the calendar items for the day and we have been assigned the work of finance. Let me indicate where you will find this information in your various books. You will need to be on p. 231 in the blue book; that will be a primary reference, at least introduce the matter. You will need primarily to be on p. 301 in the red book. However, there is going to be presented an amended budget and so on. So, we will work basically out of today's edition of the blue book, beginning on p. 430. Before we begin our work, you will allow me just a moment to try and set the stage for what we will be doing.

If you would like to turn in your red book to p. 90, I think will give us the primary context for our work. We've had some confusion on this, and we have agreed between the committee, the legislative committee, the Council of Finance and myself, we think we have a way to work through this without confusion, hopefully. If we all understand from the beginning, then we can make the progress that we need to make this morning. The rules, the organization rules of the conference, it's like the *Discipline,* you've got to read in several places. It doesn't read consecutively, always. No. 5 on p. 90, the very bottom of the right hand column, to the top of p. 91, is what controls this session.

The Financial Administration Committee is to receive all of the petitions relating to the work concerns of the Council of Finance Administration and the Board of Pensions and the Board of Publication, and for this conference the report on the location of the General Board of Global Ministries. Now following the budget and recommendations prepared by GCF&A, shall be submitted to the committee for study and review. This rule and the one next, no.6 for the Council on Ministries, the reports go to the committees. The committees do not have the authority to change their reports.

All of the other legislative committees and indeed, Publications and Pensions, come under the possibility of change. But, the 2 councils must report to the body their work, without any change.

Following in the red book again, when the Council does present its report, for action, then the committee shall present its recommendations and may propose amendments. Now that's the purpose in our procedure this morning.

I want to say a word about the popular subject, the "cap" of the budget. We do not have a unified budget. We have assigned to the General Council on Finance and Administration the responsibility for 7 discrete, general funds. They must come to this body *seriatim,* one at a time. When you finish the work on those 7 funds, then you can put your calculators to them and get a total and say, "Well, altogether, that's the budget." And in that sense, it is. But, see, GCF&A does not bring you a comprehensive or unified budget in that sense. So that you begin to pick and choose and move around in the budget categories. They must be presented to you as discrete funds. Therefore, to move for a cap is not an appropriate motion. We have met and talked about this, and as I understand, the legislative committee and the minority reports are prepared to make specific amendments to each of these discrete funds at the time the fund is before you. Now that, added up together, achieves what it is that they desire to achieve and their responsibilities of recommendation and amendments, and we are going to proceed in that fashion.

The Council will need just a few minutes beyond the 10 minutes to make their initial presentation, not many. I would take it that you would grant them that, so that you will have the information before you. They also have several persons who are not members of the conference that need your permission to speak. May I ask if you are willing to set aside the rules to receive these persons at the appropriate time? If you'll do so, would you lift the hand? If not, will you lift the hand? You have granted permission, and I think we are ready to begin. Does any one need any information before I turn to the Council of Finance? Back at microphone no. 12, please, this is information only.

If you will give your name and conference, please?

PHILIP R. GRANGER (North Indiana): Bishop, I do need some direction. I appreciate the need to bring the budget in sequence, but what I am concerned about is, is that it appears that as we try to deal with the totality of the funding of the church, that we are going to pit groups against each other rather than deal with the total financial burden of the church. Is there a way to take this differently? I am seeking some direction and instruction.

BISHOP YEAKEL: No, as I understand it and as we have talked together, I see no way to compile them as 1. We have to deal with them, seriate them. We cannot abrogate the *Discipline.* The rules of the conference cannot abrogate

the *Discipline*. It would be possible, later on, to bring a resolution that would change our structure, but we are under the present structure. This was put in place in 1972 when the new structure, the agencies, took place. What we didn't realize we had done was to restructure the actions of the General Conference. We then made these 2 agencies, we gave them privileged position to report directly to the conference, and then gave a legislative committee the privilege of review and recommendation. But we did not send to them the authority to change, and until we change the *Discipline*, and we can't do that now and make it retroactive. So this is what we are working with. Thank you for your inquiry. Let me turn now then to Bishop John Russell, who is the chairperson of the Council on Finance and Administration to begin the process of introducing their work to us.

(Budget Overview)

BISHOP JOHN W. RUSSELL: Thank you, Bishop Yeakel. I see it's indicated you will need today before you beginning p. 430 of today's *DCA*. The General Council on Finance Administration has prepared this information to provide you information so that you may be able to make an informed decision about all of these funds. You will note on p. 430 a recommended revised budget of world service that GCFA will bring today. Incorporating a new line item for 1992, General Conference new programs. And all of these new programs are within the recommended budget of the General Council on Finance and Administration.

In addition to that, you will find recommended budgets for the majority report of the legislative committee and the minority report of the legislative committee. This is done to assist us in the process and to provide you that necessary information. In the process of developing the proposed budget for the general church funds, hundreds of leaders, clergy, and lay have participated. Members of boards and agencies which developed their proposed budgets, budget review committees, General Council on Ministry, working together with the small committee of GCFA, and then GCFA developed specific amounts.

Beginning on p. 291 of the *Advance DCA*, you will find background and informational material which sets the context for considering the role of the general church funds and the overall mission and ministry of The United Methodist Church. I hope that you have had opportunity to examine these pages because they contain significant information. They set the backdrop against which GCFA believes its funding recommendations for national and international mission of our church must be viewed. But this is only information, and we do not want to spend the time today on charts and graphs, for we have much to do. I do want to highlight a few pieces of information that you have seen.

In 1990, 80 cents of every dollar spent by local churches remains in the local church and community and that share has increased over the years. In 1990, all the general funds of the church accounted for 3.9 cents out of each local church dollar, and of that only 2.8 cents was received through the apportioned general funds. Both the apportioned and nonapportioned general funds shares of the local church dollar have decreased over the slightly less than 2 decades tracked in the data in these pages. Benevolence funds, including benevolences paid directly by local churches and benevolences administered through the United Methodist Women's connectional channels account for just less than 12 cents of each local church dollar down from 14 cents in the early '70s.

The first 7 of the GCFA reports you will be considering, deal with budgets for the general apportioned funds. In presenting these recommendations, GCFA is very much aware that budgetary matters have been the source of great pain at every level of the church's life over the last few years. Local churches and annual conferences have faced painful choices as they struggle to cope with the effects of a recessionary economy on their own budgets. In the midst of that kind of pain, it is tempting to say that what needs to be cut are the general funds of the church, and tempting to believe that the increases in general funds are the primary source of pressure on local church budgets. But the facts do not indicate this. By whatever measure, amount of portion, amount paid, or amounts available to general program agencies for their mission in ministry, the general church share of the local church's dollar has declined over the last 2 decades. A review of the proposed budgets for the 7 general funds will reveal that a little more than 50% of the 1993 total will be administered by United Methodist general agencies. The remainder is earmarked for colleges, universities, theological schools, ecumenical agencies in ministry, the cost of holding General Conference itself, and causes unrelated to the size or number of the general agencies of the church. What a careful review of our figures show, that much of the budgetary pain felt throughout the denomination is the result of rising costs in the area of clergy support, and more specifically in pension and health benefit costs. Our local churches and annual conferences have much to celebrate about the manner in which they have addressed these challenges. However, a part of the price we have paid has been reduced support for benevolences and mission causes.

As we consider the proposals for the support of general church funds, a part of what we are being asked to decide is whether we will continue to fund our church's missional outreach ministries at a reduced share of the total dollars of the church. We trust that this General Conference will affirm our commitment as a connectional church, and be in mission together through the significant ministries represented by these 7 funds of the church. At this time I would like to ask Bishop Forrest Stith to come to make a presentation.

(Hard Financial Reality)

BISHOP FORREST STITH: Thank you, Bishop Yeakel and members of the General Conference. I want to take a few moments to share with you about the process of our budget building and the ambivalent feelings experienced by your GCFA over these past 2 years, especially as we attempted to bring to you a realistic budget.

On the one hand, we have heard the cries of the people of Egypt that there was difficulty economically within the land. It was best expressed for me at the last session of 1 of my annual conferences, which had been struggling with the health-insurance crisis and reducing a great deal of its mission and ministry. I shared in that conference, as a part of my episcopal address, the statistics we had gleaned and just shared with you by John Russell on how local congregations were actually providing the general

church fewer dollars than 10 years ago. After my address, a layman who was adept in mathematics came up to me and said he had spent a good part of the remaining session evaluating my figures to make sure the church was not fooling him. His conclusion was the figures we were presenting were accurate and that a higher percentage of dollars was remaining at the local level and, in fact, his local congregation was giving less than 10 years ago, when put in inflationary dollars. But then he added to me "That's all well and good, but we are part of a small-member congregation which was actually decreased in numbers and ability to pay dollars while our costs have escalated in pastoral support, in building and maintenance needs.

The dilemma, he said, "is not what we have done less of, but that we have less to do."

Across the church we heard this plea over and over again, not that the needs were invalid and not that they need to do less, but, in fact, the ability to support those needs seems to be more and more difficult.

And so we found ourselves in a "Catch-22." We experienced through budget hearings for over a year the needs of our agencies, our boards, the exciting programs and ministry and mission in this country and throughout the world, and our hearts were lifted. But concomitantly, we heard the cries of the people. But then we recognize some ways we could even correct our dilemma we would not be able to respond to if we reduce too much the budget.

The slides above me indicate our struggle, and sometime during this session, I hope you will turn to p. 445 in this current *DCA*, and you will see that even in our 4% budget, which is small, we were reducing those items which could impact our image, our self-esteem. Items like those in *The Saturday Evening Post* could be things we could do if we had more dollars throughout the country, but we had not more dollars. We could enable better disciples if we had more dollars, but we were bringing them down. And those that could add new numbers in this country and around the world in evangelistic efforts will also be reduced by our 4% budget.

The optimum opportunities in the ethnic minority communities where evangelism is best and those places in Eastern Europe and Africa and around the world all give us examples of what we ought to do, but in our 4% budget we were not able to do. Then, coming here, we hear the minority and majority reports in the legislative committees; and not only would those items be reduced in those budgets, but in some cases eliminated altogether. The "Catch-22"--what we need most desperately to turn this ship around, we are reducing or eliminating. Indeed, in our process we finally had to ask the question, "What is our purpose for being?" As holders of the financial entities of this great church, is our call to hold on, to maintain what is, or to really be the essence of connectionalism and be the light of the world.

And so we struggled--in great pain and distress--as we heard the needs and yet, our inability to produce. And finally, what we have come out with for you is in those long number of pages as our best attempt to give you the essence of mission and ministry for this denomination, and at the same time holding the line as much as we could, so the congregations caught up in their inability to pay, could still be challenged and have a feeling of progress in this world.

And so, we were reminded, not only did God hear the cries of the people, but called them forth to a new vision to go forth into a promised land. Not to stay where they were, not to retrench, but to come forth--for that finally was our only hope through Jesus the Christ. And it is in that spirit we commit to you our present budget.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Bishop Ed Boulton will make a presentation.

(A Parable)

BISHOP EDWIN C. BOULTON: Whenever the church of Jesus Christ talks about money, it must be done against the fabric of our theology. I offer you a parable intended to be, even at best, a feeble expression of that theology.

Once upon a time, there was a man who following a painful, unwelcome, and untimely turn of events in his life, reacted by turning inward upon himself. By his own reaction, therefore, the script of his life's story was changed and he thus began the process of becoming a cripple, which is not the same as having a handicapping condition. The key distinguishing the one from the other was the turning in upon himself. His wounded state became the new self-created center of his shrinking universe. The stars and moon surrounding the black hole that wanted to suck everything into its vortex were fear, anger, self-depreciation, uncertainty, and a passionate committment to preserve what little, in that collapsing universe of his, seemed to be left. He once fancied himself a pro-active and not usually reactive person. At his earlier best, he was even a pioneer on occasion, a person of goodwill, hope, optimism, and a creature of happy faith. Faith and risk-taking were in these earlier days easier and more natural to embrace. Now he was fast becoming a cripple, because at his root, at the very stem of his being, his damaging preoccupation with preserving a diminishing center were robbing him of the life-giving fluids of faith, joy, hope, and an outward-directed love.

What a pathetic trade-off in which he engaged. In the place of these energy-giving electrolytes of the soul, his bargaining chips were usually fear, anger, insecurity, and that damning need to huddle over and to protect what little seemed to remain. But one happy day a good physician, a skilled surgeon he was, said to this man with a handicapping condition, "You know, sir, there is a better way." This once-upon-a-time man knew there was a better way; at least intellectually he knew it. Being a preacher, this emerging cripple had helped others stabilize their own satellites, which were tumbling out of control. But his own satellite, with its new center of self-reverence, he could not latch on to or change its sure-to-burn-up plunge.

But the good physician, in his quiet reason and gentle assurance, turned the trick. And since then, this man, destined always to be a person with a handicapping condition, is less a cripple than he once was.

Is it not true that this odyssey of 1 sinner is very much the story of the church of Christ? The circumstances vary from age to age. The script is ageless. The script written for our stage is dominated by global upheaval, collapsing economies, holes in the roof of our global atmosphere, alien words in our worship liturgy, disquieting thoughts about people unlike we imagine ourselves to be; and we turn inward. We must protect what little remains. We abandon

the dance of our youth years. And the bits and pieces of the shredded dance card are the baleful litany of anxiety, anger, fear, and a sometimes desire to return to Egypt. The Great Physician is about the task of healing me, for which I am more grateful than I can express.

The same Great Physician would heal an always handicapped and a sometimes crippled church. Do you doubt it? And while Jesus was proclaiming the message to them, a man was brought who was paralyzed. Four men were carrying him, but because of the crowd they could not get near him. So they opened up the roof over the place where Jesus was, and when they had broken through they lowered the stretcher on which the paralyzed man was lying. When Jesus saw their faith--ah, their faith--he said to the paralyzed man, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now there were some bishops--lawyers--sitting there, and they thought to themselves, "Why does the fellow talk like that? This is blasphemy. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" Jesus knew in his own mind what they were thinking, and he said to them, "Why do you harbor thoughts like these? Is it easier to say to this paralyzed man, that your sins are forgiven, or to say stand up, take up your bed, and walk? But to convince you that the Son of man has the right on earth to forgive sins." He turned to the paralyzed man, "I say to you, stand up, take up your bed, and go home." And he got up and at once took his stretcher and went out in full view of them all, so that they were astounded and praised God. We would all be healed.

BISHOP RUSSELL: The reports of the General Council on Finance and Administration which require your action are found in the *Advance Edition of the DCA*, beginning on p. 303. The first fund will be the World Service Fund. You will need today's *DCA*, p. 433, and the *Advance*, 303, and I call on Lloyd Wake, if he would come and present this report.

(Amended World Service Fund Budget)

LLOYD K. WAKE: Bishop Yeakel, and sisters and brothers. The General Council on Finance and Administration brings this amended World Service Fund budget today, having followed the procedures as outlined in our *Discipline*. A task force from the General Council on Ministries and the General Council on Finance and Administration worked together to hear program and budget requests from each of our general program agencies for the 1993-1996 quadrennium. These hearings were thorough and intensive. Hard and penetrating questions were asked about priorities, the agency's responses to missional opportunities and challenges. The total financial request from our agencies, amounted to $234 million. After studying and critiquing the agency's program and budgets, the General Council on Ministries task force recommended a total of $187,600,000. A reduction of $46,400,000 as a minimum funding requirement for all our agencies. The General Council on Finance and Administration task force in turn reported back to the GCOM task force its recommendations of $179,000,534. A further reduction of $8 million.

These reductions are very painful to the 2 councils and the agencies, because they represent minimal financial support for the mission and ministry of our great church. However, we feel this budget is realistic and feasible. In addition to the program agencies, other budget requests were heard directly by the General Council on Finance and Administration, and these items are before you in the amended budget on p. 433 of today's *DCA*. The General Council on Finance and Administration has revised its World Service budget to provide $1 million per year for new programs voted by this General Conference. Programs such as the Hispanic Ministry, Native American Ministry, substance abuse. After decisions have been made on the general funds, the General Council on Finance and Administration will present recommendations on the allocation of the $1 million per year. This budget represents an increase of 4% per year over the previous fund total. This, my friends, is not a budget of fear, but one of hope and promise. This report is now before you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, the report is before you, let me be sure that we all have the information we need. In today's edition of the blue book, you should be looking at p. 433. If you want to see the original report, you would turn to p. 305 in the red book. These 2, side by side, the total number of dollars are the same. The difference between the 2, in the blue book the line item under Administrative and Order, or the item right above the Total Administrative and Other, you see that? Administrative and Other? There is a million dollars annually included in the proposal that represents the ministries in addition to the budget proposed that have since come through the General Conference and its actions. Now there can still be more of those in the next couple of days, we can't, we cannot control that at this point. But this response brings to us then the budget on 433 which is the one we will be working from. It may help you, it may help you if you would put a finger in red book 301, p. 301. Because, we will turn now to the legislative committee, which will be proposing figures in totals as found on p. 435. In other words, on p. 435, if you will take Item No. 1, World Service. Do you see it? It turns sideways compared to the other information. That's what is going to be coming before you. It's not there yet, but so you will have the comparative information. The minority report is right above it on p. 434, and you can look at those 3 summary, or compilations, of what will be coming in the process, fund by fund. Does that help you? I hope it does. I turn now to the legislative committee, Sandra Kelley Lackore.

I see a card all the way in the back. I take it this is a question? If it is not a question, you are not in order, sir. We are proceeding with the agreements. Pardon? Not at this time. We turn to the legislative committee.

SANDRA KELLEY LACKORE (Southern New England): Bishop, the Financial Administration legislative committee, in reviewing the budgets of the General Council on Finance and Administration, took an action which I tried to present the other day on Calendar Item No. 141 on p. 231. I would just call your attention to that, so that that would set the stage for what is to proceed. Because it does in fact list the amount that the majority report would place before you as we make recommendations on individual line items. Similarly, just below that is the minority report, which also includes a line item, both of which tie to the figures that the Bishop just called to your attention on p. 434 and p. 435 of today's advance, of today's *DCA*. In presenting the majority report, the chair of the subcommittee on budget, William Quick will make that report.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. Technically, we are having the legislative committee's report.

KELLEY LACKORE: Yes, you are, sir.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, all right. Bill Quick, please?

(General Funds Request)

WILLIAM K. QUICK (Detroit): Bishop Yeakel, and members of the General Conference. I am presenting the report of the Financial Administration legislative committee, which recommends to the General Conference a total apportion for general funds for the quadrennium of $448,928,000. We will handle those apportionments in order and in sequence, as the chair has directed. This quadrennial apportionment request for the coming 4 years is an increase of $31,760,666 over the apportionment budget for the present quadrennium. Despite the recession, despite the spiraling clergy health care costs, despite the net loss of 1/4 million members in this quadrennium, the majority budget is a 7.61% increase in apportionments for the new quadrennium over the last quadrennium.

Let me give you some figures. As we struggled in that legislative committee, and the report which I bring on their behalf. According to CF&A, 50 of our 72 annual conferences paid an average of 2% less in 1991 than in 1990. Seven of the conferences paid all apportionments in full in 1990. Five conferences paid 100% in 1991. Three conferences dropped drastically in their giving, 1 paying 27% less than in 1990.

Now when you gauge the hard times, the economic crisis brought on by this prolonged recession in the United States, one might reason that we should have expected such a drop. Yet according to the Finance Council staff, the news is no happier by comparing the church's 1991 giving with the same period 4 years ago, 1987. That comparison reveals that 21 annual conferences, nearly 1/3 of the total, have been meeting less and less of the apportioned budget each year since 1987. We are happy to report that 6 annual conferences--and I want to name them: Wisconsin, South Carolina, Western North Carolina, Rocky Mountain, Oklahoma, and Texas--have steadily increased their percentage of giving to the general church budget in the past quadrennium. Yes. I have asked 2 members of the committee, Barbara Riddle and Ewing Werlein Jr., to make a brief statement, and then, Bishop, I will give the closing statement and apportionment.

BARBARA W. RIDDLE (Florida): I am a member of the Financial Administrative Committee, and I am here to attempt to communicate to you the majority viewpoint. I also come with 2 other perspectives. I am a local church pastor in Florida, senior pastor of a large membership church, almost 2,000 members. We did pay out 100% of over $110,000 in apportionments last year. I am also president of our Conference Council on Finance and Administration: 4 years president, 3 years vice-president. So I also share that perspective.

First, we want you to know that as you have done in your legislative committees. We considered for concurrence and nonconcurrence many, many petitions, coming from our local churches and annual conferences. We received 11 petitions from annual conferences out of 72 requesting this General Conference to hold the budget at 0% increase, and 1 even requested a reduction. Another 4 of our annual conferences wanted us to hold the budget at approximately the '92 level. Now that's formal communication from 15 of our 72 annual conferences. That's . . . over 20% of our annual conferences have formally communicated with this General Conference, and that doesn't include individuals and local churches. As Bill has communicated for you there are many reasons that we come recommending this. One, we have a declining payout rate. In this past year we dropped 2 1/2%. We have 2/3 of our annual conferences who dropped 2% in their giving this past year. The total amount apportioned increased almost 20% in this quadrennium. The dollar amount is $68,500,000, and if you will look on p. 333 of your *DCA*, you will find, if you start adding up those figures, that we have already accepted or we have proposed special additional programs totaling over $24 million. In this time, we have lost 1/4 million members, so we have increasing budget and declining base of support. We shared personally in this committee.

We shared our stories, and I shared that in Florida in February, we had a called session of the annual conference to remove $1 million from our budget. We reduced conference staff, support staff. We are recommending freezing our D.S. salaries for 1993. We considered reduction of our number of districts, and there were similar stories throughout. The reality is that our local churches and our annual conferences are speaking to this General Conference about this important financial matter. And I now invite Ewing Werlein to speak to us.

(Growth in Giving)

EWING WERLEIN JR. (Texas): Thank you Barbara, brothers and sisters in Christ. I am a layperson, I am a lifelong Methodist like many of you, and my grandfather was a Methodist preacher, my son is a Methodist preacher, my wife and I are tithers, and I come from a local church that paid 100%. I speak in support of the majority view of the committee. An overwhelming majority of 80% of this committee has supported this majority report. I wish to provide for you, please, some figures. I regret we have no staff in our legislative committee. We were able to produce no graphics, and I cannot put these things before you, but if you will take a pencil or pen and write these figures down. I want to call your attention to the fact that the budgets before you are asking budgets for apportionments. They are asking budgets only. They are not spending budgets. No one from GCFA will tell you that they are spending budgets. We can only spend the offerings which we actually receive, and I want to give to you, what is not reported in the red book or the *DCA*, what we have actually received this quadrennium. Rounded to the nearest 100 thousand dollars.

In 1989 the figure is, or was, $84,100,000. In 1990, the figure was $88,300,000. In 1991, the figure was $91,600,000. We do not have 1992. But to make an estimate, we have taken the estimate based upon '92's apportionment, and assume that we are able to receive at least as high a percent as we received last year, or 85.07% of the asking budget. The estimated receipts in 1992 should be $95,500,000. When those are totaled up, you will see that our estimated giving--the actual offering receipts, and this is adjusted to accommodate for the retained part of MEF funds in the annual conferences--the total is $359,500,000. Please keep that figure before you as we proceed. What is

involved at this point, really? In the judgment of the overwhelming majority of your legislative committee, it is the integrity of our apportioned giving system.

(Fairness of Apportioned Giving)

As more and more conferences are unable to pay their fair shares, the concept of apportioned giving and its underlying principal of fairness is being discredited and is falling into disrespect. We do not believe that we should permit that to happen.

The majority of your Financial Administration Committee is of the view, and this is by an 80% vote, that by presenting asking budgets that are more reasonably proportioned of what the church has shown it is able to do, we will be able to increase that percentage of giving up to levels where it ought to be. Where more churches and more conferences can pay 100%, they are going to have a greater sense of accomplishment, a greater sense of investment, in the ministry of the church.

Now as we go through line by line on the budgets that the GCFA puts to you, bear in mind that there is no proposal being made to cut budgets. To the contrary, the majority budget, which in total is $448,900,000, is an increased asking budget over the last quadrennium. Predictably, it will produce more money in this quadrennium than we received in the current quadrennium. If, for example, we do no better in this quadrennium with the budget we're asking you to support, than we did in the last quadrennium, in just last year, if we do no better than an 85% yield, it will bring an additional $22,500,000 in. That much additional over the current quadrennium. But if we can by having a reasonable asking budgets increase our level of giving to 90%, then with the budget the majority is asking you to support, our total increased giving will be an additional $44,500,000.

We believe that by support of the majority report from your Financial Administration Committee, you will be supporting a step toward reinforcing the integrity of the apportion-giving system, and producing not only larger budgets, asking budgets, but also larger contributions by tens of millions of dollars beyond what we have received this quadrennium.

BISHOP YEAKEL: May I remind you the ten-minute rule is to apply to the legislative committees. I've been a bit generous, but we'll need to move on now.

WILLIAM K. QUICK: Bishop, thank you. We heard the expressions of the deep love of our United Methodism. And the generosity of our church can be tracked from that first Christmas Conference in Baltimore in 1784, when 60 poor circuit-riding preachers gave enough money to send a missionary to Antigua. To the more than $41,000 which you gave yesterday for our sisters and brothers in Los Angeles, we've heard that deep love and we have witnessed it. But we heard the deep pain as well, expressed by practically everyone in the legislative committee. The decision we believe has nothing to do with vision. Time and time again in the debate persons were crying out for the necessity to recognize needs in local communities. One person said, "People don't support budgets . . . "

BISHOP YEAKEL: I'm sorry to interrupt you, Bill, but we need to move to get the information before the body, and I think we've heard essentially from the committee. There's a minority report I wish to get on yet to. Are you about prepared to make your motion?

QUICK: Yes, we are. We move, bishop, that the World Service item, which you will find on 435, be $217,838,000 for the quadrennium. Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you very much. Now, if you will, let's hear from the minority committee, a report. You wanted to do some . . . , Sandra.

SANDRA KELLEY LACKORE (Southern New England Conference): I just call the attention to the members that the vote on that item is reflected in no. 141 of p. 231, and the vote was 68, 17 and 1. Also, it's my understanding, bishop, that the figure that Bill just put before you, we are not acting on. So we're not putting that figure in front of you. We will be putting line items in front of you as the reports are made. And now, Tracy Merrick will make the minority report.

BISHOP YEAKEL: May I ask, Is that not identical with the total of the four numbers across the page on 435?

LACKORE: Yes it is.

BISHOP YEAKEL: So, it in essence is the number?

LACKORE: Yes.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right.

LACKORE: For that particular item.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, for that particular item. That's the only item we're on.

LACKORE: Only that item.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Only that item. OK. Now, let Tracy Merrick, please.

(Finance minority report)

TRACY R. MERRICK (Western Pennsylvania): If you will turn to p. 434 in today's *DCA*, you will see printed there the total figures which GCFA has produced and which represent the numbers coming from the minority group. The item which is before us at this particular point is the line item labeled world service. And it totals, if you total across the years for the quadrennium, $236,430,000. And bishop, at this point, I would like to share a little rationale concerning that particular item in the totaling of the budget as we would propose it. And you'll see those totals on that page as well, year by year, and if you total across for the whole quadrennium this would be $472,000,000.

The detail for the World Service Fund, coming from the minority report, will be found on p. 436. And that's the detail you would need to compare with that coming from the majority of the legislative committee on p. 437. Although the item that is before us right now deals purely with the World Service Fund, we would like you to understand some of the rationale as to why a group of us representing the minority in the legislative committee, decided that a minority report was in order.

We are all aware, all of us gathered here, about the painful nature of the financial situation we face today. We were aware of the realities of that at annual conference and local church levels. And, we are also aware of the incredible opportunities for us to be about mission and ministry in Christ's name in the quadrennium approaching.

I would like to make four points in this regard.

First, the financial realities that we face have impacted all levels of the church--local churches, our annual conferences, and the general church as well. In fact, at the general church level, this has already resulted in some restructuring and cuts. This process will need to continue, as we view it, regardless of which one of these budgets is adopted, even the 2% budget or the 4% budget coming from GCFA.

Two, there are opportunities for mission which need to be addressed during this upcoming quadrennium. Exciting programs, programs we've heard a great deal about so far during this General Conference. The execution and implementation of the Hispanic Ministries Plan; the Native American Plan, the wonderful program, "Children of the Promise;" programs of outreach to the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe; as well as the exciting and refreshing concept of Shalom Zones. Not all, but many of these will have budgetary implications and they will need financial allocations if they are to be successful.

Thirdly, and this is a question that we would pose to everyone who is a delegate to this General Conference. Is this great church really ready to retreat, from a programming standpoint? This church which has provided incredible programs in recent memory, programs like the *Disciple Bible Study*, Covenant Discipleship, fine support of our seminaries, hundreds of programs using Advance Special dollars--we saw in the film the other day, spread all over this great land; Utica, New York; Biloxi, Mississippi; Montana; Chicago; Illinois.

Now, we realize that the dollars that go to directly to support these programs are Advance Special dollars, but the conduits that allow the dollars to reach their destinations are supported by the budget. Programs that we have heard a lot about from the last quadrennium, including the special assignment of Bishop May to Washington, D.C. And is this church really ready to retreat from programs such as the establishment of the Africa University? For, some of these programs may turn out to be just as significant as that. Are we truly prepared to take a step backwards when we're at the threshold of incredibly significant ministries?

Fourth, although a $472,000,000 budget is proposed by the minority committee as an alternative, it will not allow all the ministries that we as a General Conference would love to undertake. However, it will provide $23,000,000 more than the budget passed by the legislative committee. As you can tell from the GCFA report, this will mean less stepping back, more support for ministry and mission. In fact, if you want details as to what this will mean relative to the GCFA proposed budget, you will find some of the program reductions for both the minority report and the majority report listed in the *DCA* on pp. 444-450.

The majority report does represent a decrease. In fact, if you look at p. 435, you will see in the first year, 1993, that it represents a 3% decrease. The minority report, on the other hand, does not represent decreases on an annual basis beginning in 1993. From there, both programs have increased budgeted amounts. But we're all concerned about inflation and the costs of doing business. In fact, both budgets probably will present problems there, although I don't know that any of us have a crystal ball and know specifically what the inflation rate is likely to be in the coming quadrennium. We do view this particular proposal as a compromise between the 2. We view it as an opportunity for us to have a very moderate increase in the General Conference budget, which would allow us to catch up, if you will.

In closing, I would like to remind us of some of the messages we've heard so far this General Conference, messages which we should bear in mind as we vote on these 3 proposals. We have heard from Bishop Galvan: the next 8 years will probably see more significant changes than we've ever seen before. And Bishop May reminded us that it is time to advance in the cause of Christ and his church. And in the spirit of the beautiful sister who stood up when we were debating the offering for the problems in Los Angeles, she said, "Bishop, isn't there something we can do now?" And we would respond, "Yes, there is something we can do now," and that is to provide sufficient dollars for us to move ahead in ministry and mission. We would hope that our United Methodist Church would move ahead as a body, enabled to reach out. We would urge your support of the budget at the level indicated in the minority report at this time, under the World Service category. Please seek God's leadership and vote accordingly.

(Presiding Bishop Summarizes Budget)

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you very much. What I want to do is to try to summarize what's been presented to you, and to have you understand exactly where we are. We're then going to take a ballot. We're going to take a recess and come back in 10 minutes, and we will go to work beginning with the proposed amendment from the Minority group. We must work our way back up; that's our legal situation. There are 2 comparative totals that I believe would be helpful to you. One is the total number of dollars proposed in the General Fund World Service apportionment. From the CF&A, the total, that's the 4% increase, comes to $239,863,000. The legislative committee will be proposing consistently, as will CF&A be proposing consistently, a 4% in its totality. The legislative committee will be proposing a zero (0) increase, which, in effect, is holding the level for 5 years. And their total for World Service would be $217,837,000. The minority report, which is where we will start when we come back, would propose a total over the 4 years for World Service of $236,430,000.

Now if you want to lay alongside of that the totals for the 3 funds, the CF&A total for all 7 apportioned general funds, and that's what we're talking about, would come to $495,652,000. The Majority, or the legislative committee, proposes that to be $448,928,000. And the minority report, which is 2% of the 1992 budget--that's different, 2% of the 1992 budget--would come out at $472,000,000 over the 4 years for everything that will eventually be before us in the 7 general apportioned funds. Now, I'm going to hold you right there and come back to the minority report, their amendment to start. I have a ballot to announce. Oh, I've been asked to do the ballot after? All right, we'll do it after. We are in recess for 10 minutes, 10 minutes.

(recess)

(hymn)

(Judicial Council Clergy Reserves Elected)

BISHOP YEAKEL: Let the body be in order, please. Please come quickly. I have a ballot to report, and there is a ballot to be taken, then I will try to amend and perfect the information you have, and then we will go to work. The clergy ballot for reserves for the Judicial Council is now on the screen,. There were 4 to be elected, and you see that 4 have been elected: Robert K. Sweet, Glenda Thomas, Richard L. Wright, Donald E. Lefelar. (Sweet 765, Thomas 619, Wright 550, Lefelar 482, Schaad

383, Kambor 341.) How do you pronounce it? Lefelar! Thank you. Being one whose name geta mangled regularly, I'm a little bit sensitive on that.

Now, we, because of your election yesterday, added an inappropriate number of laypersons to be elected as reserve members to the Judicial Council. You did what I instructed you to do; you voted for 3. I should have instructed you to vote for 4, so that I'm declaring the laity ballot invalid. We are not going to report that to you. What I will ask to have put on the screen are the names of the nominees, lay nominees, who are eligible to be elected as reserve members of the Judicial Council, laity members. Can we have those names, please? The laity slate. It will be with us in just a moment.

All right, here we are. Please take . . . no, we need to have you take it off and take the numbers off, please. I'm informed it's going to take 5 minutes to take those numbers off, and that's fine, it's still a lot faster than the way we used to do it. So, let's stay with it.

Now, as we adjourned, I gave you some numbers, and I've gotten notes from many of you. If you'll go into your red book, p. 301, the World Service line item, please recognize that the first column to the left is the present 1992 apportionment. Those figures are there only for information. If you add up the 4 numbers under columns 93, 94, 95, and 96, I gave you a figure of $239,000,000. It should have been $249,000,000. If you'd write that number, $249,863,000. You with me? That's the total that World Service proposes. Now, if you keep open there and go to p. 434 in the blue book, and go through the same thing. In other words, don't use the first column, but take the columns 93, 94, 95, and 96, this is the Minority proposal. It is a 2% increment per year, compounded using the 1992 figure as its basis. That totals $236,430,000. OK?

Now, let's just take a minute and do the same thing for the legislative committee, which is on p. 435. The same information applies. Now, they have informed me--that is the legislative committee--that they were working against the '92 apportionment as well, so that, in fact, in the overall compilation, there is a 7.61 proposed increase. But using the straight figures, if you add up the 4 columns on line no. 1, World Service, it totals $217,837,000. That gives you a comparative figure on World Service. And the only thing that is before us at the moment is the World Service general fund, an apportioned fund, Report No. 1 in the red book, and now amended in the blue book line items on p. 433. The comparable data to 433 in the blue book is found on pp. 436-437. You will have to flip back and forth if you want to compare these. The additional ingredient is that there is included now a new line item entitled "1992 General Conference New Program Proposed by World Service at $1 million annually," and the rest of the report has been reduced appropriately.

The motion that is before us is the minority report, which has moved to amend the total World Service figure to be $236,430,000 for the quadrennium 1993-96. Are you clear on that statement? That's all I want to know. If you are waving cards, that means you are not clear. You are clear on that statement? The amendment is before us.

Now, I see the person right here in the center, will you go over to microphone 7, please? And I will try to move around the auditorium. I was . . . I'm going to test the body. May I? Let me interrupt you before you speak, sir. The annual conference over which I try to preside has about 400 more voting members than we have in the General Conference. We have a physical setup just like this. I have toyed in my own mind with asking you whether you would be willing to set aside the rules to try a little different approach to getting equity and saving time in the conference, and that is to say, on an item, if you wish to participate. If you would go to a microphone and stand there with your card up, I can move from mike to mike and save the travel time of identifying you in the seat. I also would get an idea of what the intensity of the debate is by the number of people either moving toward a mike or at a mike. And the other thing is, the rules of the conference would still be in force. Three speeches for and against, and then we go to vote. That changes none of that; it's just to change--I think it's a rule, what is it, 3 or 7 or 8--which says how you get the floor. Would anybody want to live dangerously and experiment this morning with that procedure? Can I take that as a motion to set aside the rules for this purpose? If you will adopt the motion to set aside the rules to change the way you get the floor, would you lift the hand? If not, would you lift the hand? I take it you have the 2/3 majority, and may I presume you mean for this purpose? OK, we're on the amendment; those of you who want to speak to it or get my attention, would you go to a microphone? Take your card, ao I can see you. And I am starting with microphone 7. Name and conference, please. Microphone 7.

JOHN E. CORSON (California-Nevada): Bishop, I want to raise a question and then make a statement. The question is in terms of procedure. I want to be sure that if the minority amendment prevails, that does amend the majority report?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, sir.

CORSON: Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: And then we would have to vote on it again so it would amend the World Service of the CF&A. It would have to go through each step to become the primary action.

(Debating Finance minority report)

CORSON: Thank you. I came to General Conference . . .

BISHOP YEAKEL: Excuse me, which side are you speaking to?

CORSON: I am speaking in support of the minority amendment.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. You're in order; go ahead, sir.

CORSON: I came to General Conference favoring the GCFA budget of $495 million with the allocation that it has for World Service. But as I have listened to colleagues from across this great church, I've become aware that other conferences, like ours in California-Nevada, are struggling with some fiscal realities that have made it very difficult. I am also aware that in the legislative committee we have adopted, and are bringing to this body for later review and action, a new United Methodist health-care proposal that is going to have severe impact on a number of conferences. It will bring relief to others. I am also aware that we have voted some important new mission thrusts as a church, which I support, and I am fearful that if we do not support at least the minority report, that there will be inadequate funding for these important new steps forward. And so, as a result, as I have tried to deal with the fiscal realities that seem to be facing us as a nation and as a church, and try to balance with the missional opportunities and challenge before us, it seems

to me that anything less than the minority report is a step backwards. It's a retreat. It's negative. It's defeatist. And I want to be a part of a church that is moving ahead, that is progressive, that embraces the new opportunities that God is giving to us to be in ministry and mission. And so it is for this reason that I stand in support of the minority report, and suggest that it is a creative compromise that will enable the church to move forward instead of backwards.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. Thank you. At mike no. 15, are you speaking against the amendment?

JOEL E. HUFFMAN (Desert Southwest): Bishop, I would simply like to present some numbers.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. You are in order. Go right ahead. Your name and conference, please.

HUFFMAN: As I calculate the per-member giving and how this would be affected in these 3 budgets, let me give you those specific numbers.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Now, I need to inform you, sir, I'm going to listen to your numbers, but you will be a speech on 1 side or the other. It's not neutral. Go ahead.

HUFFMAN: The $448 million budget represents a per-member giving for the quadrennium of $24.60. The $472 million budget represents a $26.70 per member giving. And the $495 million budget represents $28.20 per member giving. I was not raised a Methodist; I was raised a Presbyterian; and then I went through a religious revelation. I married a preacher's kid. I am as rabid a Methodist as any of you here, and I sense that we do need to move forward. However, like my brother from Cal-Nevada, I sense some stretch. And I think we can do this with the minority report budget. So, I would advocate for that.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you very much. Microphone 13, are you speaking against?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Bishop, I have a substitute motion, if it's in order?

BISHOP YEAKEL: It's not in order till we deal with the . . . we have . . . we are already at the 3rd level. We have the . . .

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: May I ask a question of information?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Well, let me just, so everybody understands, we have the CFA motion; that's the primary motion. We have the legislative committee, that's the secondary motion; and the minority report is the tertiary motion. We've got to get 1 of those off before we can take a substitute or any other amendments. So . . .

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So, if we want to get to the original GCFA motion, we have to get . . . defeat everything?

BISHOP YEAKEL: You have to defeat everything to get to it. You vote this down, you vote the next down, and you get to the primary 1.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fine.

BISHOP YEAKEL: OK, that was a question. Now, at mike 12, are you speaking against the motion? You are in order, then. Your name and conference, please.

DON M. PIKE (Central Texas): Let me establish the context from which I speak. I belong to an annual conference that has paid its apportionments in full, longer than any of us can remember. Two times this year, I have said to my finance committee--once when they wanted to refuse accepting the apportionments, and once not pay them--that if they did that, I'd call my bishop and ask him to move me. So, I'm in favor of the apportionments. But when we began to pledge our 1992 budget, we presented it to our charge conference on the basis that we understood it to be a bare bones budget, the least we could possibly get by with. But we failed to raise that budget by $120,000. The reason being is, one of my executives explained to me that in the commercial real estate business, that he had not had any real income in 3 years and was paying his pledge and supporting himself out of his savings. Our real estate market is flat. We are faced with defense cutbacks--such as the closing of Carswell Air Force Base--the petroleum industry is down, and that's happening all across the connection: the eastern seaboard, the west coast, and all around. We cut back, we found some ways to do some creative financing and to get more bang for our bucks, and it really has not destroyed our momentum at all. I talked to 1 of my associates Monday afternoon, and he said we took in 13 new members Sunday, which tells you that we are pretty much alive. We found ways to do more with less. We seem to operate out of a mythical philosophy that the way you solve your problems and promote your programs is with more money. Our school district has been faced with that. The community refused to raise the finance cap, and all of the horror stories that we heard that was going to happen to our school district have not happened. I am chairman of the board of a hospital system whose annual budget is more than the quadrennial budget of this annual conference. We have learned a hard lesson in terms of health care--that we are going to have to find ways to do more with less--and we've established a relationship with a hospital in Poland, so that we can understand how you can do that. We at the local church level are having to cut back. I spoke with 1 of our female clergy during the break, and she was telling me that, in 3 years, no one on their staff has received any kind of salary increase. To cut back, to hold the line is not a death sentence. It will force us to establish priorities and to see how we can do more with less. If you take a table and you cut some of the legs off the bottom, the top comes down, and I think that's where we are as a denomination. Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right.

Let me tell you where we are. There have been 2 speeches for the minority report, or amendment rather, and there has been 1 speech against it. I am open for a speech against. Microphone 6, are you speaking against?

JOHN E. HORTON (South Georgia): That's correct.

BISHOP YEAKEL: You are in order, sir. Your name and conference, please.

HORTON: I'm not sure where CF&A gets its figures because the church that I serve, which is a large downtown church, our conference and district apportionments amount to 20% of our operating budget. I want to remind everybody that the 1993 majority recommendations would be a 14% increase over the projected income for 1992. This is not a "moving backwards" budget as some would make you think. We need to streamline our ministries. We cannot financially be all things to all people no matter how much we would like to. My wife and I have 5 daughters; we can't give them all everything they want. That doesn't mean we love them any the less. The question is; will we continue to sacrifice the ministries of the local church on the altars of the general board bureaucracy? I am rather

insulted by the sheet that was printed by our general boards and agencies indicating the things they would cut out if we drop back to the majority opposition. They picked all of the pet projects of every special-interest group in the General Conference in order to play to the crowd. I am offended by that. And contrary to what you have been told this morning, reducing the demands from the general church will, in fact, free the local church to enlarge its ministry because the local church is the only place that the church grows.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you, sir. Now, the microphone is open for a speech in favor. Are you in favor at No. 7? No. 7, you are in order then, please. I'm going to work my way around the room, folks. If you look around, not all of you are going to get a chance to speak on this item. No. 7.

FRITZ MUTTI (Missouri West): I rise to speak in favor of the minority report. We are at a unprecedented time in history. God is putting before us tremendous opportunities to be in mission and ministry for Jesus Christ. When you move from one era to another, the winds of change are often strong and difficult. Bishop Minor put before us the other night a nautical image which I think is helpful to us. We often refer to the church as a ship, and that ship now is sailing on very stormy seas. Sometimes the temptation is to be afraid and fearful in the storm and to abandon the ship. To take to the lifeboats of congregationalism and forget that we are all part of one ship. It's helpful, I think, to look to a story in the Book of Acts, in which the apostle Paul was on a ship in a storm. At that time he reminded the people on the ship that unless those men stay with the ship, you cannot be saved. We are 1 church, 1 ship on a very stormy sea. What we are being asked to do in the minority report is just kind of hold the line, hold the ship steady. And we are reminded then of another story of a storm, in which Jesus was on the sea with the disciples and he said, "Why are you afraid in the storm? Have you still no faith?" I believe the minority report asks us to have faith in a future that God is calling us to. An unimaginable future of great opportunity and possibility. I hope this body of leaders in the church will support it.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. I can only take a speech against. Are you speaking against it, no. 8? No. At mike 10, are you speaking against? No. At mike 15, are you speaking against the minority report? The 1st person, please. Are you speaking against? You are. You are in order then. Mike No. 5.

JAMES W. HOLSINGER (Virginia): I am speaking against the minority report. My friends, you know, when we look over the last 4 years' income and, of about $360 million, and projected over the next 4 years we would raise approximately $420 million; and when you look at the World Service Fund, as we look at the 3 budgets before us, we would look at a 12-25% increase over our best projected income. And that will result, no matter how we cut it, in a 10-20% across-the-board reduction in all the programs covered by this fund, based upon the particular budget which we might pass. This particular methodology of trimming budgets is called "horizontal-budget cutting" and occurs simply when income does not match expenditures. To cut out whole programs based upon priorities is "vertical-budget cutting." One of these 2 methods is required any time that income does not match projected or actual expenditures. I submit, my friends, that we unfortunately will do 1 or the other this quadrennium. This is not having a lack of faith but is a forthrightly dealing with the issue. We must be honest with ourselves and recognize that whichever of these 3 budgets we adopt will require horizontal-budget reductions that will range from 10-25% during the next 4 years. Let's simply be honest with ourselves. Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. Thank you. We have exhausted the speeches. We now are ready for the question. That will give you time to get back. The only thing that is in order from the floor are questions of information from the chair. No further motions are available. So, we've eased that at times. I just want you to be informed. Microphone no. 10, what is your question, please? Name and conference.

HARRIETT J. OLSON (Northern New Jersey): Bishop Yeakel, would you just clarify for the house the impact of the voting? I think the delegate raised . . .

BISHOP YEAKEL: I will do that, Harriett; when we finish with the final speeches, I'll do that. And if it's not clear, raise your card, and we will clear it. All right, I turn now to Tracy Merrick who represents the minority report for a final statement.

TRACY R. MERRICK (Western Pennsylvania): I would simply say and reiterate that we see this as a reasonable compromise position that will allow our church to proceed in ministry and undertake some of the very exciting programs that I think all of us really want to see us as a general church undertake. Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. Sandra Kelley Lackore, you're speaking for the majority for the legislative committee or who? Dr. Quick, you have 1 final statement. Brief.

WILLIAM K. QUICK (Detroit): Bishop, we believe that the budget proposed is a realistic budget, and as you have already indicated, it is for the quadrennium--for the total program--an increase of 7.61%.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. Now, Bishop John Russell for the Council on Finance and Administration.

BISHOP JOHN RUSSELL: Just 1 brief statement. We believe that the minority report is inadequate to fund the mission and ministry of our great denomination.

(Instructions for Voting on Mminority report)

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. You have before you the minority report on p. 434 No. 1, Report No. 1, World Service '93-'96, a total of $236,430,000 aggregate. If you vote yes--I'm sorry, I'm explaining the vote--if you vote yes, then this becomes the substitute for the majority, or the legislative committee's, report. You then would vote again, without further debate, to make it the primary motion. And for a 3rd time you have to debate, or you have to vote, not debate. We move right on, 3 votes on it if it's in the positive. If you wish to get to 1 of the other 2 votes or proposals, you would vote no. If you don't want this, or you wish to get to 1 of the others, you would vote no. Now, Harriet, I haven't answered your . . . questions only. Harriett, no. 10, please. We are not open for any other amendments or motions or anything else. Just questions, yes, no. 10.

OLSON: My question is, that I was under the impression that if we voted "yes" on the minority report, it became the main amendment, and we would

then have a vote between the minority report and the GCFA budget, so we would still be able to vote up the GCFA budget at a later date.

BISHOP YEAKEL: That is correct.

OLSON: Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: We would vote, it becomes, if we adopt the minority report, it becomes then the legislative committee report. It replaces that if you adopt it. Then you have a "yes" or "no" vote. If you vote "yes", it becomes the primary consideration. If you vote "no", then we take, the Council on Finance and Administration becomes the primary. That's the choice. OK? We're clear on that? Questions only. Microphone 12.

SAM WYNN (North Carolina): Bishop, under, on p. 430 and 431, the Special Programs?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes.

WYNN: The proposed budget . . .

BISHOP YEAKEL: What is your question?

WYNN: My question has to do with: is this the proposed budget by . . .?

BISHOP YEAKEL: No, no, it is not.

(Minority Budget Amendment Approved)

It's not. That will, in essence, will become report No. 16 of the GCF&A, and we will treat it at that time. You will have a chance to get into that item. It is not before us at the moment. Are you ready? If you will adopt the minority proposed amendment to the budget totaling $236,430,000 as the World Service figure for the quadrennium, please vote as the light appears. You have adopted the minority proposal, "Yes," 486; "No," 464.

It is now before you as the motion of the legislative committee. If you vote yes, then it becomes the primary motion. If you vote no, then we will vote on the motion of the Council on Finance and Administration. So, yes means this is it. And no means you prefer the Council on Finance's proposal. Questions only. Microphone 15.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Are you saying amendments are no longer in order?

BISHOP YEAKEL: We are agreed that amendments are in order at this time, and if I said differently, you'll forget it. Are there any amendments at this time? An amendment cannot be that which puts us back to where we were. Nor can it be that which simply cancels this decision and moves us to the Council on Finance. Microphone No. 15. Go to a mike if you want to speak. We used the change of rules for this session. We'll see if it works. Microphone 15. Name and conference, please?

PORTER J. WOMELDORFF (Central Illinois): Bishop, I would like to move to increase the minority report by such amount as will bring the 1992 General Conference programs to a quadrennial total of $4 million.

BISHOP YEAKEL: I don't . . . Say that again, please?

WOMELDORFF: I would like to move to increase the minority budget by such amount as will bring the line item for the quadrennial . . . 1992 program quadrennial budget to $4 million.

BISHOP YEAKEL: I am trying to understand what you are saying. You are really back on p. 433, are you not? What you want to do, or is it what you want to do, is to take the line item, the 1992 General Conference new programs, you want to change the $1 million to $4 million?

WOMELDORFF: No sir, on the minority report which is presently in the range of $600,000 a year, I want to make that $1 million a year.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, OK. 436. Now, I am with you. You want to amend the minority report on p. 436, the General Conference new programs. Are you with me? The first figure is $625,000. Is that correct, that's where you are?

WOMELDORFF: Yes, sir. And I would amend each of those to be $1 million.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. We will get the numbers. But you want to increase the total that amount of dollars.

WOMELDORFF: That is correct, sir.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Is there a second? There is. Would you like to speak to that, sir?

WOMELDORFF: Yes, sir. I think we have heard compelling reasons for supporting the special programs at the level that the GCFA proposed, and I am only trying to harmonize this minority report, which I support, in the area of the special programs to the GCFA program.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. And microphone No. 3, are you speaking in favor or against that? Neither. Something else. Microphone #5, in favor, against, not? Microphone #4 in favor, against? I take it you are ready to vote on this. If you will adopt the amendment to increase the line item of the 1992 general programs to $1 million each year of the quadrennium, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 432; "No," 511. It has not been increased. The budget is before us. Microphone #4.

ROBERT T. CASEY (Virginia): Bishop, I would like to make the total . . . amend the minority report to make the total $226,116,000. If I have a second, I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP YEAKEL: This is the total for the quadrennium. $226,4 . . .

CASEY: 226,116,000. That's 4 times the apportionment.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. This is a motion to reduce it by approximately $10 million in round numbers. Is that correct?

CASEY: I expect that's about right, Bishop.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. You may speak, sir.

CASEY: I think we need to ask integrity in our apportionments. Last year, or in 1990, we apportioned, World Service apportionments went up by $2,400,000 over top of the . . . 1991 was $2,400,000 over the 1990 apportionment. We actually increased our giving by $220,697. We raised, we asked for $2,400,000. We got $220,697. It seems to me, we have got to have some realism and integrity to what we are doing. The previous quadrennium, or this quadrennium, we may raise $360,000,000 which is precisely--on our total budget--which is precisely what we asked for 4 years before. We are at least 4 years behind in our budgeting. I think it is unrealistic to project figures which have no opportunity or chance of being supported. I think we owe it to our churches to be responsible. It is all nice. I would love to be able to have a $500 million, $600 million budget. But let's have some realism in what we are doing. Let's have some integrity. Let's be honest about it. If we are going to raise $2,400,000 more 1 year, and we raised $200,000, we can raise all these figures we want to on budget. We are not going to raise the funds by that method. If we do it the other way, where there is some chance for the churches to make it, then they may work to do it. When someone goes broke, and when someone has debt, and

the debts get so big that they can't meet them, they just forget about them. As long as they can try to reach them, then they make an effort. I think the same thing is true with apportionments in the church, Bishop, and I would encourage us not to go beyond 4 times what we are doing in 1992.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. That's a speech in favor of the motion to reduce the figure of 236,430 in thousands of dollars to $226,116,000. Someone has questioned whether the traffic light is working up front. I take it is. It is not coming on at all? It does not come on until the second minute. The green light should come on at 2 minutes, and the yellow light at 1 minute, and then the red light, you're off. But it is not working at all? All right. Thank you. We will get it checked out. Now, speaking against the amendment to this figure. Microphone No. 10.

BECKY HAASE (California-Pacific): Bishop, I am not sure whether this is a speech against or actually a point of order, because we . . .

BISHOP YEAKEL: Well, a point of order must do with a rule that has been transgressed.

HAASE: All right.

BISHOP YEAKEL: We used point of order to cover everything, and . . .

HAASE: All right. Let me just speak against the motion, and I think you will understand my point. We have just voted the minority report to replace the majority report, which basically was an even budget. This motion now basically takes us back to an even budget, because the proposal is 4 times the 1992 annual apportionment, and therefore I think that this would exactly go against what we have just voted. It is approximately $8 million above the actual figure that the majority report gave, but in essence, it is actually voting for the same thing that we have just defeated.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. Let me explain. The reason I didn't rule it out of order was because it was not exactly what had been defeated. It's approximately halfway in between the 2. At microphone 8, are you speaking for or against this?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Against.

BISHOP YEAKEL: I will have to wait. At 13, are you speaking for this amendment?

DAVE STANLEY (Iowa): Yes, sir.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, you are in order.

STANLEY: Much of my life in the church has been devoted to stewardship and work for better stewardship. I personally have often made the statement that I have heard some of you make here, that we don't have a money problem in The United Methodist Church. We have a stewardship problem. But deeply as I am committed to helping to increase all of our stewardship, I think we have got to be realistic. Now, the minority report, that we just by a very narrow margin voted as our working document, calls for a $472 million quadrennial budget. And I am only going to give you 1 statistic, and ask you to please remember this statistic. That is a 31% increase. 31% higher than our actual level of giving in the current quadrennium, '89-'92. We are asking people to give 31% more in the new quadrennium over what we are actually giving in the current quadrennium.

I submit that is not good stewardship. That if we are to ask our people back home to be better stewards, we must be better stewards. And that huge a gap between what Brother Werlein called the asking budget and the giving budget, it invites people to ignore us. It invites people to lose faith in the apportionment system. It invites people to believe we are not being serious here in representing the people who elected us. It creates a credibility problem. The United Methodist Church is starting to sound dangerously like the United States federal government, and the difference is when they come in with spending $400 billion over receipts, they print money to cover the difference. We don't have a printing press, and we ought to remember that. I have read the horror list this morning. The list of all those good programs that I support that are going to have to be canceled if we vote for a lesser budget. In government they call that "firemen first," and it's firemen first who are going to be laid off when anybody says you've got to limit spending. Our friend Pike from Texas said that very well. I submit to you that if we can afford to have as many general agencies staff persons take time off from their regular work to attend this General Conference--and I would be interested in knowing just how many of them are here--we might find some ways to save on the staff side and increase money for the program side with the lower figure suggested by this amendment which I strongly support.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right.

All right, we've asked the body not to engage in that kind of response. We are a family to that degree. We've got a problem, a challenge that we're going to solve as a family, and it doesn't to help to see what kind of applause we can get from the stands and even from the delegates. The delegates, let's stay with it now. Microphone 8, you indicated you were speaking against. I'll take you; you're in order.

DAVID DOLSEN (Rocky Mountain): Bishop Yeakel and members of this conference, we heard a call for fasting; we heard a sister talk about sacrficial giving; we participated and hearts were warmed. The minority report makes a call for sacrifice of $28.70 per member or $6.68 a year, to fund World Service. This $6.68 . . . you have heard from this group of how the World Service dollars will meet the global church need, from seminary students to missionaries. If you want your 2 cents worth--in fact, for less than 2 cents a day per member, you can have these programs. I would urge the rejection of this amendment.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. Microphone 2, are you speaking against? I'm sorry, for the motion?

CHARLES PEARCE (Florida): I'm speaking for the motion, sir.

BISHOP YEAKEL: You are in order.

PEARCE: Excuse me?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Go ahead, those were just voices from on high. Go ahead.

PEARCE: Yes, Lord.

BISHOP YEAKEL: You're welcome!

PEARCE: The Florida Conference is pleased, proud to be the largest contributor to The United Methodist Church throughout the world. And the money is given. I come from a small, 650 member church in the country, which proudly has paid 100% of its apportionments. I'd like to make a few points.

Number 1, the minority report says 2%. This is not . . . our money is not a retreat. The compromise has just been made by my brother.

Number 2, the Africa University budget figure is the same on the majority report as it is on the minority report. And we have been told that the 1992 receipts are expected to be $95 million, and the 1993 Majority apportion was

$108 million. Now we're still going to be above what we expected for 1993.

And lastly, the majority report, which we have defeated, said that the 4 year grand total would have been a 25% increase over the received funds for the last 4 years. I would think that halving the number between the Majority and the minority report would be a good compromise that our brothers and sisters in the grass roots could accept and pay out 100%. Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. Microphone 6, are you opposed to the amendment?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm for, I'm in favor.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Microphone 11, are you opposed to the amendment? Microphone 3, are you opposed to the amendment?

C. JOSEPH SPRAGUE (West Ohio): Point of information, Bishop.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Point of information.

SPRAGUE: Last week we overwhelmingly passed the concept of "Shalom Zones," and that concept was referred to Global Ministries and then was asked to be referred on to GCF&A for financial implications. In none of these budgets do I see anything reflected about that.

BISHOP YEAKEL: That's correct, Joe. Let me just say that there may yet be other concerns that haven't filtered through CF&A. I was not aware or alert enough to that. I've been informed this morning, we've informed CF&A; that's yet on their platter. They will bring back that information appropriately before work done Friday night. It will get through.

SPRAGUE: In view of that, would I be in order, then, to speak against the amendment?

BISHOP YEAKEL: You can speak against this amendment, for any reason, as long as you want. Speak against it, you're in order.

SPRAGUE: I think this is just another indication of the dilemma in which we find ourselves. Namely, it is that *kairotic* moment, when there is ample opportunity for mission and vision. And to back peddle is hardly that which is exemplary of the people of God at this time. So I would heartily speak against that which is before us and would advocate not only for the minority report, but eventually for what GCF&A has advocated.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, now I know I'm going to lose some friends today, but we've had 3 speeches for and 3 speeches against. You might want to rush to your keypads, because we're going to vote in just a minute. There are no motions, only information. If you need information, I'll respond to your questions. At microphone no. 1, what is your question, please?

OSWALD BRONSON (Florida): My question is, if we vote in favor of this motion, what does it do to the minority report motion that we just passed?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Well, it reduces it by about $10 million dollars. That's the intent of the motion. And then that would become the motion, which you would vote up or down, when we finish perfecting it, as to determine whether you want to continue without, or go to the CF&A proposal. Microphone 6, what is your question, please?

CAROLYN JOHNSON (North Indiana): My question relates to 906.1 A and B, in that, when, I guess I need you to . . . ,

BISHOP YEAKEL: What is 906.1 A and B?, I don't know.

JOHNSON: In *The Book of Discipline.*

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, I'm with you now.

JOHNSON: 906.1 A & B, refers to the fact that . . . .

BISHOP YEAKEL: I know what that refers to, go ahead.

JOHNSON: Oh, all right, thank you. My question is, since that refers to amount and distribution, my question is, will we then, prior to a last vote, if any of the amendments pass, and we're dealing with amendments to bottom lines, when will we indeed look at distributions?

BISHOP YEAKEL: When we get to the end of the 15 reports in the red book, report no. 16 will be the information you have about these special, extra budgetary requests. You'll be able to perfect them at that time.

JOHNSON: And that will be when?

BISHOP YEAKEL: That will be hopefully sometime this morning.

JOHNSON: All right.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Or this afternoon, or tonight, or tomorrow morning. We will get to it.

JOHNSON: Bishop, I do think it is our . . .

BISHOP YEAKEL: No, I don't want to know what you think, did you get the answer to your question?

JOHNSON: OK. That's helpful to know that you do not wish to care to know what I think.

BISHOP YEAKEL: No, we're not debating. The rules of the conference have concluded that kind of speech. So it's information only. We're ready to vote, will the minority chair have the last word, and then the council.

MERRICK: I think it's clear that the minority preference would be that this amendment not be adopted, because the minority report would provide an additional $10 million to the sorts of programs we're all excited about.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you, will the chair, Bishop Russell, do you have a statement?

BISHOP RUSSELL: GCF&A will certainly be opposed to the amendment to the minority report.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, you have it before you. If you vote "yes" to this amendment, you will reduce your prior action by a little over $10 million. If you vote "no" to the action, we're back to what you've adopted previously. Please vote when the light appears.

($10 Million Reduction Rejected)

"Yes," 429; "No," 530. You have not amended the minority report, which is the primary report at the moment. Yes, microphone no. 7.

RAUL ALEGRIA (California-Nevada): I would like to amend the World Service budget line item by adding . . .

BISHOP YEAKEL: Where are we, please? What page? Can you give this so we can track you?

ALEGRIA: On the majority report.

BISHOP YEAKEL: We're not on the majority report.

ALEGRIA: Excuse me, the minority report, p. 434. I would like to amend the World Service budget by adding quadrennially to the total . . . the amount of $5,304,500 to the total. So that there is full funding for the new programs.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Your intention is to increase the item of the 1992 General Conference new programs, is it not?

ALEGRIA: Yes.

BISHOP YEAKEL: What is the amount of dollars that you are adding on to that?

ALEGRIA: Bottom line would be, for the quadrennium, $5,304,500.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Per year?

ALEGRIA: No, for the quadrennium.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, so it adds up to about a $1,200,000 a year.

ALEGRIA: Approximately.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Could we take it approximately? Would that be offensive to you?

ALEGRIA: No.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, so the body knows what it's doing. You are moving to amend the line item that now starts at $625,000; goes to $637,000, then back to $625,000; so that that total becomes $5,304,000, divided by 4. Correct?

ALEGRIA: Correct.

BISHOP YEAKEL: O.K. It's an increase of approximately 28 or 29, or . . .

ALEGRIA: No, 2.3%.

BISHOP YEAKEL: $2.3 million? That's a million; you've got $4 million in already. And you want to increase, no I'm sorry, that's the figure I don't have in my head. O.K., that line item, as it is in the minority budget, totals $2,512,000. You want to substitute a total figure of $5,304,000, correct?

ALEGRIA: I want to add that to that bottom line.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, to bring it up to $5,304,000.

ALEGRIA: Correct.

BISHOP YEAKEL: O.K., if take $5,304,000 and subtract $2,512,000, you'll have your information at the seats. Is there a second to the motion to increase this line item in this fashion? I have a second; you may speak.

ALEGRIA: I believe that these additional funds should be added to the 1992 General Conference new programs line item. They would be spread evenly, across all 4 years. The new World Service total would be only $241,934,500, which represents a total increase of only 2.3% to the proposed World Service figure. It's going to enable our church to reach out in new directions in mission. I think one of the real concerns that we have as a denomination as we look at ourselves, as members of our local churches, is that we want to place our church and keep it caught between the longing for love and the struggle for the legal tender. And we need to start looking at dollars that we request and we ask, not as ways that we can somehow see that it's going to come out of our pocket but as opportunities to be in mission and be reaching across the world in the name and for the cause of Christ.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you.

ALEGRIA: If we can do it, we should.

BISHOP YEAKEL: I'm sorry. I thought you took a breath and were ready to sit down. I apologize. For the information of the body, this would increase that line item a total of $2,792,000. That's the difference in these 2 items. Now, speaking against, microphone 9, are you speaking against this motion? You are in order, sir.

KARL K. STEGALL (Alabama-West Florida): One of the greatest messages that this General Conference could send back across the people in the pews of The United Methodist Church is that we are trying to be fiscally responsible in adopting a World Service apportionment, that, in the words of Bob Casey, is realistic. I think there's something we're overlooking here, and that is that whatever World Service apportionment we adopt today, we're going to take back home and combine with conference benevolences. And for those annual conferences that have sent petitions and are trying to get their houses in order and are trying to freeze their increase in conference benevolences until they can increase their giving patterns, this type of proposal would be disastrous. I have served as a president of a conference Council on Finance and Administration; I have served as the chair of our Southeastern Jurisdictional Council on Finance and Administration; and I have served as the finance chair on one of our large program agencies. I want you to know today that I believe with all of my heart that this particular proposal is disastrous; would be very self-defeating; and is totally unrealistic when combined with the conferences' conference benevolences. Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you very much. Now, microphone no. 15. Are you speaking in favor of this?

JOHN P. MILES (Little Rock): I move the previous question on all that's before us that's allowable. We've got other corn to shuck.

BISHOP YEAKEL: John, you're 2 speeches too soon. Our rules require 1 speech on each side; I have 1 speech, or 2 speeches on each side.

MILES: Point of order. I made a motion to suspend the rules.

BISHOP YEAKEL: I didn't hear you say that.

MILES: Excuse me, sir. I make a motion to suspend the rules.

BISHOP YEAKEL: To allow for the call for the question.

MILES: Call for the question of all that's before us that you will allow.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. Thank you. If you will suspend the rules for this particular motion, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 270; [720] "No," 224, it has the 2/3 majority. We've suspended the rules. Now, it's for the purpose of calling the question. Let the chair inform the body that if you call the question on all that's before us, we will take this amendment without any further debate. We will go to whatever the minority report is, if it's amended or if it's not amended, and then we will vote on that, as to whether that becomes the primary motion or not, and then we will vote on the primary motion without any further debate. Obviously, the folks will have their opportunity to respond, and I would like to clarify my activity at that time, but you now have the chance to decide whether you want to invoke the question call. If you want to move to vote on all that's before us, however you wish to vote, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 263; [763] "No," 193, the 2/3 majority requirement has been achieved. We turn now to the person making the minority report.

TRACY R. MERRICK? Thank you, Bishop Yeakel. The members that formulated the minority report document did talk about this sort of amendment, and I know that I speak for them in saying that we would definitely entertain this positively, because we are very interested in these sorts of programs.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. And now for the Council.

BISHOP STITH: I understand, Bishop Yeakel, that we're dealing now with all that is before us, so let me respond from the GCFA standpoint. If you would turn in your books to 436 and 437, I simply want to point out a clarification of where we are. Since we have rejected the majority report on the right, I do not need to refer to it, except to show, again, that it did, in fact, remain the same for 4 years but did decline sequentially through the years. If you look at the bottom figure on the left of World Service Fund for the minority report on p. 436, you will see that for the

years of 1992 and 1993, they are basically identical in terms of grand totals. And there's a slight increase from there to the end of the year, not significantly, roughly about $4 million to $5 million, for total additional askings from between 1992 throughout the whole quadrennium for 5 years. So, you're not reaching about much of an increase at all to get the 2%. I simply want to point that out and remind you that, meanwhile, in our local churches, last year, our expenditures for all funds reached 5.1% of total expenditures for our local congregations. So, we need to balance the 2 now, slightly over 2-3%, with the 5.1% that we're giving there. Then, in terms of the special programs themselves, I would remind you that we received over $7 1/2 million this very week, in terms of additional askings. We responded to that in a very affirmative way because we felt that was the phalanx of the church that would really excite our people and, in a sense, drag the rest of mission with it. Nevertheless, we were able, only because of the budget dollar allocation, to put $4 million in ours, $2 million in the majority, and $2.5 million in the minority which it now is. So our druthers would be the $4 million we think is realistic, but in terms of the reality, I think we would affirm all that we can do to enable the advance portion of our church to move forward in a very exciting missional way. So our proposal is still the same. If we had our druthers, we would rather stay with our report to do the 4%, which is a slight increase, but we understand where the church is and we will govern ourselves accordingly.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. The speeches have been made and we are now ready to vote. We will take 3 votes in order. The first vote will be on the amendment. The amendment proposes that the 1992 General Conference new programs line item be increased by $2,792,000, so that it would total $5,304,000 over the quadrennium. That's the first decision. Depending on that, then, I will know how to guide you on the minority report, as amended or not amended, and then we'll go to the CF&A. You understand the sequence, so you can decide how you want to vote. Please vote, when the light appears, on the amendment. The amendment to increase the line item in the minority budget: "Yes," 409; "No," 545, the amendment is lost.

(World Service Report Adopted)

We have before us now the minority proposal which became the report of the legislative committee by your action on p. 436 without amendment. It has a total of $236,430,000 World Service Fund apportionment for the quadrennium. If you will adopt, you'll vote "yes." If you wish to get to the CF&A proposal, you would vote "no."

Please vote when the light appears. All right, the motion, "Yes,"678; "No," 282. You have adopted the minority report as the primary report, and it is before you for adoption now. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 835; "No," 109, the World Service report is now adopted.

Before we turn to report No. 2, I knew I had a problem with my quick response to the speaker at microphone No. 6. I did not mean that as a discourtesy; the problem comes when people use the issue of asking a question for the purpose of making a statement and engaging on further debate. I do apologize to the person at that microphone; I don't know whether it was Dr. Carolyn Johnson or not. But I apologize to you. I did not mean it personally, but I had answered your question. Another person has sent me a note saying "Shouldn't I turn these questions over to the various speakers?" It's the responsibility of the chair to answer any questions or to get help in answering them. At the time the call for question is in place or we've automatically exhausted our speeches; which is the same thing. I don't mean to be abrupt, but I'm trying to serve you in moving on and we can give a lot of microphone time otherwise. All right, we turn to CF&A now for report No. 2, report No. 2 of the Ministerial Education Fund. Frank Finkbiner, I believe, is to present this fund. The basic information will be found in the red book on p. 306.

BISHOP YEAKEL: At microphone no. 1, please.

JOHN P. SIMON (Florida): Could I make an inquiry?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, sir, what is your inquiry?

SIMON: When a person makes a motion for an amendment . . .

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes?

SIMON: When we are ready to vote, does that individual not have an opportunity to make a final statement?

BISHOP YEAKEL: The only people that have the opportunity for a final speech are, in this instance, the Council, the legislative committee, or the minority report when there is 1, and if they have been recognized in the process. No one from the floor can make a motion and have the last speech on any matter.

SIMON: All right, just an inquiry.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you, sir, I think that will be helpful for the body. Mr. Frank Finkbiner?

(Ministerial Education Report Fund)

FRANK FINKBINER: Bishop Yeakel, members of the General Conference, the Ministerial Education Fund Report No. 2 is found on p. 306, and the relevant figures are in the second column on that page. The General Council on Finance and Administration is recommending increases that average approximately 4.2% for the Ministerial Education Fund. The Council is convinced that this falls far short of what is needed as the general churches share of support for the denomination's theological schools.

In the course of our deliberations, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry presented convincing evidence that candidates for the ordained ministry are graduating with increasingly heavy levels of student indebtedness. And that, even with the recommendation increases that we are making, support from this fund will continue to represent a declining share of the budgets of our theological schools. GCFA believes that the 4.2% is fair and that it deserves our support. During the decade of the '90s, when it is estimated that as many as 40% of the active clergy may be retiring, we are asking our seminaries to produce both quality and quantity in order that they will be available to serve the church in the years to come. We are convinced that this asking is a minimum and that to do less would not be to serve the church in the years to come. Bishop, we commend this to you and it is now before you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. There is a legislative committee response. Bill Quick, you are responding.

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Delegates Approve UMCare, 'Shalom Zones'

By a margin of 91 votes the General Conference approved Thursday the blueprint for comprehensive, churchwide health care for clergy and selected groups of lay employees in the hope it will provide an answer to spiraling medical costs that have put annual conferences and general agencies in a financial crunch.

The plan, known as "UMCare," was drafted under auspices of the church's General Board of Pensions to replace a patchwork of health-care plans across the denomination with costs and benefits that vary widely. Immediately after the two-hour debate had been concluded, the proposition was referred to the Judicial Council for a ruling on the constitutionality of the provision that all annual conferences must participate.

Robert Stevens, Seattle, who chaired the study commission, told the 998 delegates the plan will afford stability of premium costs, predictability of claims, and uniformity of benefits on a churchwide basis. Stevens, treasurer of the Pacific Northwest Conference said he is convinced the plan is good for the church.

UMCare includes comprehensive medical coverage and optional dental coverage. Higher benefits will be paid when participants use physicians, dentists, specialists, and hospitals that are part of designated health-care networks. The plan features "managed care" provisions including reviews and second opinions to hold down costs.

Clergy and others covered by the plan will be able to select among a "cafeteria" of options to provide additional coverage. The program will be administered by the Board of Pensions and is scheduled to go into effect Jan. 1, 1994.

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Agenda

Friday, May 15

8:30	a.m.	Worship
9:00	a.m.	Committee on Agenda
9:05	a.m.	Calendar Items
10:15	a.m.	Break
10:30	a.m.	Report on Judicial Council Decisions
10:40	a.m.	Calendar Items
12:25	p.m.	Announcements
12:30	p.m.	Recess
2:00	p.m.	Introduction of Secretarial Staff Courtesies
2:10	p.m.	Calendar Items
5:25	p.m.	Announcements
5:30	p.m.	Recess
7:30	p.m.	Calendar Items
9:40	p.m.	Announcements
9:45	p.m.	Worship
10:00	p.m.	Adjournment



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Arturo M. Fernandez (California-Nevada) moves the acceptance of the National Plan for Hispanic Ministries. Recommendations for the Plan and other special emphases will come to delegates today from the General Council on Finance and Administration.

Corrections to *DCA*

(Other Than Proceedings)

Daily Edition, p. 454, Calendar Item No. 1314—Correct petition title is "Petitions to General Conference."

Daily Edition, p. 466, Calendar Item No. 1412, last par., line 1—Substitute "Sexual" for "Social."

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Louisville Choir to Lead Final Day's Worship

The chancel choir of Louisville's St. Paul United Methodist Church leads the closing day's worship service. The choir sings at 8:15 a.m. prior to the 8:30 service. Michael Beattie directs the choir and is organist for the Friday services.

The choir presents a range of anthems from the classics to spiritual and contemporary pieces. They also sing for six yearly performances of the Louisville Boar's Head and Yule Festival, produced annually by the church. The choir has performed several major works including Requiems of Mozart, Durufle, and Faure; Handel's *Messiah*; Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*; and Britten's *Noye's Fludde*.

Beattie has been the organist/choirmaster for 12 years at St. Paul where he directs several choirs. He holds degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and from the College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati.

Bishop Edsel A. Ammons of the West Ohio Area delivers the sermon Friday morning. The Rev. Gail Rohrbacher is liturgist.

Bishop Thomas S. Bangura of the Sierra Leone Area leads the General Conference brief closing worship service. Beattie serves as organist.



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General Conference Goes High-Tech

Electronics have made this the most high-tech General Conference in the history of the denomination, producing significant gains in time and accuracy.

That's the way Dr. DeWayne S. Woodring, conference business manager and executive director of the Commission on General Conference since 1976, summarized the comments of delegates.

An electronic voting system, computer processing of work by legislative committees, computerized text composition and page design of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, timing lights to guide plenary session commentary, closed-circuit television coverage, large-screen projection of all plenary sessions, live and taped telecasting of conference news events, and radio-transmitted interpretation in six languages have led to the "electronicization" of General Conference.

"It's a fact that our church led the religious world in using electronic voting at a major gathering," Woodring said. "Four years ago at our St. Louis conference, a number of ecumenical representatives saw our voting system in action, and now the Nazarenes, Presbyterians, Evangelical Lutherans, and many others have put it into place in their own assemblies.

"Veteran delegates will recognize that the 'big bug' in St. Louis did not come to Louisville," Woodring grinned, recalling computer program malfunctions which temporarily fouled smooth operation of the 1988 conference and left Woodring stuck in what he termed "one of the most embarrassing moments of my life.

"The biggest innovation at this present conference," Woodring suggested, "is the use of computers in all legislative committees so that all assigned petitions are at the fingertips of the members."

The new PEtition Tracking System has eliminated wasteful duplication, produced much greater accuracy, and gained valuable time, Woodring said. For example, time required to receive 2,000 calendar items from committees, assign a number, and deliver to the *DCA* has shrunk from 133 hours to three hours, according to estimates based on the calculations of John Brawn, conference calendar coordinator.

Availability of the key text of all assigned petitions in a second Advance Edition of the *DCA* gave delegates a head start on committee work, too. This new service grew out of computer software improvements and a new cooperative arrangement between the offices of the *DCA* and the petition secretary.

Computerized text composition and page design of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, direct input of both proceedings and calendar items, and delivery of camera-ready pages to the printer now characterize a daily production system which has become increasingly sophisticated during the past eight years, according to editor J. Richard Peck.

The timing lights placed at the front of the plenary hall, Woodring continued, were proposed and developed to provide visual cues for time limits on commentary from the floor. The green signal indicates time is running; yellow cautions that half of the time is expended; and red notes time is up.



RALPH BAKER PHOTO

DeWayne S. Woodring directed the setting-up of the conference floor.

Initiated at the 1988 conference, television coverage of plenary sessions and projection on the giant screen in the hall permit close observation and "a sense of involvement and intimacy" not otherwise possible in a gathering of more than 1,000 persons, Woodring said. A leased, German-made, television-image projector, worth about $500,000, is used.

Several live telecasts on major networks have originated at the conference site, and more than 20 leaders have been interviewed for radio and TV, Shirley Whipple Struchen, media placement coordinator and United Methodist Communications (UMCom) staffer, reported.

Radio-transmitted interpretation of plenary dialogue in six languages, introduced in 1988, "still presents something of a challenge in the first week," according to Woodring.

Since 1957 Woodring has served Methodist churches in Indiana and Oregon, pioneered religious television and radio programming, served as an administrative assistant to three bishops, and directed the business affairs and operations management of five General Conferences. He has served 10 years as executive director of the Religious Conference Management Association, an interfaith organization of 1,600 members who plan more than 6,000 meetings for more than five million persons per year. Woodring also serves as a member of the executive committee of the World Methodist Coun-

Bits 'n Pieces

Several congregations are well-represented at General Conference. The Oklahoma Conference delegation includes the Rev. James B. Buskirk, Tom Junk, and Robert L. Parker from First United Methodist Church, Tulsa, as well as the Rev. M. Mouzon Biggs Jr., Nancy K. Foster, and Emma M. Richardson from Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, Tulsa. First United Methodist Church, Vallejo, Calif., boasts two California-Nevada Conference delegates, including Raul B. Alegria and the Rev. Phillip C. Lawson. Rio Grande Conference delegates from La Trinidad United Methodist Church, San Antonio, Texas, are the Rev. Arturo Mariscal and Della Escareno whose husband, Antonio "Tony" Escareno, serves as a Spanish-language translator/interpreter for General Conference. Another La Trinidad member is the Rev. Roberto L. Gomez, a General Conference secretary.

First cousins and third-time delegates to General Conference are the Rev. Merlin J. Ackerson, Iowa Conference, and John S. McCabe, Northern Illinois Conference.

When Joe David Martinez of El Buen Pastor United Methodist Church, Edinburg, Texas, was accepted as a page for General Conference, he realized the date conflicted with his exams at Pan American University. After some negotiation, however, he was granted special permission to take his exams early. Martinez is the first person from the Rio Grande Conference to serve as a page. His father, Samuel G. Martinez, is a reserve delegate from the Rio Grande Conference.

The Rev. Thomas A. and Anne Collins, Raleigh, N.C., are here at General Conference for the 12th and sixth times respectively. Thomas Collins attended the 1944 session in Atlanta and served as a delegate or reserve delegate in 1960, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1972, and 1988. Anne Collins first attended General Conference in 1964 and was seated as a delegate in 1984. This year, as in 1988, she served as a reserve delegate.

The 20-foot screen at the front of the convention center is 194 feet from the high-tech projector at the back of the auditorium and 30 feet above the floor. Freelance engineer Rob Bloomquist, who operates the projector, has worked with the Academy Awards ceremony, the Democratic National Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. He says he likes to work with United Methodists because they seem to enjoy themselves so much.

Health alert: One case of chicken pox has been diagnosed at the first aid station. The victim is an international delegate. "It's unlikely there will be an epidemic," said Dr. Donald Mosley. Symptoms are fever, itching, and a rash (red blisters with a raised whitish center) on the chest and abdomen.

TV Features U.M. Outreach in Russia, Various Arts

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"Catch the Spirit" features segments focusing on various arts—sculpture, music, and storytelling. The crew visits with Tim Holmes, who creates sculptures in his basement in Helena, Mont.; Patrick Matsikenyiri, who presents a brief history of the evolution of church music in Africa; and Jim May, who travels to the Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling. Co-host Hilly Hicks stops by the Cokesbury Resource Center in Nashville, Tenn., to discover just what is available.

Watch these programs on Channel 8, Brown Hotel; Channel 6, Galt House/Galt House East and Holiday Inn Downtown; Channel 4, Hyatt; Channel 14, Seelbach; and check your Visitel channel listing for other hotels.

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cil, and helped plan conferences in Honolulu, Nairobi, and Singapore.

Among the most amusing incidents at past General Conferences, Woodring said, happened in Baltimore in 1984 when mice slipped out of the hay (left over from a circus recently departed from the convention center) and dashed to and fro across the podium, surprising the presiding officer. Another time the huge dome of the convention center (Pittsburgh, 1964) was automatically rolled open, creating a strong suction which violently whipped the stage curtains, rocked the stage setting, and sent materials at each delegate's place into a paper whirlwind. The dome has not been opened since then, Woodring said.

—Thomas Potter

A General Conference Day in the Life of . . .

Just how does a bishop or a delegate spend his or her days during the 10-day General Conference?

A Bishop

Bishop W.T. Handy Jr., Missouri Area, said his days are rather relaxed—sometimes even boring—as he sits in sessions day in and day out.

At 7 a.m., the bishop shares breakfast with friends. Afterward, he takes his seat on the convention center platform with other members of the Council of Bishops.

"As a bishop, I can't say anything—just observe," Bishop Handy said. "I have a strong interest in legislature because the decisions made there will affect the next four years of administration."

He was a General Conference delegate from 1964 to 1980, when he was elected bishop.

"I have enjoyed the honor and privilege to preside [over General Conference sessions]," he noted. "But the opportunity brings great responsibility and anxiety."

When Bishop Handy is not attending sessions, he tends to his usual responsibilities. "I am constantly in contact with my office back home," he said. "I try to help with the personal affairs of my clergy family whenever I can."

After adjournment each night, Bishop Handy visits with friends before going home.

"Because I'm in sessions all day, I am unable to fellowship with friends as long as I'd like," said the bishop, who will retire this year. "But I would rather be a bishop than a delegate again."

A Clergy Delegate

West Chester, Pa., district superintendent Gilbert H. Caldwell starts his days at 7 a.m. with a meeting of the Calendar Committee. As chair of the Independent Commissions Committee, Caldwell may have a larger daily agenda than most. His nights usually end around midnight.

The *DCA* caught up with Caldwell while he was sitting at his desk between sessions, writing notes to his district colleagues.

"I'm inviting them to observe the special time of prayer, fasting, and sacrificial giving during the Pentecost weekend," said Caldwell.

"I've always been amazed at how such a diverse group of Christians can be moved in new directions by the influence of God," Caldwell stated in a letter to clergy in his district.

Asked what elements of the conference he finds most meaningful, the superintendent said, "I find worship to be energizing and the spirituals, such as the ones sung by [the choir from] Estonia, heartwarming."

After the conference is adjourned each night, and many delegates are meeting with their delegations or with caucuses, Caldwell gathers with ConneXion, a group of people which meets to reflect on the progress of the General Conference.

"ConneXion is a wonderful way to come together to reflect our joys and sorrows, as well as our hopes and frustrations," he said. "I appreciated the planning and orientation of the inter-ethnic caucus and the opportunity for reflection and debriefing as I met with ConneXion."

A Lay Delegate

First-time lay delegate Chris Harman of the Louisville Conference said she used her personal vacation time to serve as a delegate.

"My friends think I'm crazy to spend my vacation here," said the bank trainer from Henderson, Ky. "But I don't regret it; I'm having fun."

Harman said her day begins around 8:15 with a breakfast meeting with the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

At breakfast, she explained, "we discuss issues, and episcopal candidates answer our questions."

According to Harman, her day ends only after she has spoken with her jurisdiction after the 10 p.m. adjourment of plenary sessions.

"I feel it's my obligation to stay all day and all night," she said. "But I'm never tired. I find great spirit and energy each day, after seeing the level of dedication and commitment of our church."

Harman said she is excited to be a first-time General Conference delegate, even when she doesn't agree "with all the decisions made."

—Heather Peck



International language editors serving the News Room for United Methodist Communications are the Rev. Jungrea Chung, editor of the United Methodist Korean-language journal and pastor in the Northern New Jersey Conference, and the Rev. Julio Gomez, pastor in the Southern New Jersey Conference.

InfoServ, the toll-free information service of UMCom, makes available to Spanish- and Korean-speaking United Methodists daily three-minute summaries of the General Conference actions, written and recorded by Chung in Korean and Gomez in Spanish. Callers speaking Korean or Spanish have been calling InfoServ's number, (800) 251-8140, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Central Time, Monday - Friday, asking to hear the tape.

Pakistani's Journey Crosses Generation, Careers, Continents



RALPH BAKER PHOTO

Christine W. Xavier (Rocky Mountain) listens to discussion during a plenary session. Her life has spanned two careers and three continents.

She comes to this General Conference from Rawalpindi, Pakistan, in a journey of faith spanning one whole generation, two careers, and three continents.

Now a clergy member of the Rocky Mountain Conference, the Rev. Christine Williams Xavier reportedly is the first Pakistani clergywoman to sit as a General Conference delegate.

For the past four years, Xavier has served as pastor of Brush Church, a White congregation of about 300 members located in a small town northeast of Denver. Fifty-five miles away, her husband, Dr. Francis Xavier, also a United Methodist minister, serves churches in Keensburg and Hudson. Additionally, the Xaviers give pastoral leadership to a South Asian fellowship group in Denver comprised of about 80 persons.

"Ever since I was a little girl," recalled Xavier, "I have had this desire deep down in my heart to completely devote myself to God, but I never thought I, as a woman, would be ordained. However, my father always said, 'Wherever you may go, whatever you may do, God can always use you for his glory. You have a mission to fulfill.'"

Descended from generations of Christians native to the India subcontinent, Xavier's sense of mission is rooted in a family as well as a faith tradition. In the late 19th century, one of her great-grandfathers, after service as a physician in the British Army, established a mission medical clinic in the northern part of what would later become Pakistan. Her grandfather and father also served as physicians. Members of her family were active Christians in the Church of Pakistan tradition, which united British Methodist, Presbyterian, and Anglican denominations.

Convinced that a clergy career in Pakistan was closed to her, Christine Xavier became qualified as a secondary school teacher and administrator. In the late 1960s, she and her husband, Francis, came to the United States to earn advanced degrees at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Within a few years, they returned to Pakistan and their careers in private Christian institutions in Rawalpindi, not far from the city of Islamabad.

Then, in 1972, a crisis developed.

"The Islamic government started taking over private Christian institutions," Xavier recalled sadly. "They permitted no Christian teaching, no Christian symbols, and no Christian staff members. My husband was imprisoned on the ridiculous charge that he 'attempted suicide' because he led a small group of students and faculty members in a one-day fast protesting the government action. We didn't know where he was for 48 hours...and in those days when people disappeared, you just never saw them again!"

While her husband was detained, Xavier and her two teen-age daughters joined other women in a march to the Pakistani president's house, peacefully protesting nationalization of Christian schools. Near the state house, soldiers opened fire on the crowd, killing several persons and wounding others, Xavier whispered, her thoughts wandering painfully through old memories. Within a week her husband was released, and the two of them turned to ministering to families of the killed and to the wounded.

As the situation in Pakistan deteriorated, the Xaviers found new opportunities in Nigeria where attractive teaching positions were opening up and "the children could grow up without fear." The Xaviers moved to Kano where for four years Christine taught in one college, and Francis served as head of the English department at another college.

"Although we were both professional educators, we felt called to ministry as clergy," Xavier continued. In 1979 at the recommendation of a cousin who is a retired college professor, Christine, Francis, and their growing family left Nigeria for Denver, Colo., and Iliff School of Theology.

In the Rocky Mountain Conference, Christine Xavier serves on the board of ministry and two special episcopal task forces. Here at the General Conference, she serves on the Legislative Committee on Independent Commissions.

Of her three daughters, Zarin is completing a doctorate at Iliff, Norin is taking a recess from graduate work at the University of Denver, and Seemie is at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Her son, Pasha, a 6-foot-2-inch high school freshman, is on the basketball squad.

"God is still opening doors for us," Christine Xavier said, pausing briefly in the midst of an "exciting" new chapter of a life in ministry.

—Tom Potter

Seminarians Gain Fresh Insights

Students from several United Methodist seminaries are attending General Conference with the hope of gaining a new perspective of the church at work. "We don't have an official class here," said David Schoeni, 24, a student at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta. "I'm doing an independent study and have been here all week. I have been following my home pastor from the Kansas East Conference."

Schoeni said he changed some of his preconceptions of the church. He said he thought the church would treat General Conference as a battle rather than a place to discuss different ideas. "I was pretty much convinced that I would be disillusioned by what went on at General Conference," Schoeni said, "but in some crazy way, I found hope. I saw people, myself included, who really cared about the church."

There are students from Asbury Theological School, Wilmore, Ky.; Methodist Theological School in [Delaware] Ohio (METHESCO); Candler School of Theology; United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio; and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill.

The Rev. Edward "Ed" Trimmer, associate professor at METHESCO, came to General Conference with 24 students. Each student focuses on a particular caucus and then watches its work in legislative committees.

"We had to do a lot of research in the *DCA: Advance Edition I* and *II,*" said Kevin Coleman, 34, a METHESCO student from the East Ohio Conference. Coleman chose to study the complex proposals from the Ministry Study Committee.

Kenneth Hill, 43, a METHESCO student from the Mississippi Conference, followed the action in the Local Church Legislative Committee. He said that as a class, they each had to do hours of studies on a particular issue.

Virginia Dupre-Ivester, 25, a Candler student, said she was "disappointed that the door was shut on certain issues.

"Before I arrived at the General Conference, I feared being powerless," she said. "I felt that way Monday when I was emotionally involved in the homosexual issue. And I was disappointed because we didn't hear from all the church's members. To me, this was disempowering."

Dupre-Ivester also expressed hope in the future after "seeing the commitment from all different sides of the church."

One thing all the students agreed upon was the friendliness of delegates, committees, and other seminarians.

"The openness of the conference has been pleasant," Schoeni said. "It was a good feeling because I could walk into any room and be welcomed as well as respected."

"I'd like to thank the General Conference delegates for talking to and receiving my students; not only in the legislative subcommittees, but in the whole process," Trimmer said. "I think this really gives us hope in the church."

Trimmer said he was already looking forward to leading another seminary course in Denver during the 1996 General Conference.

Perhaps the students have learned some political skills at General Conference. "If you speak to the right delegate," Coleman concluded, "they'll get you one of those blue and white umbrellas."

—Heather Peck

A More Relaxed Conference for Betty VanDyke

Betty VanDyke is more relaxed than ever before at this session of General Conference.

After serving on the secretarial staff of General Conference since 1950 (beginning with EUB conferences), the retired administrator for United Methodist Communications (UMCom) is spending her time in Louisville observing some major changes. Forty-two years ago, she served on a staff that typed all copy on stencils and then ran mimeograph machines.

VanDyke explained, "My first General Conference was in 1950. I had only worked for the Evangelical United Brethren (EUB) for three weeks before I was put to work. I honestly knew nothing about the conference before I arrived there in Dayton."

VanDyke's first job was to type stencils, mimeograph copies, and "make sure the ink did not leak onto the carpet.

"I had no idea how long and hard my days would be working for the press," she said. "After running around on my feet all day, I was exhausted when I left each night."

In 1968, at the Uniting Conference in Dallas, VanDyke became an understudy to the office manager. She assumed that post in 1972. "I was in charge of all the conference reports for the *Daily Christian Advocate*, as well as how many people worked, and for how long."

Since retiring from UMCom in 1989, VanDyke said she does not miss the deadlines at all.

"I wish I could have worked on the computers the press is using now," she said. "I find them simply fascinating. Still, I don't miss the pressure for deadlines.

"I remember at the Baltimore conference in 1984, we had to move all of our equipment in one building to another building a few blocks away," she explained. "And they still expected us to meet deadlines the next day. I think I grew more gray hairs that week than any other."

—Heather Peck

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Also related to health matters was a resolution adopted on the consent calendar. The resolution—Universal Access to Health Care in the U.S. and Related Territories—calls for a comprehensive national health care plan, saying the current health care system is in need of serious change.

"Nearly 37 million Americans are denied appropriate health care simply because of their economic status and/or disability," the resolution asserts. "Within this group are some of the most vulnerable members of society, particularly 11 mmilion-13 million children."

Another resolution adopted via the consent calendar "unequivocally condemns the rejection and neglect of persons with HIV infection and illness and all crimes of hate aimed at persons with HIV infection or who are presumed to be carriers of the virus."

In another major action Thursday, the General Conference received a report from a comprehensive study of baptism conducted during the past four years and referred it to local churches and other groups for study. Specific recommendations for adoption as a statement of United Methodist belief will be made to the 1996 General Conference.

The report has sparked controversy because of some of its theological concepts centering around infant baptism, later profession and reaffirmation "of the faith into which we were baptized," and the strong statement that baptism is not repeatable.

"Contemporary United Methodism needs to recover and reformulate its understanding of baptism," the study panel said in introducing its report.

The Commission on the General Conference organized Thursday for 1993-96. John J. Thomas, Brazil, Ind., the longest continually serving lay delegate, was elected to chair the panel that will plan the 1996 sessions at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver. Other officers are the Rev. Don R. Locher, Sierra Madre, Calif., vice chairperson of facilities; the Rev. William K. Quick, Detroit, vice chairperson of program; and Hollie Stewart, Lacey's Springs, Ala.

Thursday morning the 998 delegates made rural chaplaincy a specialized ministry. The program is expected to strengthen United Methodist presence in wide areas of the church.

Enabling action for the "shalom zone" concept proposed early in the sessions in the Commonwealth Convention Center received overwhelming acceptance. A shalom zone is described as a "strategically located city block or its equivalent rebuilt with necessary buildings, businesses, and social services needed for life, liberty, and the pursuit of meaning."

The first such zone will be developed in Los Angeles, but it is hoped work there will become a prototype for ministry in other places. Development and implementation of such ministries was referred to the General Board of Global Ministries.

After listening to stories of political tensions in Zaire, delegates Thursday authorized the Africa Central Conference to create a new conference in Zaire. The action is expected to be taken during the Central Conferences' 1992 meeting in Zimbabwe.

Bishop Emerito P. Nacpil, introducing the proposal, said problems resulting from tensions in Zaire include difficulties in obtaining visas and passports, expensive travel, and language barriers.

—Robert Lear

Announcements

Friday, May 15

The Treasurer's office will close today at 2 p.m.

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The United Methodist Publishing House Resource Center and the DCA Sales Booth will close today at 2:30 p.m.

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Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Albany Area Challenge. Over $1,800 will be contributed to Louisville United Against Hunger and over $1,800 will be added to the offering for Los Angeles Relief (Advance #901735-2). It is not yet a part of that total.

The Reconciling Congregation Program will hold its final luncheon forum today at 12:45 p.m. at the Days Inn, suite 615. The video, "Reconciling," was created by St. Francis in the Foothills UMC (Tucson) in order to tell their story of becoming a Reconciling Congregation and what that has meant to their church family. A sandwich lunch will be available for $5. The Hospitality Suite 615 will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for those interested in learning more about the Reconciling Congregation Program and Affirmation.

See You in Denver in '96

Additional Resolution

Development of a "Shalom Zone."

Petition No. GM-12464-3000-R; Joseph C. Sprague, WOH.

Enabling Motion:

That in solidarity and consultation with indigenous persons and local churches in a selected neighborhood, The United Methodist Church commit itself to the creation in Los Angeles of a "shalom zone." A shalom zone would be one strategically-located city block or its equivalent rebuilt with the necessary buildings, businesses, and social services needed for life, liberty, and the pursuit of meaning. To create this shalom zone, The United Methodist Church, working through the national division, would issue a call posthaste for staff and volunteers, money such as that just mentioned, and the material, love and labor to rebuild both physical structures and human lives broken by the cycle of poverty and deprivation. The response to this call in money and people would be coordinated through the Los Angeles Planning and Strategy Committee. Let the call go forth for workers with children and youth, community organizers, M.D.'s, nurses, dentists, counselors, lawyers, business people, architects, contractors, plumbers, electricians, and all who are willing to help. To this army of shalom would be added an intentional remnant of persons small in number, but large in the love of Jesus, who would commit themselves to live as neighbors and urban missioners in the shalom zone for an extended period of time so as to claim the shalom zone for Christ. Once this model is in the process of being developed, The United Methodist Church would invite the ecumenical and interfaith communities of this nation to duplicate our effort by creating similar zones of hope. This proposal, to be referred to the Legislative Section on Global Ministries for the development of implementing strategies, attendant budgets, and reported to GCF&A and to the plenary as soon as possible.

Guideline Recommendations:

1. That the underlying principle of the Shalom Zone Ministries will be the self-determination of the people in the affected communities;
2. That the Shalom Zone plan will be developed in cooperation with the Los Angeles Planning and Strategy Committee of The United Methodist Church;
3. That in the Shalom Zone there will be designated Saving Stations, that Mission Evangelism will be an essential component of the Saving Station, and that opportunities for understanding, reconciliation, and healing will be explored;
4. That there be Listening Stations where inter-ethnic dialogue takes place;
5. That the Shalom Vision include not only immediate relief but also address systemic change and community development.

Action Recommendation

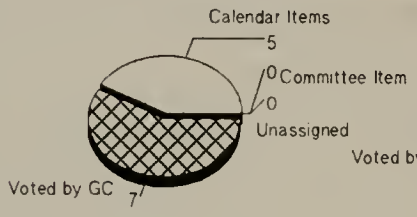
1. That the General Conference refer the development and implementation of Shalom Zone ministries to the General Board of Global Ministries, to be coordinated by the National Division;
2. Authorize a Shalom Zone Committee that would advise the GBGM on the mobilization and leveraging of resources available for creating Shalom Zones;
3. That the Council of Bishops appoint the committee of no less than 8 and no more than 12, to be convened by the President of the National Division;
4. That the committee be convened no later that June 15, 1992;
5. That in consultation with the Los Angeles Committee the Task Force be ready to make the urgent appeal to the church for volunteers;
6. That there be a new Advance designation for Shalom Zones;
7. That The United Methodist Church invite the ecumenical and interfaith communities, both national and international, to duplicate our efforts by creating similar zones of hope.

PEACE WITH JUSTICE

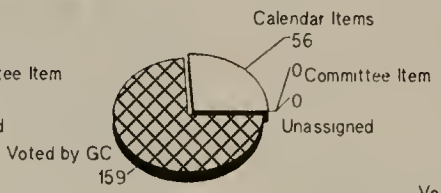
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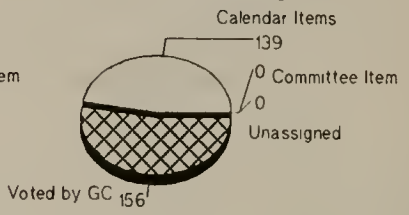
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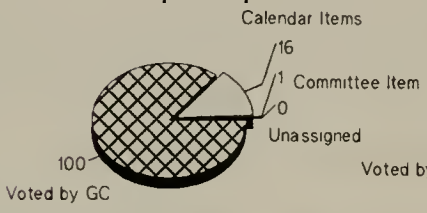
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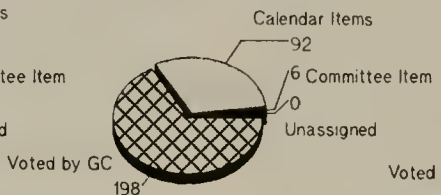
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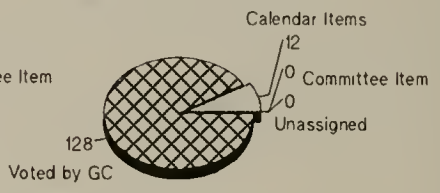
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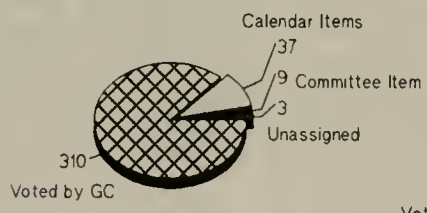
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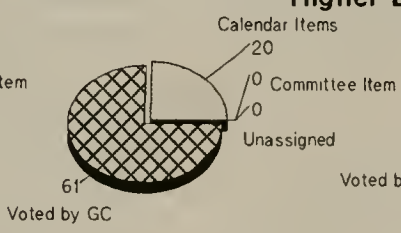
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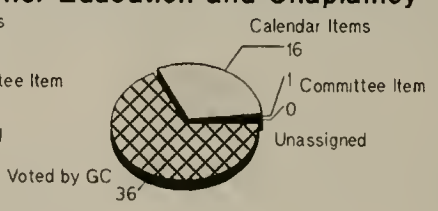
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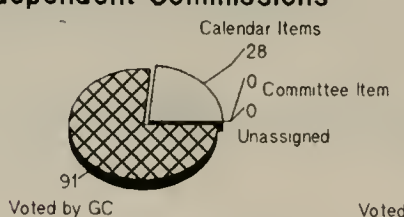
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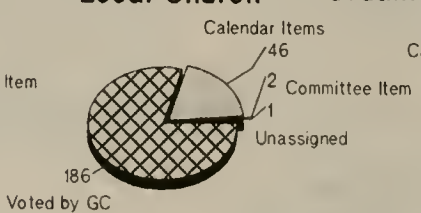
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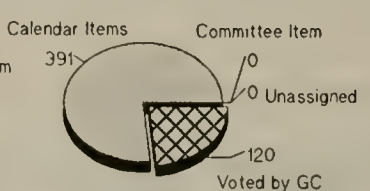
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Data for 5/14/92 Midnight

These charts picture the work done by each legislative committee. "Unassigned" shows the number of petitions that the committee has not yet addresssed. "Committee Items" records the number of petitions being worked on somewhere in the committee. "Calendar Items" indicates the number of petitions voted on and released by the committee. "Voted by GC" shows the number of calendar items that have been voted on by the General Conference plenary. GRAPHS COURTESY OF JOHN AND MEL BRAWN.

Judicial Council Decision

Decision No. 673

In Re: Legality of General Conference Instructions to the General Council on Finance and Administration to Prepare a Proposed Budget Within Specified Limits.

Digest

The General Conference cannot legally impose a limit on the General Council on Finance and Administration quadrennial budget recommendations to the General Conference. Any change must be done by established legislative processes.

Statement of Facts

During the 1992 session of the General Conference, a motion was adopted to petition the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision "as to the legality of the General Conference setting a limit, either in dollar amount or percentage increase, for the total cap that the GCFA shall use in setting the GCFA recommendations for amounts of all funds, in total, provided for in Paragraph 906.1 of the *Discipline*."

At an oral hearing held on May 14, Jerry Brewster, maker of the motion to request the decision, appeared before the Council. Ewing Werlein, Jr. and William K. Quick also appeared, representing the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration and speaking in support of the petitioner.

Craig Hoskins represented the General Council on Finance and Administration.

Bishop Joseph Yeakel, who was presiding over the General Conference business session when the reports of the General Council on Finance and Administration and the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration were considered, also appeared before the Council for the purpose of providing information.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Paragraph 2615 of the *1988 Discipline*.

Analysis

Under *1988 Discipline* Paragraph 906.1 the General Council on Finance and Administration must submit to the General Conference budgets for the General Funds of the denomination. Paragraph 906.1(a) states, "The Council shall make recommendations to the General Conference as to the amount and distribution of all funds." The power of the General Council on Finance and Administration to recommend amounts and distribution of all funds is plenary; the method by which the General Council on Finance and Administration shall proceed in developing budget recommendations is contained in Paragraph 906.1(b) (1-7). Conference Rule XIV requires the General Council on Finance and Administration recommendations be submitted to the editor of the *Daily Christian Advocate* 120 days prior to the opening of General Conference. Rule VIII(c)(5) requires the "budget and recommendations prepared by GCFA [to] be submitted to... [the] Financial Administration Committee for study and review."

We hold the *1988 Discipline* requires and the rules contemplate the General Council on Finance and Administration to have plenary authority, within the structures of Paragraph 906.1(b)(1-7) to set the amount and distribution of all funds listed in Paragraph 906.1 in its budget recommendation. Under existing legislation, the General Conference may not set a dollar or percentage cap on the quadrennial budget prepared by the General Council on Finance and Administration nor could it require zero based budgeting in the preparation of that document. Therefore, the General Conference may not set a ceiling unless it changes the *Discipline* through established legislative processes. We express no opinion as to the constitutionality of any such change.

The General Council on Finance and Administration submits a budget to the General Conference and this budget must be part of the report the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration makes to the General Conference (See Rules VIII(c)(5)). We know of nothing in the *Discipline* which would prevent the legislative committee from preparing its budget report for submission to the General Conference based on an agreed upon overall budget cap and then allocating the budgets of the specific funds in accordance with that cap. Nor is there any reason why the legislative committee could not call upon staff of the General Council on Finance and Administration to assist it in this endeavor. All of this, however, must be done after the submission of the budget recommendation by the General Council on Finance and Administration to the *Daily Christian Advocate* and to the legislative committee.

Decision

The General Conference cannot legally impose a limit on the General Council on Finance and Administration quadrennial budget recommendations to the General Conference. Any change must be done by established legislative processes.

May 14, 1992

Tom Matheny, President

Wayne Coffin, Secretary

General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 16 Financial References from the 1992 General Conference

As provided in the Plan of Organization of the General Conference, Section IX, ten legislative committee reports have been adopted by the General Conference and referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration, for recommendations as to how the programs contained in them will be funded. The May 14 Daily Christian Advocate contained GCFA recommendations for the allocation of a $4,000,000 line item in the World Service Fund budget among certain of these items, as follows:

- the Substance Abuse Special Program, $1,000,000:
- National Plan for Hispanic Ministry, $2,000,000;
- Native American Comprehensive Plan, $700,000;
- Site Selection Task Force for the General Board of Global Ministries, up to $300,000.

The World Service Fund budget adopted by the General Conference on Wednesday, May 14 provides a line item (1992 General Conference New Programs) in the amount of $2,512,000 for these items, a reduction of $1,500,000 from the GCFA proposal. Following that action, GCFA has consulted with representatives of the General Council on Ministries, the Substance Abuse program, the National Plan for Hispanic Ministries, and the Native American Comprehensive Plan. **Persons representing both the National Plan for Hispanic Ministries and the Native American Comprehensive Plan affirmed that they needed the amounts originally recommended by GCFA if their programs were to be at all viable. They stated that, if funding were reduced from those levels, they would prefer that the General Conference not fund the programs at all, because a lower level of funding would make it impossible for the programs to succeed.** Groups representing the special programs adopted by the General Conference have expressed a desire to bring an amendment regarding the funding level before the General Conference.

In light of these representations, GCFA now brings its recommendations.

1. Allocation of $2,512,000 for 1992 General Conference New Programs. A. National Plan for Hispanic Ministry. The report as adopted by the General Conference requests $3.1 million in apportioned funds for the implementation of the plan.

GCFA recommends that $1.9 million for program be included in the World Service Fund budget for the quadrennium, on-ratio, allocated to the general program boards approximately as follows, with final allocation to be determined by the Committee on Hispanic Ministries through the GCOM in consultation with the program boards.

General Board of Church and Society	$ 300,000
General Board of Discipleship	$ 300,000
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry	$ 300,000
General Board of Global Ministries	$1,000,000

Consideration may be given by GBGM to the possibility of seeking approval for additional funding through general Advance specials and by the other boards through World Service Special gifts.

The operating costs of the Committee on Hispanic Ministries, including staff, (Advance DCA, page 724), will be determined by the General Council on Ministries and the four program boards in consultation with the Committee on Hispanic Ministries. Such expenditures will come from within agency budgets and/or contingency funds.

B. Native American Comprehensive Plan. The report as adopted by the General Conference requests $1,200,000 for the program and its administration.

GCFA recommends that $612,000 be included in the World Service Fund budget for the quadrennium, on-ratio, and that receipts be allocated to the General Board of Global Ministries. GCFA further recommends that any additional funds needed for the implementation of the Plan be provided by the General Board of Global Ministries and/or other program agencies from their budgets, in such amounts as they may determine.

2. Special Program: Campus Ministry. The report as amended and adopted by the General Conference requests $500,000 from apportioned funds and $458,600 from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry World Service Fund allocation.

GCFA recommends that funds be allocated to this special program from the budget of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, as the board may determine.

3. 1993-1996 Quadrennial Theme. The report as amended and adopted by the General Conference requests $300,000 for implementation of the Quadrennial Theme, "Celebrate and Witness: Celebrate God's Grace--Witness for Jesus Christ." GCFA recommends that funds needed for this purpose be allocated by the General Council on Ministries and United Methodist Communications, from their budgets, in such amounts as they may determine.

4. Developing Congregations for Deaf Ministries. The report as adopted by the General Conference requests $104,500 for the work of a National Coordinating Committee on Deaf Ministries, accountable to the General Board of Global Ministries.

GCFA recommends that the work of the National Coordinating Committee on Deaf Ministries be funded by the General Board of Global Ministries from its budget, as the board may determine.

5. Committee on Older Adult Ministries. The report as adopted by the General Conference requests $100,000 for the work of the committee.

GCFA recommends that the work of the Committee be funded by the General Board of Discipleship from its budget, as the board may determine.

6. Shared Financial Support for the National United Methodist Native American Center. The report as adopted by the General Conference requests funding for the Center in the amount of $800,000 for the quadrennium, with specific levels of support assigned to each general program board.

GCFA recommends that the General Council on Ministries, prior to the end of the 1989-92 quadrennium, convene representatives of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the General Board of Global Ministries, and the Center to recommend to GCFA the amount and source of additional funding for the Center from their budgets or other sources. The Center is also encouraged to seek approval for funding through general Advance special gifts.

7. Report of the Task Force on the Feasibility of Relocating the General Board of Global Ministries. The request as amended and adopted provides for a task force of 13 persons, including at least one youth: three from the General Board of Global Ministries, two from the General Council on Ministries, and two from the General Council on Finance and Administration, selected respectively by those agencies; three from the Central Conferences, selected by the Central Conference bishops; and three from the 1989-1992 task force, selected by the Council of Bishops. As amended and adopted by the General Conference, "the Site Selection Task Force is to recommend to the 1996 General Conference a site, plans for such a location, and all funding sources and aspects" (DCA, page 486). The report provided for travel costs to be paid from general agency budgets and requested an amount up to $100,000 for other costs of a Site Selection Task Force.

GCFA recommends that the expenses of the task force described in the report, up to $300,000 for the quadrennium, be paid from the contingency reserve of the General Administration Fund, on a budget approved by GCFA. Travel costs for members of the task force selected by GBGM, GCOM, and GCFA shall be paid from their budgets. On request of the task force, GCFA and/or GCOM shall provide staff services.

8. Number of Bishops in Jurisdictional and Central Conferences. Provision for additional episcopal areas was not made as the Episcopal Fund budget for the quadrennium was planned. Should General Conference actions result in an increase in the number of episcopal areas, GCFA is already authorized by the General Conference, if it finds it necessary, to adjust the Episcopal Fund apportionment after the first year of the quadrennium to provide for the expenses of new areas.

9. Special Program: Substance Abuse. The report as amended and adopted by the General Conference requests the allocation of $2,000,000 from apportioned funds, with additional funds to be sought by way of general Advance specials.

GCFA recommends that funds be allocated to the program from the budgets of the General Board of Global Ministries and other program boards which have programs related to substance abuse, as they may determine. GCFA also recommends that the General Board of Global Ministries seek approval for additional funding through general Advance special gifts.

General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 17 Additional Recommendations and Reports

1. Other General Conference Actions With Financial Implications. A significant number of resolutions or other actions embodied in legislative committee reports adopted by the 1992 General Conference call for one or more of the following:

1. Educational or promotional resources to be provided by general agencies.

2. Task forces or consultations (interagency or otherwise) to be organized.

3. Research or study to be done.

4. Copies of General Conference actions to be distributed.

5. Other actions to be taken which imply the commitment of funds by one or more general agencies.

In some cases specific agencies are given responsibility, while in others the instruction or request is more general.

Unless the report names a specific source for funding and has been referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration for a funding recommendation, as required by the Plan of Organization, it is the assumption of the GCFA and, by adoption of this report, the sense of this General Conference that any costs associated with carrying out the provisions of the report will be borne by the agencies from their regularly budgeted funds. Established procedures exist for agencies to request supplemental funding from contingency funds administered by the General Council on Ministries or the General Council on Finance and Administration.

2. Printing of Morning Devotional Addresses in the Daily Christian Advocate. Two items were referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration requesting that the morning devotional addresses be made available to the Conference. One of those requested the printing of those addresses in the DCA. The estimated cost of the printing in the DCA would be approximately $6,400.

It was subsequently requested that copies of the sermons be made available for sale. Arrangements have been completed by the DCA staff for sermons delivered prior to Friday to be available for purchase at the DCA booth for 50 each. Copies of Friday morning's sermon will be available by 3 p.m. Friday.

Audio and video tapes of morning devotional, Episcopal, and Lay addresses are also available for purchase; an order form will be found on page 111 of the Daily Christian Advocate.

3. Native American Awareness Sunday and the Annual Conference Committee on Native American Ministries. When GCFA presented its reports on Wednesday, May 13, an omnibus motion was made grouping several of the reports, including "Report No. 9: Special Sundays With Offerings" (Advance DCA page 320). That report, in item 6," Native American Awareness Sunday," provided that the annual conference share of the offering is "to be administered by the conference Board of Global Ministries." After debate on the omnibus motion was closed and it was not possible to make amendments, the attention of the conference was drawn to Calendar No. 358, DCA page 268, which the Conference had adopted as amended on a Consent Calendar. That action provides for a mandatory annual conference Committee on Native American Ministry (Advance DCA page 1130, 746, petition CO-12128-0746-D), and specifies, "It shall be the responsibility of this committee to determine the distribution of the Native American Awareness Sunday offering..." GCFA representatives were unaware of Calendar No. 358. In response to a question, the conference was told that, in cases of conflicting actions by the General Conference, matters approved in plenary session take precedence over those adopted on consent calendars. The GCFA report was then adopted.

Members of the legislative committee have expressed concern as to whether that action invalidates the entirety of Calendar No. 358. Hoping to help clarify the situation, the Council is reporting its understanding that, unless the General Conference reconsiders its actions, Calendar No. 358 is adopted and will be in The Book of Discipline, except for the provision that the Committee on Native American Ministry will allocate the annual conference share of the Native American Awareness Sunday offering.

Amendment to General Council on Finance and Administration Report No. 5 The Episcopal Fund

The following change is recommended for **Report No. 5, The Episcopal Fund,** to implement action taken by the General Conference Wednesday, May 13. The effect of the amendment will be to reduce the 1993 Episcopal Fund apportionment from the amount recommended by GCFA to the level approved by the Conference.

Advance DCA, page 315: Amend one sentence in **Section VII. Apportionment for the Episcopal Fund,** the second paragraph. The sentence now reads:

The apportionment for calendar 1993 shall be at a rate of 2.5% of such salaries as reported for calendar 1990.

GCFA recommends amending the sentence to read:

The apportionment for calendar 1993 shall be at a rate of 2.4725% of such salaries as reported for calendar 1990.

Apportioned General Funds

1993 – 1996

As Approved by the 1992 General Conference

	1992 Annual Apportionment	1993	1994	1995	1996
World Service	$56,529,000	$56,554,000	$58,215,000	$59,928,000	$61,733,000
Ministerial Education	24,814,457	25,293,000	25,869,000	26,497,000	27,073,000
Black College	10,050,000	10,080,000	10,270,000	10,574,000	10,780,000
Africa University	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Episcopal	12,908,560	13,315,000	13,756,000	14,116,000	14,807,000
General Administration	3,937,000	3,912,000	4,080,000	4,277,000	4,569,000
Interdenominational Cooperation	1,493,000	1,403,000	1,456,000	1,512,000	1,601,000
GRAND TOTAL	$112,232,017	$113,057,000	$116,146,000	$119,404,000	$123,063,000

		% Change
1993	$113,057,000	0.7%
1994	116,146,000	2.7%
1995	119,404,000	2.8%
1996	123,063,000	3.1%
	$471,670,000	

Calendar Items

Consent Calendar No. 7
Rule 27.3-4
Advance DCA, page 98

780, 782, 783, 787, 1225, 1554, 1603, 1721, 1722, 1723, 1724, 1725, 1726, 1727, 1728, 1729, 1730, 1731, 1732, 1733, 1736, 1737, 1738, 1739, 1740, 1741, 1742, 1743, 1744, 1745, 1746, 1747, 1748, 1749, 1750, 1751, 1756, 1757, 1758, 1759, 1760, 1761, 1762, 1763, 1764, 1765, 1766, 1767, 1768, 1769, 1770, 1771, 1772, 1773, 1774, 1775, 1776, 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781, 1782, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1786, 1787, 1788, 1789, 1790, 1791, 1792, 1794, 1795, 1796, 1798, 1799, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811, 1812, 1814, 1815, 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823, 1826, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1839, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845, 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1863, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926

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Removal from Consent Calendar

Delegates have requested these calendar items to be removed from Consent Calendar No. 6: 1513, 1521, 1528, 1542, 1563, 1588, 1594, 1608, 1615, 1641, 1654.

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Calendar items printed with an * after the calendar number will automatically be placed on the Consent Calendar. If any five delegates wish to remove an item from the Consent Calendar for plenary consideration, the delegates shall complete the approved form in Room 102 by 3 p.m. on the day the calendar item first appears in the DCA. Calendar items which contain a minority report will be indicated by the initials "MR" in parentheses.

Corrections to Calendar

P. 335 Vol. 4 No. 7

Removal from Consent Calander should read 633 not 663.

P. 456 Vol. 4 No. 8

1343 CS100 (MR)

Subject: Low Intensity Conflict.
Petition: CS-11196-3000-R.
Page in Advance DCA: 1076
Membership: 99; Present: 84;
For: 45; Against: 33; Not Voting: 6;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

delete the entire petition

replace it with the following

A Resolution on Low Intensity Conflict

Whereas, our sisters and brothers in Christ from around the world tell us of a new kind of war threatened or raging in their own countries; and

Whereas: often these attacks are on those who stand with the poor; and

Whereas: governments, particularly of superpowers, have developed an intentional strategy for wars against the poor at home and abroad called "Low Intensity Conflict," and

Whereas: Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, calls us to resist war in all forms and to work and pray for peace.

Be it therefore resolved:

1. that the General Conference condemn this strategy called "Low Intensity Conflict" and instruct its secretary to send a letter to the Secretary General of the United Nations with a copy to the United States President, and,

2. Call on the General Board of Church and Society to use its existing means of communication to inform and educate United Methodists concerning this military strategy.

c.f. Jack Nelson - Pallmeyer, War Against the Poor, (Maryknoll) cited by Bishop White in the Episcopal Address to the 1992 General Conference.

Minority Report

Consequences of Conflict

Whereas, contemporary warfare frequently involves a level of conflict short of formal and massive force engagement of two or more armies;

Whereas, such lower intensity forms of conflict are frequently undeclared or even covert, and often take the form of tragic civil war in which outside parties may or may not participate;

Whereas, such types of conflict are less amenable to international rules of warfare, particularly regarding the status of non-combatants and prisoners of war;

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. that the United Methodist Church calls upon all who choose to take up arms, or who order others to do so, to evaluate their actions in accordance with historic Church teaching limiting resort to war, including questions of proportionality, legal authority, discrimination between combatants and non-combatants, just cause, and probability of success.

2. that the United Methodist Church urges the governments of the nations in which the church exists to support negotiations for peace and support the United Nations and other multinational, regional peacekeeping forces.

3. that the General Conference instruct its secretary to send a letter containing the admonition and support outlined above to the chief executive of the above nations and to the Secretary General of the United Nations.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

Special Consent Calendar No. A

By Motion from the Floor

This Consent Calendar contains all calendar items which have not yet been addressed in plenary session and have received between 10 and 6 votes against (inclusive) in Legislative Committee.

19, 36, 38, 39, 40, 54, 66, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 111, 129, 137, 156, 157, 162, 163, 176, 194, 201, 211, 231, 242, 321, 322, 344, 408, 411, 426, 449, 487, 500, 501, 509, 510, 511, 514, 519, 529, 530, 546, 618, 656, 657, 665, 762, 775, 790, 800, 812, 830, 870, 900, 914, 917, 925, 931, 1028, 1042, 1047, 1240, 1254, 1285, 1301, 1327, 1341, 1344, 1357, 1364, 1384, 1389, 1401, 1417, 1418, 1438, 1446, 1463, 1464, 1504, 1511, 1514, 1518, 1525, 1526, 1562, 1570, 1599, 1650, 1687, 1701, 1707, 1717.

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The following Calendar Items have been lifted from Special Consent Calendar A by submission of five signatures of voting delegates.

84, 111, 129, 156, 176, 321, 411, 449, 514, 530, 546, 618, 656, 657, 830, 900, 1028, 1341, 1364, 1418, 1518, 1526, 1562, 1570.

P. 525 Vol. 4 No. 9

Calender No. 1514 should read, "Committee recommends nonconcurrence."

P. 538 Vol. 4 No. 9

Calendar No. 1624 should read, "Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

End of Corrections

1721* CS127

Subject: In Support of the United Nations.
Petition: CS-10595-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 202
Membership: 99; Present: 72;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/12

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1722* GJ324

Subject: Base of complaints.
Petition: GJ-11590-0453-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1309
Membership: 80; Present: 42;
For: 41; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1723* GJ325

Subject: Evangelical United Brethren Council of Administration.
Petition: GJ-10835-0822-D
Page in Advance DCA: 658
Membership: 80; Present: 42;
For: 41; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1724* GJ326

Subject: General Church Special Day Offering.
Petition: GJ-10913-0916-D
Page in Advance DCA: 658
Membership: 80; Present: 42;
For: 41; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1725* GJ327

Subject: Two Church-wide Sundays Provide Opportunities for Annual Conference Offering.
Petition: GJ-10909-0273-D
Page in Advance DCA: 650
Membership: 80; Present: 42;
For: 41; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1726* GJ328

Subject: Disbursement of funds by Annual Conference.
Petition: GJ-11058-0818-D
Page in Advance DCA: 656
Membership: 80; Present: 42;
For: 41; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1727* GM029

Subject: Church and Community Workers.
Petition: GM-11857-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1219
Membership: 110; Present: 99;
For: 97; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1728* GM031

Subject: An Affirmation of Basic Rural Worth.
Petition: GM-11719-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1220
Membership: 110; Present: 98;
For: 98; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1729* GM052

Subject: Native American Young Adults in Mission.
Petition: GM-12143-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1222
Membership: 110; Present: 94;
For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

P. 1222, Par. 1 remains as is.

Amend Par. 2:

Whereas, the ~~Mission Education and Cultivation Program Department,~~ Na-

tional and World Divisions and the Mission Personnel Resources Program Department of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church sponsors the Mission Intern Program, ~~which places~~ **the World Division assigns young adults** ~~in~~ overseas ~~assignments~~ to develop leadership skills, **and the National Division assigns young adults within the boundaries of the United States to develop leadership skills,** and

Par. 3 remains as is.

Amend Par. 4:

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Mission ~~Education and Cultivation Program Department~~ **Personnel Resources Program Department, World and National Divisions** be directed to ~~place~~**assign** Native American young adults ~~into~~ "Native American Nations and Tribes" within the ~~territorial~~ boundaries of the United States ~~in addition~~ to overseas assignments.

Amend Par. 4 by replacing the word "to" with the word "in" as follows:

Therefore...Native American young adults **in** "Native American Nations and Tribes" within the boundaries of the United States **and in** overseas assignments.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1730* GM073

Subject: Developing a National Consensus for Clergy and Laity.
Petition: GM-11512-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1076
Membership: 110; Present: 70;
For: 64; Against: 2; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1731* GM074

Subject: Annual Accessibility Audit.
Petition: GM-10969-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 494
Membership: 110; Present: 70;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1732* GM075

Subject: Call to the Bishops to Undergird Cooperative Parish Ministry.
Petition: GM-11751-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1328
Membership: 110; Present: 70;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1733* GM080

Subject: DEVELOPMENT OF "SHALOM ZONE".
Petition: GM-12464-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 110; Present: 66;
For: 66; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 6/13

Committee recommends concurrence as amended.

DEVELOPMENT OF "SHALOM ZONE"

ENABLING MOTION

Motion adopted by the General Conference, May 6, 1992, printed in DCA, pages 143-144

That in solidarity and consultation with indigenous persons and local churches in a selected neighborhood, The United Methodist Church commit itself to the creation in Los Angeles of a "Shalom Zone."

A shalom zone would be one strategically-located city block or its equivalent rebuilt with the necessary buildings, businesses, and social services needed for life, liberty, and the pursuit of meaning. To create this shalom zone, The United Methodist Church, working through the National Division, would issue a call posthaste for staff and volunteers and the material, love, and labor to rebuild both physical structures and human lives broken by the cycle of poverty and deprivation. The response to this call in money and people would be coordinated through the Los Angeles Planning and Strategy Committee. Let the call go forth for workers with children and youth, community organizers, M.D.'s, nurses, dentists, counselors, lawyers, business people, architects, contractors, plumbers, electricians, and all who are willing to help. To this army of shalom would be added an intentional remnant of peraons small in number, but large in the love of Jesus, who would commit themselves to live as neighbors and urban missioners in the shalom zone for an extended period of time so as to claim the shalom zone for Christ. Once this model is in the process of being developed, The United Methodist Church would invite the ecumenical and interfaith communities of this nation to duplicate our effort by creating similar zones of hope. This proposal, to be referred to the Legislative Section on Global Ministries for the development of implementing strategies, attendant budgets, and reported to GCF&Aand to the plenary as soon as possible.

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES

1. That the underlying principle of the Shalom Zone ministries will be the self-determination of the people in the affected communities;

2. That the Shalom Zone plan will be developed in cooperation with the Los Angeles District Planning and Strategy Committee of The United Methodist Church;

3. That in the Shalom Zone there will be designated Saving Stations, that mission evangelism will be an essential component of the Saving Stations, and that opportunties for understanding, reconciliaton and healing will be explored;

4. That there be Listening Stations where inter-ethnic dialogue takes place;

5. That the Shalom vision include not only immediate relief but also address systemic change and community development;

6. That the Los Angeles area be the locale of the first Shalom Zone with the hope that the Shalom Zone concept become a prototype for proactive ministry in other places.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That the General Conference refer the development and implementation of Shalom Zone ministries to the General Board of Global Ministries, to be coordinated by the National Division, and that the General Conference authorize the Council of Bishops to appoint a Shalom Zone Committee to assist the General Board of Global Ministries in identifying

and mobilizing assets and resources available for creating Shalom Zones.

- The committee to be no less than 8 and no more than 12 to be convened by the President of National Division no later than June 15, 1992;

- The expense of persons serving on the Shalom Zone Committee to be borne by the institution or agency from which they come;

- At the appropriate time, the Bishop of the Los Angeles Area to make an urgent appeal across the church for Volunteers in Mission;

- A new Advance for Christ and his Church category be designated for Shalom Zones;

- The United Methodist Church to invite the ecumenical and interfaith communities to duplicate our efforts by creating similar zones of hope.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1734 MN005

Subject: Homosexuality and the Ministry.
Petition: MN-10377-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 921
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 49; Against: 20; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1735 MN007

Subject: Update the language of the Constitution.
Petition: MN-11230-0018-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1278
Membership: 98; Present: 97;
For: 94; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1736* MN014

Subject: Episcopal Supervision.
Petition: MN-11053-0053-C
Page in Advance DCA: 884
Membership: 98; Present: 97;
For: 90; Against: 5; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1737* MN015

Subject: Episcopacy Assistance.
Petition: MN-11689-0056-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1279
Membership: 98; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1738* MN016

Subject: Episcopal Supervision.
Petition: MN-11690-0057-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1279
Membership: 98; Present: 96;
For: 96; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1739* MN023

Subject: Lay Observers on Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-10171-0733-D
Page in Advance DCA: 913
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend paragraph 733.1 (line 4f):

~~Lay observers shall be elected to participate in the work of the board but without vote.~~ **Each annual conference shall elect two lay persons and may at its discretion elect further lay members, up to one third of the membership of the Board. Lay members shall have a vote except on matters prohibited by paragraph 36 Article 2 in the Constitution."**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1740* MN029$

Subject: Study of Bishop's Relationship to Annual Conference.
Petition: MN-10355-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 920
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1741* MN030

Subject: Authority and rights of Lay, Local and Associate Pastors.
Petition: MN-10320-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 920
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1742* MN032

Subject: Reject ordination of homosexuals as ministers.
Petition: MN-12432-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1332
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1743* MN035

Subject: Ordained Deacon's proposal.
Petition: MN-10378-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 921
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1744* MN036

Subject: Authority and Duty of Local Pastors.
Petition: MN-10359-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 921
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1745* MN037

Subject: Maintain Present Rules of Clergy Administering Sacraments.
Petition: MN-10358-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 921
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1746* MN039

Subject: Nomination of Board of Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-10326-0733-D
Page in Advance DCA: 914
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1747* MN040

Subject: Laity as Full Members of Annual Conference of Board of Ordained Ministers.
Petitions: MN-10029-0733-D, MN-10088-0733-D, MN-10172-0733-D, MN-10261-0733-D, MN-10264-0733-D, MN-11115-0733-D, MN-11239-0733-D, MN-12247-0733-D, MN-12285-0733-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1321, 913, 914, 914, 914, 1322, 1322, 1323, 1323.
Membership: 98; Present: 98;
For: 98; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1748* MN041

Subject: Spiritual Growth.
Petition: MN-11693-0445-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1304
Membership: 98; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Paragraph #2: In most cases the ordained ministers' continuing education and spiritual growth program should allow for ~~study~~ **such** leaves at least one week each year....

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1749* MN043

Subject: Status of retired Bishops.
Petition: MN-11020-0510-D
Page in Advance DCA: 908
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1750* MN045

Subject: Bishops in Central Conferences.
Petitions: MN-10451-0512-D, MN-12047-0512-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 908, 1315.
Membership: 98; Present: 71;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1751* MN061

Subject: Affiliate Relations to Annual Conference.
Petition: MN-10715-0443-D
Page in Advance DCA: 901
Membership: 98; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1752 MN063

Subject: Accepting Homosexuals in the Ministry.
Petitions: MN-10080-0402-D, MN-10148-0402-D, MN-10149-0402-D, MN-10150-0402-D, MN-10151-0402-D, MN-10155-0402-D, MN-10623-0402-D, MN-10624-0402-D, MN-11629-0402-D, MN-12330-0402-D, MN-12331-0402-D, MN-12379-0402-D, MN-12380-0402-D, MN-12381-0402-D, MN-12382-0402-D, MN-12390-0402-D, MN-12396-0402-D, MN-12397-0402-D, MN-12398-0402-D, MN-12433-0402-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 887, 888, 1282, 1282, 1282, 1282, 888, 888, 1282, 1284, 1284, 1282, 1282, 1283, 1283, 1283, 1283, 1283, 1283, 1283.
Membership: 98; Present: 64;
For: 44; Against: 18; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1753 MN064

Subject: Relations of ordained ministers to the ministry of all.
Petition: MN-11104-0402-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1282
Membership: 98; Present: 64;
For: 44; Against: 18; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1754 MN065

Subject: Ordination of Homosexuals. Retain para. 402.2.
Petition: MN-10012-0402-D
Page in Advance DCA: 887
Membership: 98; Present: 62;
For: 44; Against: 18; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1755 MN066

Subject: The Certified Candidate.
Petitions: MN-10414-0404-D, MN-10981-0404-D, MN-11411-0404-D, MN-11889-0404-D, MN-12238-0404-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 889, 889, 1284, 1285, 1285.
Membership: 98; Present: 71;
For: 53; Against: 18; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1756* MN069

Subject: Candidacy for Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-10413-0404-D
Page in Advance DCA: 889
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Add as second sentence in introductory paragraph: All persons entering into this process shall receive ~~clear documentation~~ **written communication** about ~~all~~ decisions made regarding the different phases of their candidacy.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1757* MN070

Subject: Delay action on the Ministry Study until the 1996 General Conference.
Petition: MN-11449-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1325
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1758* MN071

Subject: The appointment of pastors to the Mission Society.
Petition: MN-11323-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1325
Membership: 98; Present: 78;
For: 74; Against: 3; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1759* MN072

Subject: Pastor/Clergy/Chaplain consecrated through a ceremony of laying on of hands.
Petition: MN-11280-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1325
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1760* MN073

Subject: Study commission to revisit the effective role of national bishops.
Petition: MN-10727-3000-S$
Page in Advance DCA: 1325
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1761* MN074

Subject: Conference Approved Evangelists.
Petition: MN-10807-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 923
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1762* MN075

Subject: Revising Proposed Description of Deacon's Ministry.
Petition: MN-10625-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 923
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1763* MN076

Subject: Alternate path for consecration as Diaconal Ministers.
Petition: MN-10431-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 923
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1764* MN082

Subject: Purpose of the Committee on District Superintendency.
Petitions: MN-10849-0754-D, MN-11300-0754-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 918, 1324.
Membership: 98; Present: 98;
For: 98; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1765* MN084

Subject: Voting and Sacramental Rights for Clergy.
Petition: MN-11955-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1329
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1766* MN090

Subject: Considering Community Contexts in the Appointment Making Process.
Petition: MN-11954-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1329
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1767* MN091

Subject: Call on Bishops to Clarify Terms Renewed, Redeemed Consultation.
Petition: MN-11904-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1329
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1768* MN092

Subject: Non-Seminary Pastors.
Petition: MN-11903-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1329
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1769* MN093

Subject: Appointment of Clergy to Rural Ministry.
Petition: MN-11753-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1328
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1770* MN094

Subject: Limit Bishops' Terms.
Petition: MN-11905-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1329
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1771* MN095$

Subject: Terms of Episcopacy Leadership.
Petition: MN-11698-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1327
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1772* MN096$

Subject: Study of Episcopal Tenure.
Petition: MN-11752-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1328
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 62; Against: 10; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1773* MN097

Subject: Selection, Assignment, and Term of District Superi ntendents
Petitions: MN-10170-0517-D, MN-11320-0517-D, MN-11344-0517-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1316, 1316, 1316.
Membership: 98; Present: 70;
For: 63; Against: 7; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1774* MN098

Subject: Presidential Duties of Bishops.
Petition: MN-10453-0515-D
Page in Advance DCA: 910
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 71; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1775* MN099

Subject: Working with Ordained Ministers.
Petition: MN-10454-0516-D
Page in Advance DCA: 910
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1776* MN100

Subject: Membership of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.
Petitions: MN-10458-0733-D, MN-12048-0733-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 915, 1322.
Membership: 98; Present: 98;
For: 96; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1777* MN105

Subject: The Ministry of Deacon.
Petition: MN-10462-0300-D
Page in Advance DCA: 869
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1778* MN109

Subject: Inclusiveness in the Selection of District Superintendents.
Petition: MN-10847-0517-D
Page in Advance DCA: 911
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1779* MN112

Subject: Ministers Sabbatical Leave.
Petition: MN-10167-0446-D
Page in Advance DCA: 901
Membership: 98; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1780* MN116

Subject: Family Leave for Ordained Ministers.
Petition: MN-10439-0448-D
Page in Advance DCA: 902
Membership: 98; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

....They shall have no claim on conference funds except by vote of the clergy members in full connection. **They may participate in the Conference Health and Pensions through their own contributions.** They shall be eligible for membership on conference committees, commissions, or boards.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1781* MN117

Subject: Limitations on Years of Service.
Petition: MN-11902-0518-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1317
Membership: 98; Present: 71;
For: 60; Against: 10; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Last line: ...than ~~sixteen~~ **twelve** years.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1782* MN118

Subject: Limitations on Years of Service.
Petitions: MN-11321-0518-D, MN-11900-0518-D, MN-11901-0518-D, MN-12246-0518-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1316, 1316, 1317, 1317.
Membership: 98; Present: 71;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1783* MN119

Subject: The Certified Candidate.
Petitions: MN-10081-0404-D, MN-10157-0404-D, MN-10238-0404-D, MN-11630-0404-D, MN-12239-0404-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 888, 1284, 888, 1285, 1284.
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1784* MN121

Subject: Probationary Membership.
Petition: MN-10423-0413-D
Page in Advance DCA: 892
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1785* MN123

Subject: United Methodist Policy that all Churches Shall Have a Pastor.
Petition: MN-12194-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1331
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1786* MN124

Subject: Diaconal Minister's Relationship to the Employing Agency.
Petition: MN-12162-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1331
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1787* MN125

Subject: Revise the Study of the Ministry Report.
Petition: MN-12128-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1330
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1788* MN126$

Subject: Task Force to Study Ways to Address the Concerns of Pastoral Care and Counseling.
Petition: MN-12051-3000-M$
Page in Advance DCA: 1330
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 63; Against: 9; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1789* MN127

Subject: One Conference Board of Ministry.
Petition: MN-12019-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1330
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1790* MN128

Subject: Responsibilities of District Superintendents.
Petition: MN-11423-0523-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1317
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1791* MN129

Subject: Continuance as a local pastor.
Petition: MN-11106-0409-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1287
Membership: 98; Present: 85;
For: 76; Against: 6; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1792* MN130

Subject: Ministers from Other Denominations.
Petition: MN-10430-0426-D
Page in Advance DCA: 895
Membership: 98; Present: 94;
For: 86; Against: 5; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1793 MN131

Subject: Appointments of Ordained Ministers from Other Annual Conferences.
Petition: MN-11776-0426-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1294
Membership: 98; Present: 94;
For: 74; Against: 19; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1794* MN135

Subject: Requirements for admittance to probationary membership.
Petition: MN-11277-0416-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1289
Membership: 98; Present: 71;
For: 66; Against: 2; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1795* MN136

Subject: Non-personnel responsibilities of District Superintendents.
Petition: MN-11110-0524-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1318
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1796* MN137

Subject: Realignment of churches.
Petitions: MN-11125-0523-D, MN-11592-0523-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1317, 1317.
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1797 MN138

Subject: Duties of the District Superintendent.
Petition: MN-11695-0520-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1317
Membership: 98; Present: 70;
For: 42; Against: 27; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1798* MN139

Subject: Specific Responsibilities of District Superintendents.
Petition: MN-10786-0519-D
Page in Advance DCA: 911
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1799* MN141

Subject: Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy.
Petition: MN-11899-0513-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1315
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1800 MN143

Subject: Service Appointment of Diaconal Ministers
Petition: MN-10469-0310-D
Page in Advance DCA: 870
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 57; Against: 12; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend: ...in places ~~service assignment~~ **service appointment**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1801* MN151

Subject: Ministers from other denominations.
Petitions: MN-11498-0427-D, MN-11633-0427-D, MN-12117-0427-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1295, 1294, 1294.
Membership: 98; Present: 85;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1802* MN154

Subject: The Bishop as the Ecumenical Officer within the Judicatory and Districts.
Petition: MN-12126-0527-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1318
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1803* MN158

Subject: Rights of Local Pastors
Petition: MN-10415-0406-D
Page in Advance DCA: 889
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

All local pastors ~~have the right to~~ **shall** receive ~~clear~~ written communication ~~explaining all~~ **about** decisions made regarding ~~the different phases of their ministry and~~ **their** relationship with the Annual Conference.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1804* MN162

Subject: Maternity/Paternity Leave for Clergy Members.
Petition: MN-10957-0449-D
Page in Advance DCA: 904
Membership: 98; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1805* MN166

Subject: Readmission After Surrender of the Ministerial Office.
Petition: MN-10448-0456-D
Page in Advance DCA: 907
Membership: 98; Present: 71;
For: 67; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

page 907, line one: ~~one year~~ **two years** service

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1806* MN167

Subject: Disability Leave for Clergy Persons.
Petition: MN-10958-0450-D
Page in Advance DCA: 905
Membership: 98; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1807* MN168

Subject: Voluntary Family Leave.
Petitions: MN-10253-0450-D, MN-10375-0450-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 904, 904.
Membership: 98; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1808* MN170

Subject: Ordained Minister's Salary while on Maternity / Paternity Leave.
Petition: MN-10442-0449-D
Page in Advance DCA: 904
Membership: 98; Present: 92;
For: 86; Against: 5; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

....ordained minister's ~~salary~~ **compensation** will be maintained for no less than the first eight weeks of leave.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1809* MN172

Subject: Support the Report of the Study on Ministry.
Petition: MN-12249-3000-M
Page in Advance DCA: 1331
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1810* MN173

Subject: Authority and Duties of Local Pastors.
Petition: MN-10416-0406-D
Page in Advance DCA: 889
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1811* MN174

Subject: Composition of District Committee on Ordained Ministry.
Petitions: MN-10267-0752-D, MN-11749-0752-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 917, 1323.
Membership: 98; Present: 98;
For: 96; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1812* MN177

Subject: Ministers from Other Denominations.
Petition: MN-12242-0426-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1294
Membership: 98; Present: 94;
For: 93; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1813 MN178

Subject: Ministers from other denominations.
Petition: MN-11497-0426-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1294
Membership: 98; Present: 94;
For: 76; Against: 18; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1814* MN179

Subject: Appointment of Ministers from other Conferences and Denominations.
Petition: MN-10639-0426-D
Page in Advance DCA: 896
Membership: 98; Present: 94;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1815* MN180

Subject: Ordained Ministers from Other Conference and Other Denominations.
Petition: MN-10493-0426-D
Page in Advance DCA: 876
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1816* MN182

Subject: Authority and Duties of a Local Pastor.
Petition: MN-10483-0406-D
Page in Advance DCA: 875
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1817* MN183

Subject: License as a Local Pastor.
Petition: MN-10418-0407-D
Page in Advance DCA: 890
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1818* MN184

Subject: Appointment as a Local Full-time Pastor.
Petition: MN-10953-0407-D
Page in Advance DCA: 890

Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1819* MN185

Subject: Licensing as a local pastor.
Petition: MN-11012-0407-D
Page in Advance DCA: 891
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

~~Amend 407 by deletion and addition:~~

Delete: ~~...perform the duties of a pastor under pastoral appointment shall have a license as a local pastor. The district committee and Board of Ordained Ministry may authorize the licensing of these persons...~~

prescribed and supervised by the Division of Ordained Ministry or ~~one-half~~ **one-third** of their work

~~Amend 407.4 by deletion~~:

~~4. If they are applying for license as a local pastor.~~ Been

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1820* MN187

Subject: Amenability of Clergy.
Petition: MN-10422-0412-D
Page in Advance DCA: 892
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1821* MN188

Subject: Rights of Clergy Members.
Petition: MN-10421-0412-D
Page in Advance DCA: 892
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

....~~have the right to~~ **shall** receive ~~clear~~ written communication ~~explaining all~~ **about** decisions made regarding ~~the different phases of their ministry and~~ **their** relationship with the Annual Conference.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1822* MN189

Subject: Rights of Clergy Members.
Petition: MN-10420-0412-D
Page in Advance DCA: 892
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1823* MN190

Subject: Clergy Membership of Annual Conference.
Petition: MN-10241-0412-D
Page in Advance DCA: 892
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1824 MN195

Subject: Qualifications for Ordination.
Petition: MN-10164-0431-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1295
Membership: 98; Present: 63;
For: 44; Against: 18; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1825 MN197

Subject: Qualifications for Ordination.
Petition: MN-11107-0431-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1295
Membership: 98; Present: 63;
For: 44; Against: 18; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1826* MN198

Subject: Qualifications for Ordination.
Petition: MN-10083-0431-D
Page in Advance DCA: 896
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1827 MN199

Subject: Qualifications for ordination.
Petition: MN-10985-0431-D
Page in Advance DCA: 896
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 50; Against: 23; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1828 MN200

Subject: Qualifications for Ordination.
Petition: MN-11895-0431-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1295
Membership: 98; Present: 63;
For: 44; Against: 18; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1829 MN201

Subject: Requirements for Ordination.
Petition: MN-12284-0431-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1295
Membership: 98; Present: 63;
For: 44; Against: 18; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1830 MN202

Subject: Qualifications for Ordination.
Petition: MN-12119-0431-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1295
Membership: 98; Present: 63;
For: 44; Against: 18; Not Voting: 1;

Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1831* MN203

Subject: Credentials and Records.
Petition: MN-10470-0311-D
Page in Advance DCA: 871
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 60; Against: 8; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1832* MN204

Subject: Credential and Records of Deacons
Petition: MN-10407-0311-D
Page in Advance DCA: 886
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 67; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1833* MN205

Subject: Transfer of Deacons
Petitions: MN-10409-0312-D, MN-12182-0312-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 886, 1280.
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

[Deals with present Diaconal Ministers; new order of deacon will have separate legislation.]

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1834* MN207

Subject: Criteria in the Appointment Making Process.
Petition: MN-11789-0532-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1320
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1835* MN208

Subject: Appointment making criteria.
Petition: MN-11113-0532-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1319
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1836* MN209

Subject: Longer Pastoral Tenures.
Petition: MN-10805-0532-D
Page in Advance DCA: 912
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1837 MN215

Subject: Requirements for election as an associate member.
Petition: MN-10983-0420-D
Page in Advance DCA: 894
Membership: 98; Present: 71;
For: 53; Against: 18; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1838 MN216

Subject: Requirement for admission to the Ministry.
Petition: MN-10984-0424-D
Page in Advance DCA: 895
Membership: 98; Present: 71;
For: 53; Against: 18; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1839* MN217

Subject: Responsibility of pastors and clergy.
Petition: MN-11593-0530-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1319
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1840* MN218

Subject: Persons with handicapping conditions in the appointment making process.
Petition: MN-11112-0530-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1319
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1841* MN219

Subject: Open Itineracy as Part of the Appointment Making Process.
Petition: MN-10848-0530-D
Page in Advance DCA: 912
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1842* MN220

Subject: Pastor and Clergy Appointment Making.
Petition: MN-10787-0530-D
Page in Advance DCA: 912
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1843* MN221

Subject: Appointment making across conference lines.
Petition: MN-10456-0530-D
Page in Advance DCA: 911
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1844* MN222
Subject: The Appointment Making Criteria.
Petition: MN-11777-0532-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1320
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 71; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

....health, **housing,** ~~and~~ educational needs of the family, ~~housing needs of the family,~~ and the spouse's career

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1845* MN223
Subject: Rights of local pastors.
Petition: MN-11730-0406-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1285
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 55; Against: 10; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1846* MN226
Subject: Maternity/Paternity Leave.
Petition: MN-10497-0449-D
Page in Advance DCA: 878
Membership: 98; Present: 60;
For: 51; Against: 9; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/11

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1847* MN227
Subject: Disability Leave for Clergy.
Petition: MN-10498-0450-D
Page in Advance DCA: 878
Membership: 98; Present: 60;
For: 51; Against: 9; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1848* MN230
Subject: The Guaranteed Appointment.
Petition: MN-12241-0423-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1292
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1849* MN231
Subject: Rights and Responsibilities of Full Members.
Petitions: MN-10082-0423-D, MN-12076-0423-D, MN-12190-0423-D, MN-12191-0423-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1292, 1292, 1292, 1292.
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1850* MN235
Subject: Review of Full and Associate Conference Membership.
Petition: MN-10445-0452-D
Page in Advance DCA: 906
Membership: 98; Present: 60;
For: 60; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1851* MN237
Subject: Conference Relationship of Deacons
Petition: MN-12183-0313-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1281
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 67; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1852* MN239
Subject: Service Appointment of Deacons
Petition: MN-10406-0310-D
Page in Advance DCA: 886
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 60; Against: 8; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

1st Paragraph:

Line 1: ....~~diaconal minister~~ **deacon**

Line 3: ....~~Diaconal Ministry~~ **Deacons**

2nd Paragraph:

Line 2: ....~~diaconal minister~~ **deacon**

Line 4: ....~~Diaconal Ministry~~ **Deacons**

Line 9: ....~~Diaconal Ministry~~ **Deacons**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1853* MN240
Subject: Empowerment of District Superintendents with Small Membership Churches and Cooperative Ministries.
Petition: MN-11744-0523-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1318
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 71; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Add new after 523.7:

523.9. To develop with ap propriate district committees strategies that give careful attention to the needs of churches of small membership and to the formation of cooperative ministries.

[re-number present 10-12]

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1854* MN242
Subject: Maintain compensation of pastors.
Petition: MN-11400-0313-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1281
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1855* MN252
Subject: Recruitment and development plan for Local Pastors.
Petition: MN-10411-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 922

Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 71; Against: 2; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

Amend the following paragraph:

Be it further resolved that the Board of Higher Education, Division of Ordained Ministry, **in consultation with Annual Conference Boards of Ordained Ministry** and District Boards of Ordained Ministry, develop a recruitment and career development plan specifically focused on lay persons in Black congregations who can serve as local pastors, and make a report on the implementation of that plan to the 1996 General Conference.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1856* MN258

Subject: Relationship of a Diaconal Minister.
Petition: MN-12018-0315-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1281
Membership: 98; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1857* MN264

Subject: Educational Requirements.
Petition: MN-10490-0400-D
Page in Advance DCA: 876
Membership: 98; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1858* MN268

Subject: Diaconal Ministers Change in Conference Relationship.
Petitions: MN-10410-0313-D, MN-11410-0313-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 886, 1281.
Membership: 98; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1859* MN270

Subject: Candidacy for Diaconal Ministry.
Petitions: MN-10079-0304-D, MN-10401-0304-D, MN-10408-0304-D, MN-10980-0304-D, MN-11885-0304-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 884, 884, 884, 885, 1279.
Membership: 98; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1860* MN272

Subject: Categories of local pastors.
Petition: MN-11585-0408-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1286
Membership: 98; Present: 85;
For: 80; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1861* MN273

Subject: The Purpose of Ordination.
Petition: MN-12118-0430-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1295
Membership: 98; Present: 85;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1862 MN277

Subject: Working with Deacons.
Petition: MN-10505-0517-D
Page in Advance DCA: 879
Membership: 98; Present: 74;
For: 63; Against: 11; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

2. Line 7: ....the bishop ~~shall~~ **may** originate with the deacon**, the Bishop, or the Superintendent** and be...

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1863* MN290

Subject: Mandatory Retirement for Deacons
Petition: MN-11887-0313-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1281
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1864 MN292

Subject: Presidential Duties of Bishops.
Petition: MN-10503-0515-D
Page in Advance DCA: 879
Membership: 98; Present: 80;
For: 57; Against: 23; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

5. ....elders and **deacons** ~~to consecrate diaconal ministers~~, to...

6. ....to approve **and set** the service assignments....

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1865 MN293

Subject: Working with Ordained Ministers.
Petition: MN-10504-0516-D
Page in Advance DCA: 879
Membership: 98; Present: 74;
For: 54; Against: 16; Not Voting: 4;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

....Elders, **Deacons**, and Local Pastors

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1866* MN296

Subject: Ordained Associate Members as Observers of Board of Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-10260-0733-D
Page in Advance DCA: 914
Membership: 98; Present: 98;

For: 98; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1867* MN297

Subject: Leave of Absence of Ordained Ministers.
Petition: MN-11319-0448-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1306
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 86; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence and reference to Chapter 8 for consistent language.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1868* MN299

Subject: The Purpose of Ordination.
Petition: MN-10479-0430-D
Page in Advance DCA: 873
Membership: 98; Present: 82;
For: 68; Against: 4; Not Voting: 10;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1869* MN300

Subject: The Act of Ordination.
Petition: MN-10481-0432-D
Page in Advance DCA: 874
Membership: 98; Present: 66;
For: 64; Against: 1; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1870* MN301

Subject: Requirements for Admission to Full Membership.
Petitions: MN-10163-0424-D, MN-10245-0424-D, MN-10246-0424-D, MN-10247-0424-D, MN-10322-0424-D, MN-10429-0424-D, MN-11541-0424-D, MN-11542-0424-D, MN-11737-0424-D, MN-12116-0424-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1293, 894, 895, 895, 895, 895, 1293, 1293, 1293, 1293.
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1871* MN302

Subject: Requirements for Admission in an Annual Conference.
Petition: MN-10244-0424-D
Page in Advance DCA: 894
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 70; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1872* MN304

Subject: Rights of Diaconal Ministers/Deacons.
Petition: MN-10468-0309-D
Page in Advance DCA: 870
Membership: 98; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1873* MN305

Subject: Rights of Diaconal Ministers.
Petitions: MN-10147-0309-D, MN-10405-0309-D, MN-11984-0309-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1280, 885, 1280.
Membership: 98; Present: 83;
For: 78; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1874* MN307

Subject: Voluntary Leave of Absence.
Petition: MN-11635-0448-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1307
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1875* MN308

Subject: Leave of Absence.
Petition: MN-10496-0448-D
Page in Advance DCA: 878
Membership: 98; Present: 60;
For: 51; Against: 9; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1876* MN309

Subject: Appointments Beyond the Local United Methodist Church.
Petition: MN-10785-0443-D
Page in Advance DCA: 901
Membership: 98; Present: 92;
For: 92; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1877* MN310

Subject: Affiliate Relations to Annual Conference.
Petitions: MN-10085-0443-D, MN-11544-0443-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1304, 1304 .
Membership: 98; Present: 88;
For: 88; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1878* MN319

Subject: Course of study for ordained ministry.
Petition: MN-11013-0408-D
Page in Advance DCA: 891
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1879* MN321
Subject: Retirement Provisions for Full-time Local Pastors.
Petition: MN-10954-0410-D
Page in Advance DCA: 891
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1880* MN322
Subject: Frequency of Pastoral Appointments.
Petition: MN-10806-0534-D
Page in Advance DCA: 913
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1881* MN323
Subject: The Order of Elder.
Petition: MN-10640-0435-D
Page in Advance DCA: 897
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1882* MN325
Subject: Connectional Responsibility.
Petition: MN-10509-0536-D
Page in Advance DCA: 880
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1883 MN326
Subject: Qualification for Election to Probationary Membership.
Petition: MN-10488-0414-D
Page in Advance DCA: 876
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 58; Against: 11; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence as amended as follows:

...Board of ~~Ordained Ministry~~ **Elders...**

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1884* MN327
Subject: Eligibility and Rights of Probationary Membership.
Petition: MN-10487-0413-D
Page in Advance DCA: 875
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1885* MN328
Subject: Continuance as a Local Pastor.
Petition: MN-10485-0409-D
Page in Advance DCA: 875
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1886* MN329
Subject: Categories of Local Pastor.
Petition: MN-10484-0408-D
Page in Advance DCA: 875
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1887* MN330
Subject: Qualifications for Ordination.
Petition: MN-10480-0431-D
Page in Advance DCA: 873
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1888* MN331
Subject: Ordination and the Apostolic Ministry.
Petition: MN-10478-0429-D
Page in Advance DCA: 873
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1889* MN332
Subject: Reorder Chapter Three.
Petition: MN-10476-0400-D
Page in Advance DCA: 872
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1890* MN335
Subject: Discontinuance of Local Pastor.
Petition: MN-10419-0410-D
Page in Advance DCA: 891
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1891* MN337
Subject: Making Frequency Appointment.
Petition: MN-10259-0534-D
Page in Advance DCA: 913
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1892* MN338
Subject: Admission and Continuance of Full Membership in Annual Conference and Order of Elder.
Petition: MN-10323-0435-D
Page in Advance DCA: 897
Membership: 98; Present: 69;

For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1893* MN339

Subject: Process of Appointment Making.
Petition: MN-10258-0533-D
Page in Advance DCA: 912
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1894* MN340

Subject: Pastors Appointed to Rural Congregations.
Petition: MN-10257-0533-D
Page in Advance DCA: 912
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1895* MN341

Subject: Qualifications for Election.
Petition: MN-10162-0414-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1288
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 66; Against: 3; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1896* MN342

Subject: Older Associate Members and the Order of Elder.
Petition: MN-11738-0435-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1296
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1897 MN343

Subject: The Order of Elder.
Petition: MN-10784-0435-D
Page in Advance DCA: 897
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 54; Against: 18; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1898* MN344

Subject: Responsibilities of the Conference Board of Global Ministries.
Petition: MN-11748-0731-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1321
Membership: 98; Present: 67;
For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1899* MN346

Subject: Lay Observers on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.
Petition: MN-12462-0733-D
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 98; Present: 67;
For: 67; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1900 MN347

Subject: Qualification for election to probationary membership.
Petition: MN-10982-0414-D
Page in Advance DCA: 893
Membership: 98; Present: 71;
For: 53; Against: 18; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1901* MN348

Subject: Support pastoral appointments for a minimum of four years.
Petition: MN-11278-0435-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1296
Membership: 98; Present: 64;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1902* MN349

Subject: Continuance of full membership in the annual conference.
Petition: MN-11496-0424-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1296
Membership: 98; Present: 71;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1903* MN350

Subject: Qualifications for Election to Probationary Membership.
Petition: MN-12188-0414-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1289
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/13

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1904* MN351

Subject: Clergy Members from Other Denominations.
Petition: MN-10494-0427-D
Page in Advance DCA: 878
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1905* MN352

Subject: Compensation established by the annual conference for full time local pastors.
Petition: MN-11412-0408-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1286
Membership: 98; Present: 85;
For: 85; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1906 MN353

Subject: Admission to the Order of Elder and Full Membership in the Annual Conference.
Petition: MN-10491-0424-D
Page in Advance DCA: 876
Membership: 98; Present: 73;
For: 41; Against: 27; Not Voting: 5;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1907* MN354

Subject: Ordination, appointment, re-appointment or election to office of homosexuals.
Petition: MN-11149-0000-C
Page in Advance DCA: 1277
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1908* MN355

Subject: Candidacy for Diaconal Ministry.
Petition: MN-10564-0304-D
Page in Advance DCA: 884
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1909* MN356

Subject: Categories of Local Pastors.
Petition: MN-11952-0408-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1286
Membership: 98; Present: 76;
For: 76; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1910* MN357

Subject: Categories of Local Pastors.
Petition: MN-12186-0408-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1286
Membership: 98; Present: 72;
For: 72; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1911* MN358

Subject: Full-Time Local Pastors.
Petition: MN-11631-0408-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1287
Membership: 98; Present: 85;
For: 76; Against: 6; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1912* MN359

Subject: Educational requirements for continuance as a local pastor.
Petition: MN-11014-0409-D
Page in Advance DCA: 891
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 64; Against: 4; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1913* MN360

Subject: Qualification for election to probationary membership.
Petition: MN-11413-0414-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1288
Membership: 98; Present: 79;
For: 78; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1914* MN361

Subject: Membership of Local Pastors on Annual Conference Boards, Commissions, and Committees.
Petitions: MN-11535-0408-D, MN-11731-0408-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1286, 1287.
Membership: 98; Present: 71;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1915* MN362

Subject: Statement on ordination.
Petition: MN-11409-0430-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1295
Membership: 98; Present: 77;
For: 74; Against: 2; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1916* MN363

Subject: The Purpose of Ordination.
Petition: MN-12077-0430-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1295
Membership: 98; Present: 91;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1917* MN364

Subject: Classification of Ordination.
Petition: MN-12044-0433-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1295
Membership: 98; Present: 91;
For: 91; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/10

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1918* MN365

Subject: Limitations on years of service for a D.S.
Petition: MN-12326-0518-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1317
Membership: 98; Present: 64;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1919 MN366

Subject: Approve and adopt the ordination of homosexuals.
Petition: MN-12333-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1141
Membership: 98; Present: 64;
For: 44; Against: 18; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1920* MN367

Subject: Employment Provisions for Disabled Ordained Ministers.
Petition: MN-11997-0451-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1308
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1921* MN368

Subject: Requirements for Admission.
Petitions: MN-11893-0424-D, MN-12115-0424-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1294, 1293.
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 63; Against: 5; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1922* MN369$

Subject: Categories of Local Pastors.
Petitions: MN-10240-0408-D, MN-11233-0408-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 891, 1286.
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1923* MN370

Subject: Charge conference membership.
Petition: MN-11447-0451-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1308
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1924* MN371

Subject: Including Community Contexts as a Criterion to be Taken into Account when Appointments are made.
Petition: MN-11745-0532-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1320
Membership: 98; Present: 68;
For: 68; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1925* MN372

Subject: Miscellaneous referred petitions.
Petitions: MN-10161-0414-D, MN-10402-0305-D, MN-11894-0424-D, MN-12050-3000-R, MN-12395-0402-D, MN-12448-0514-D, MN-12449-0733-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1288, 885, 1294, 1330, 1282,
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 69; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1926* MN373

Subject: Readmission to probationary membership.
Petition: MN-10447-0454-D
Page in Advance DCA: 907
Membership: 98; Present: 69;
For: 64; Against: 4; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/14

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

Proceedings of the 1992 General Conference of The United Methodist Church

Committee on Journal Report

The Committee on Journal hereby certifies as accurate, with the following corrections, the proceedings as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for Thursday, May 14, 1992.

Daily Edition, p. 550, col. 1, par. 10--Insert the name "RIGGLE" immediately after "JANICE."

Daily Edition, p. 550, col. 2, sub-head--Move the sub-head down two par.

Daily Edition, p. 551, col. 2, par. 1, line 6--Substitute "*DCA*" for "*ADCA.*"

Daily Edition, p. 551, col. 2, line 22 up from the bottom--Substitute "*Accessibility*" for "*Accessible Parsonages.*"

Daily Edition, p. 551, col. 2, par. 9, line 2--Insert in brackets "[Calendar Item No.]" immediately after "Petition No."

Daily Edition, p. 551, col. 3, par. 2 & 4--Substitute "HENRY" for "MEUSCHKE."

Daily Edition, p. 553, col. 2, par. 1, line 20--Substitute "ought" for "aught."

Daily Edition, p. 553, col. 2, par. 2, line 1--Substitute "on" for "of."

Daily Edition, p. 554, col. 2, sub-head, line 1--Substitute "758 & 759" for "759."

Daily Edition, p. 554, col. 2, par. 6, line 4--End sentence with "could" and begin new sentence with "But."

Daily Edition, p. 555, col. 11, par. 12, line 1--Insert "is" immediately following "This."

Daily Edition, p. 556, col 2, par. 5, line 2--Substitute "going" for "goning."

Daily Edition, p. 557, col. 2, subhead, line 1--Insert begin parentheses "(" at line beginning.

Daily Edition, p. 557, col. 1, par. 12, line 1--Delete "of" before "possibilities."

Daily Edition, p. 557, col. 3, par. 4--Substitute "JUDITH CRAIN" for "JUDY CRANE."

Daily Edition, p. 559, col. 3, par. 2--Insert "(Florida)" after "SESSUMS."

Daily Edition, p. 562, col. 2, par. 4--Substitute "GOLDSCHMIDT" for " GOLSDCHMIDT."

Daily Edition, p. 563, col. 1, par. 5, line 2--Substitute "as a" for "of the."

Daily Edition, p. 563, col. 2, 4 lines up from the bottom--Insert "(Recess)" as a new line above the line "BISHOP MINNICK."

Daily Edition, p. 564, col. 1, par. 3, line 10--Substitute "Committee" for "Ccommittee."

Daily Edition, p. 566, col. 2, par. 2--Insert "ANDERSON T. [ANDY]" before "LANGFORD."

Daily Edition, p. 568, col. 1, lines 4 & 5 up from the bottom--Substitute "Bakerwoman God" for "baker woman God."

Daily Edition, p. 570, col. 2, par. 4--Substitute "I" for "it."

Daily Edition, p. 570, col, 2, par. 8, lines 1 & 4--Substitute "rationale" for "rational."

Daily Edition, p. 571, col. 1, par. 1, line 5--Substitute "can be read" for "candy red."

Daily Edition, p. 571, col. 2, par. 6, line 2--Substitute "Brooke" for "Brook."

Daily Edition, p. 577, col. 3, par. 1--Insert "SON OF" immediately before "BISHOP."

Daily Edition, p. 577, col. 3, par. 4--Substitute a colon for a semicolon after "YEAKEL."

Daily Edition, p. 583, col. 3, par. 4, line 9--Capitalize "World Service."

Daily Edition, p. 586, col. 1, par. 4--Insert "I'm Joe E. Huffman, Desert Southwest Conference." immediately after "HUFFMAN."

Daily Edition, p. 586, col. 3, par. 4--Insert "I'm John Horton, South Georgia." immediately after "HORTON."

Daily Edition, p. 587, col. 3, subhead--Substitute "Minority Report" for "Mminority report."

Daily Edition, p. 589, 6 lines up from the bottom--Substitute "DAVID DOLSEN (Rocky Mountain)" for "UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER."

Daily Edition, p. 589, par. 2, line 1--Delete "DAVID" and "(Rocky Mountain)."

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Section C, Row 8

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BILL QUICK (Detroit): Bishop Yeakel and members of the conference, the majority and the minority reports recommend the same apportionment for the Ministerial Education Fund for the coming quadrennium. It is $104,732,000.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, this is properly before you. Now, what we will be debating is the report from the legislative committee, which Dr. Quick has moved be the amendment. It would amend the total figure of $110,465,000 to $104,732,000. I take it you are ready, you are ready to vote? I apologize. Microphone 13, please, yes?

JOHN S. McCABE: (Northern Illinois): Bishop?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, sir?

MCCABE: I would like to speak in favor, against this majority report and in favor of the CF&A figures. I think it is interesting to note that we are suffering a lot of pain at the conference levels, and we're losing track of the fact that only 4 cents of every church dollar reaches the general church in apportionments, and that's really what we are talking about today. If you look at real growth in church budgets, the only real growth you see, if you consider constant dollars, is at the local church level, which over the last 15 years has in-

creased 11.5%. At the jurisdictional and annual conference level, real growth in budgets have increased 15.1%, and then when you get to the general agencies, we see a decrease in constant dollars of -16% over the last 15 years. Now then, when you look at MEF in real dollars, it has had a decrease in constant dollars of 24%. Now, if you look at the general church's support of the seminaries over the last 20 years, we used to support these seminaries, their total budgets, to the tune of 33%. Now we support them less then 20%. To offset this we have had to increase tuition to the students. and those percentages have reversed. Twenty years ago, the students paid less than 20% of total seminary budgets. Now they are paying over 1/3 of seminary budgets. We have put the very burden of these decreasing funds on the students which are the life of the church. Last year they graduated with an average seminary incurred debt of $13,700 apiece. If you add this to the debt they incurred at their undergraduate level, they may be graduating with 20, $25,000 worth of debt. I am in favor of increasing MEF in any way we can, and this way I can do that by supporting the GCF&A budget on this line item. Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. That's a speech against the amendment. Now microphone 8, are you speaking for or against?

PHILIP J. WOGAMAN (Baltimore): Against, Bishop.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Does anyone wish to speak for? I see no one at the microphones. Under our present arrangements, you are in order then, please do.

WOGAMAN: Thank you, Bishop. I also wish to speak in favor of the GCFA, which means against the amendment.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Would you identify yourself, please?

WOGAMAN: Thank you. I want to share my unique vantage point on this question. For 26 years, I have been a member of the faculty of one of our theological seminaries, which means I have first-hand opportunity to see the pain, the difficulty that so many of our students have had. But as some of you know, this next summer, this summer, I will become pastor of a church, which means I will be a part of the effort to raise the MEF funds. But my major concern in speaking to this, is the enormous pain one has as a theological professor in seeing the large numbers of our students who are incurring these enormous debts, and wondering where on earth they are going to be able to find the funds, with low ministerial salaries, to pay for them. I urgently request the General Conference to go along with the GCFA proposal, which is a modest increase--which doesn't really, even so, keep pace with the needs we have--and help to make it possible for us to meet some of these students' needs. Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. Microphone 6.

CHARLES McCLURE (Central Texas): I rise to speak in favor of the amendment.

BISHOP YEAKEL: You're in order, sir.

McCLURE: It is difficult to ever talk against student aid, which is what we are talking about, and seminary aid. And yet, I think it's only fair to point out that the figure we do not have before us is the $93 something million figure that was the quadrennial Ministerial Education Fund for the current quadrennium. The majority report from the legislative committee raises that to more than $104 million, which is a 5.4% increase for the quadrennium. The GCFA figure would be an 18.2% increase for the quadrennium over the previous quadrennium.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you, sir. I see no one at the microphones. I'll turn to Bill Quick, please, as the presenter of the legislative committee amendment.

QUICK: Bishop and friends, the majority and minority reports are the same, I emphasize that. The figure we propose is $104,732,000. You should know that is 11.7% increase for the quadrennium over the present quadrennium. 11.7% increase. We urge you to vote for the majority report.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. Now for the Council. Bishop Russell?

BISHOP RUSSELL: We're in favor of the GCFA recommendation. I know that you have read the information on p. 445 about how seminary budgets would be reduced if the minority report is passed. And today we've talked a great deal about pain in the local church. If you want to talk about pain in the local church, talk about a seminary graduate who goes to his or her first appointment out of seminary with a $20,000 indebtedness, to receive an appointment, let us say, to receive a salary of $20,000. Then we're talking about pain in the local church.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. We're now ready to vote. I have been told that all of us who speak and refer to numbers need to slow down for the translators when we're speaking about numbers. The CF&A proposal is $110,465,000. The amendment is $104,732,000. The differential is $5,733,000. Please vote when the light appears. Pardon? I'm hearing a point of order. Pardon? What is the point of order? Yes, at microphone no. 13, what did I misspeak?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We need some clarity as to exactly what we're voting on.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What a yes means and what a no means.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. If you vote yes, you will adopt the legislative committee's amendment. If you vote no, the CF&A proposal is before you for adoption. Is that the information you needed? I apologize.

Now, please vote when the light appears. The yes vote is 523, the no vote is 416. The legislative motion is adopted and becomes the main motion. Are you ready? If you will adopt . . . you are not ready? You are ready? If you will adopt the main motion which is now the Legislative Committee Report in the amount of $104,732,000 for the Ministerial Education Fund, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 799; "No," 143. The Ministerial Education Fund as you have perfected it has been adopted.

(Judicial Council Laity Reserve Ballot No. 2)

Now before we go on to the Report No. 3, I have a ballot to report and to take. May we have the results of the ballot on the screen, please? This is for the Judicial Council for reserve members, laity. All right, as I indicated to you earlier, we did take a ballot but we didn't have the right information as to the needs for that ballot; I asked you to vote for 3. We need to vote for 4. I've declared the original ballot invalid on the basis that voting for 4 would make a substantial difference than voting for 3, and perhaps exclude someone inadvertently. You need to decide upon 4 persons from these 7 for whom you would vote. I'll give you a little time to get your numbers. All

right, we're ready for the ballot. The sequence for which you vote for the persons is immaterial. You understand that, but you need to know, and don't vote for the same number twice.

Will you now indicate when the light appears your first vote?

We're now ready to receive your second vote. Please indicate when the light appears.

Now your third vote. And your final selection. All right, thank you, the ballot is completed. We'll have the report as soon as possible.

Now, we need to go back to the Ministerial Education Fund for 1 permissive action. The fund was dependent upon a specific formula that provided the numbers that CF&A presented to you. You have amended the numbers. Would you be willing to have someone make a motion to authorize CFA to appropriately revise that formula so it produces the amount of dollars you have adopted? That's what we need. I have that motion? Is there a second? Yes, question. We're on p. 306 in the red book. We need to authorize CFA to . . . OK, on p. 442 would be a better 1, I'm told. 442 is a better reference point. Oh, the new formula is there, oh, thank you. Just like manna from heaven. The new formula is on p. 442, so if I could ask the maker of the motion to adopt, would be to adopt on 442, and the second, or would agree. Now sir, your question at microphone no. 3.

Here is the new formula.

ROBERT E. STILLWELL (South Carolina): Yes, perhaps when I have had time to look at this page back at my seat, it would be answered. But my question concerns, would we be giving permission to GCF&A to alter the 75%/25% ratio.

BISHOP YEAKEL: No sir. That's not the issue.

STILLWELL: Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: The formula I am speaking of is the 1 by which the apportionments are made to generate these total amount of dollars. It has nothing to do with the breakdown between the conference receipts that are retained and the 75% that goes to the fund itself. Are you ready to vote on this? You would be adopting the formula on p. 442.

If you will adopt, please vote when the light appears. We have a glitch. All right. The machine is locked up. It's ready for lunch. If you will adopt, will you lift the hand. If not, will you lift the hand. I can read that vote, it's passed.

Now, Report No. 3 is on p. 307. The Black College Fund. Who is speaking for the Council? Frank Finkbiner, please.

(Black College Fund)

FINKBINER: Bishop, this is found on p. 307. The relevant figures are in the second column on that page. Black College Fund Report No. 3. The Black College Fund provides a source of financial support for 10 colleges and 1 medical school which are related to The United Methodist Church, and which have historically served primarily the educational needs of African-American students. It is important to note, however, that despite this primary focus, all of these schools are open to students of all racial and ethnic backgrounds. And their student bodies are in fact, racially inclusive and international in character. The recommended increase for the Black College Fund is 4% each year of the quadrennium. With many, if not most, colleges and universities experiencing financial stress, the Black College Fund is now particularly crucial to these schools. GCFA enthusiastically recommends these amounts and they are now before you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. Thank you. You have the dollar amount, $44,384,000 over the 4 years. Now, Bill Quick. There is a legislative committee report to amend.

QUICK: Bishop and members of the conference. We too support our Black colleges. The legislative committee in its report adopted a recommendation for the Black College Fund, which is roughly flat for the quadrennium. I would remind you that for the years for information that we have, $9,345,000 was apportioned for the Black College Fund, $7,903,000 given. And so our recommendation is $38,375,000, and may I just say to the conference, if we just could go back, get our congregations to increase the giving by just 3%, from 85% to 88%, this would produce an additional $1,150,000 for our Black colleges.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. Thank you. The motion to amend is to the figure $38,373,000. Now there is a minority report attached to this report.

TRACY MERRICK (Western Pennsylvania): The numbers associated with the minority report are on p. 434, line 3, the Black College Fund. If you total the 4 years of the upcoming quadrennium, you will note that that totals $41,704,000. The difference between the minority and the majority reports at this particular point amounts to $3,331,000. The minority proposal would be an increase of approximately 3.7% for the quadrennium over the 1992 level, or just under 1% a year.

BISHOP YEAKEL: OK, thank . . . excuse me.

MERRICK: We would urge you to adopt the minority numbers. Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: The minority report is now before the body. Microphone No. 1, please.

OSWALD P. BRONSON SR. (Florida): I'm Oswald Bronson, Florida Conference, the President of Bethune-Cookman College. Bishop, I rise to support GCFA. If I can't get that I have to take what I can get.

BISHOP YEAKEL: And you are speaking against the minority report?

BRONSON: Yes, sir.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, all right. You are in order, sir. Go ahead.

BRONSON: I suspect, Bishop, that there may be certain assumptions by which the various committees have been working with reference to the Black College Fund. One may well be that these colleges have now reached their maximum use and perhaps integration has come fully and they're no longer needed. I rise to say that this is far from the truth. We recognize now, that our institutions are growing. Granted, 80% may be found in the majority schools. But 20% are found, of the minority students are found in our institutions, but we graduate by far a greater percentage.

We must recognize also that these institutions started shortly after the Civil War, after the Emancipation Proclamation. When both northern and southern Whites joined with Black leaders in establishing academies that would provide basic fundamental learning, and reading and writing and arithmetic for some 4 million ex-slaves. These institutions eventually became colleges. Think what they have done over the years.

Yes, they produce the doctors, the lawyers, the teachers. But in The United Methodist Church, where many of our pastors, some of our bishops who are here before us, have come from these institutions. And so when we look at what these institutions have produced,

being fully accredited not only by their regional agencies but also by the University Senate, we have colleges that are institutions of quality. But even more than that, we must also recognize that to send a message at this time to Los Angeles and to Washington and to New York that The United Methodist Church is reducing its asking as the majority report suggests. In '92 we have $10 million apportioned, and in '96 you can see it is by far less than what is was in '92. This sends a message that I think that we do not want to send. And then with our institutions . . .

BISHOP YEAKEL: I'm sorry, sir, your time is expired. Thank you very much. I think I heard a murmuring when you were speaking against the amendment. I thought I understood you to be in favor of the proposal of GCFA. Would you like to clarify whether you were speaking against the amendment or in favor of it, please? Microphone No. 1.

BRONSON: I am speaking in favor of GCFA. If you can't get what you want, take what you can get, and use that to get what you want.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Well, then, which way are you speaking on this amendment?

BRONSON: GCFA.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, you've spoken against the amendment. Microphone No. 6. Are you in favor or opposed to the amendment?

JAMES E. SWANSON (South Georgia): I have a question first, Bishop, and then I will tell you, make the statement.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right.

SWANSON: Are we currently now considering the amendment of the minority report to the majority report?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, sir, we are.

SWANSON: OK. Well, I would like to speak against the majority report.

BISHOP YEAKEL: You want to speak against the majority report and in favor of the minority report?

SWANSON: At this time.

BISHOP YEAKEL: You are in order. You may speak.

SWANSON: Bishop, when we look at all of the proposals, we have just voted an increase in our ministerial educational fund. The majority report also asks us to at least maintain our current giving to the Africa University fund. This is the only fund in the majority report's recommendation where we see a decrease in funds being asked for. If we are to maintain the current quality of leadership that now The United Methodist Church has among its Black constituency, I think this church needs to go on record as saying we will not pit particular entities against each other, but that we will support those institutions that have continued to support The United Methodist Church. I think it would be a travesty for us to increase the givings to other areas and to decrease the giving in this particular area. Therefore, I would urge this body to defeat the majority report.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. Microphone no. 11, which way are you going, please?

ALFRED JOHNSON (Eastern Pennsylvania): I'm speaking against the minority report.

BISHOP YEAKEL: You are speaking against the minority report. You are in order. Will you identify yourself, please?

JOHNSON: I am seeking against the minority report in support of GCF&A report. It appears to me that on many occasions and as we have been continuing, it is always easier to move toward the middle position, which indeed may seem fair. But I think this occasion and some others that we have already voted on, require us to stretch out a little bit more. I think the Black colleges are extremely important, and I believe that GCF&A has spent inordinate time to consider this event, and I think in their prayer and hard work, they have considered a better figure. I speak against the minority report only to support GCF&A's report for a higher amount.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right.

JOHNSON: I think that this is the time to do it.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. Microphone no. 10.

HARRIETT J. OLSON (Northern New Jersey): I would like to speak in favor of the minority report.

BISHOP YEAKEL: You are in order.

OLSON: The 2 points, Bishop, and members of the conference. The first is that the majority report is premised on an assumption that asking for less will yield more. I submit to you that that is not accurate. The only way that we increase our giving is to ask for more. Those of you who are development officers for colleges and institutions, know that to be the case, and I ask you to consider that in your voting. The other thing that I'd like to point out is that again we are voting now between, we will vote first, between the majority and the minority reports and we would not be, by adopting the minority report, we would not be compromising an ability later to decide on GCFA's original proposal.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. Thank you. Microphone no. 7. Which way are you speaking, please?

LUCILLE V. VANZANT (Oklahoma): I was speaking for the minority report.

BISHOP YEAKEL: You are in order, please.

VANZANT: I am a mother, who has sent children to college. I am a mother whose faith in God gave us the ability to give everything to our children that God enabled us to do. I am a mother whose faith is in God's ability to do what is right. As I have sat this morning, it seems like we have taken the purse strings of our faith and have shut them up to the opportunities of God. I am so thankful for our Bishop Dan Solomon. As you heard this morning, Oklahoma paid more than their were services. But our bishop gave the local churches an opportunity to let God dip his hand into their purses. I appreciate Dan Solomon for that.

We are trying to control God's purse strings, and when it comes to the Black College Fund, there are millions of Black students who are leading in our churches today, who have been recipients of this Black College Fund. I know that The United Methodist Church is a people of faith. I know for a fact, that had it not been for my White brothers and sisters and others who saw the faith that God instilled in them and used it for his purpose, that we could not stand here today and say that we have leaders who have been nurtured in Black colleges.

I want to thank you, I want to thank all of you, for there are so many of us of color, so few of us of color in this audience, that it is you who have enabled this to happen. Please don't regress in your support. I beg of you, let God use your purse strings for the betterment of his kingdom. In this General Conference and across the church and United Methodism.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. Microphone no. 5. Are you speaking for or against, please?

ZAN W. HOLMES JR. (North Texas): I'd like to ask a question, Bishop Yeakel.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, sir?

HOLMES: I want to be very clear. Which of these proposals gives the most money, the most much-needed money, to these institutions? Which one? I want to be very clear.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Well, I think the absolute answer is it depends upon how much our people give. The asking budget of CFA is $44,400,000 in round numbers. The majority report is $38,400,000, and the minority report is $41,700,000, and it is the $41,700,000 that we are acting on right now.

HOLMES: So the minority report . . .

BISHOP YEAKEL: . . .is in the middle.

HOLMES: . . . will provide more money?

BISHOP YEAKEL: It will provide more money. It's a larger asking budget than the majority report.

HOLMES: Well, I want to be sure.

BISHOP YEAKEL: I know it is tricky, and I am trying to be . . .

HOLMES: That is what I am trying to get around.

BISHOP YEAKEL: The majority report seeks $38 million about 400 thousand. The minority report seeks $41,700,000. That's the choice before you now.

HOLMES: So the minority report will provide more money for these institutions?

BISHOP YEAKEL: If it's given, yes.

HOLMES: If it's given.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes.

HOLMES: Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. Microphone 3, please. Which way are you going, microphone 3?

BARBARA BLACKSTONE (Western Pennsylvania): Parliamentary inquiry?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes.

BLACKSTONE: So will you clarify for us then, before we vote, that several of those speeches that were for GCF&A's recommendation would be following a vote, a positive vote for the minority report.

BISHOP YEAKEL: That's, thank you, and I will try to clarify it. Microphone no. 11.

DENNIS H. SCHEER (Kansas West): Dennis Scheer, Kansas West Conference.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Which way are you going, please?

SHEER: Point of clarification.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, sir.

SHEER: Bishop, I was a member of that Financial Administration Committee, and in fact, all 3 of these proposals are GCFA recommendations. The committee did not vote individually on the 1-7 items.

YEAKEL: Just, let's get clarification on that, please. Ms. Lackore?

SANDRA KELLY LACKORE (Southern New England): Yes, I placed, as the chair of the legislative committee, the requested information that did come from GCF&A after consultation with the boards and agencies before the legislative committee. At that time, I tested the legislative committee as to whether they wanted to change the figures that had come from GCF&A at the request of the legislative committee, and the group indicated on both reports that they did not want to move those figures or adjust them in any way.

SHEER: Bishop?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes.

SHEER: I guess the point is that GCF&A did set the priority on, on all 3 of them.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes.

KELLEY: Bishop?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes.

KELLY LACKORE: I believe that that is not clear and not particularly accurate. It was done in consultation with members of the General Council on Finance Administration's board and secretaries of the general agencies.

BISHOP YEAKEL: My understanding, if I have any left, is that sometime in the late hours of the night, or the wee hours of the morning, the majority and minority reports from the legislative committee agreed to use the figures provided by CF&A, to get it before us, and that's what's before us.

Let me tell you where we are. We have 3 votes to take to complete the work on this report. It appears to the chair that most of the arguments have been made. The issue is, what dollar amount do you want to use. Is that a fair assumption?

Would you be willing to allow me to put these 3 motions 1 after another and complete this work without . . .

If you will set aside the rules to invoke the question, will you lift the hand? If not, will you lift the hand? Now, if you will approve the call for the question, will you lift the hand? If not, will you lift the hand? Thank you.

What we are voting on, after we hear from the minority and then the majority and then the Committee, is the proposal to set the Black College Fund figure at $41,704,000 for the quadrennium. Now, the minority spokesperson first.

TRACY R. MERRICK (Western Pennsylvania): I will only repeat that this represents about $3 million more than what's represented in the majority report. You heard your adoption.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. Who is speaking now for the majority? Bill Quick?

QUICK: Bishop and members of the conference, please know, there was not 1 word, not 1 request from any person on Financial Administration to reduce the apportionment for Black colleges.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. For the Council. Do we need a speech for the Council? Forrest, Bishop Stith?

BISHOP STITH: Yes. CFA finds itself in an interesting dilemma, parliamentary-wise. On the 1 hand, we still affirm the $6 million difference between the majority and CFA needed for the Black College Fund. And a $3 million differential between the minority report and the GCFA. In some other categories, these dollars may not be significant. But what we are about in the Black college endeavors, these $3 million and $6 million can make the difference of life and death. In a time where the colleges are experiencing enrollment and a point in our history where our mettle is being tested as to whether we are truly inclusive, no report that we could adopt can be more crucial than this. Our parliamentary dilemma is however, that to save ourselves for another day, we may need to vote the minority report so that you can in turn vote for the GCFA report.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right.

BISHOP STITH: You use your own wisdom.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Excuse me. Thank you. I figured you had finished when you got that far. OK, your first vote is to choose between the majority report, which is proposed to be amended by the minority report. If you vote yes, you will be voting for the minority report of the 41.7 million. If you vote no, you are voting for the majority report of 38.4 million. Does that help you in that fashion? And your choices are yes and no. Please vote when the light appears.

Black College Fund Minority Report Approved)

You have adopted the minority report: "Yes," 678; "No," 272. Your choice now is whether you wish to continue the vote on the majority . . . whether you wish to continue the 41.7 million, or whether you wish to adopt the 44.4 million of the Council on Finance. If you vote yes, your vote is for the $41 million figure. If you vote no, you are voting in favor of the $44 million figure. Are we clear? Please vote when the light appears. The yes vote is 504, the no vote is 444. You have adopted the, what is now the legislative committee's amendment, and that becomes the main motion, and we need to take the ballot on the main motion. If you will adopt the $41,704,000 figure as your main motion, you will vote yes. If not, vote no. Please vote when the light appears. Excuse me, there is a question. Question before the ballot? Microphone no. 3.

CHARLES L. JOHNSON (South Carolina): I wanted to be clear whether we are voting to accept the $44 million?

BISHOP YEAKEL: If . . . No. You have already decided that.

JOHNSON: OK.

BISHOP YEAKEL: You can vote, you have to vote on this as the main motion because of . . .

JOHNSON: May I see the results of the previous ballot again, please?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Sure, can we bring the previous ballot up? They are gone. The figures are on the tape, I didn't write it. It was 500 and some, and 400 and some. "Yes," 504; "No," 444.

JOHNSON: Oh, OK.

BISHOP YEAKEL: And the yes was in favor of the minority report that became the majority report. OK? So this is a confirmatory vote. If you will adopt, please vote when the light appears. And it is adopted. "Yes," 858; "No," 84. Now, we have come to the time to adjourn for lunch. Will the chair of the Committee on Presiding Officers please come? Do you want to do it from microphone 13, Al? Microphone 13, please. Then you will turn to the Secretary. Please hold steady, just a minute. Yes.

J. ALLEN NORRIS (North Carolina): Last evening we named 2 presiding officers for today's sessions. Of course the Committee on Presiding Officers is monitoring the flow of our agenda and our considerations today, but should our agenda permit us to move beyond financial considerations and ministry matters, then the presiding officer for this evening's session will be Bishop Melvin G. Talbert of the San Francisco area.

But we will continue to monitor it carefully. Bishop Yeakel will be in the chair when we resume this afternoon, as we continue financial matters, and Bishop Grove will succeed him in the chair when we move beyond that point.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. Thank you. You have the report. Now the conference Secretary.

CAROLYN MARSHALL (General Conference Secretary): Be mindful that the legislative committee on Ordained and Diaconal Ministry will meet briefly immediately following this session in room 201. The legislative committee on Independent Commissions is requested to meet at 2:00 this afternoon in room 208. And the last 1, the General Council on Finance . . .

BISHOP YEAKEL: Please, please give us your attention, please. Thank you.

MARSHALL: The General Council on Finance and Administration will meet for lunch at the Hyatt.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. Thank you. I have asked Bishop Hermann Sticher to be the person to offer our benediction and blessing. Shall we stand?

BISHOP STICHER: Shall we stand, please?

(prayer)

(benediction in German)

BISHOP YEAKEL: Amen. We are adjourned till 2:30.

(recess)

Wednesday Afternoon
May 13, 1992

Bishop Yeakel, presiding

(Judicial Council Laity Reserves Elected)

BISHOP YEAKEL: Let us come to order. If you will please take your seats. We have a number of things that we can begin to do. Now, I have a report of a ballot for you. Perhaps you can read that while you are getting seated. The report of the ballot of the laity--4 to be elected, and you have elected 4 persons. (Willard Douglas, 682; James Dolliver, 638; Cristolito Pascual? Pasqual, 540; Edward H. Hill, 488.) This completes the balloting necessary to be done at the General Conference, I think. Is that correct, madam secretary? Yes, we have done all of the balloting.

I don't know about you, but even with the relatively few glitches that we've done, it's certainly been a lot easier than the hand counting of ballots. I think it's an improved way to get it done. I hope you feel okay about it.

Now, I have received the word from the California--one of the California conferences--California-Pacific Conference. We have received word of the death of Dr. Howard Greenwalt. Dr. Howard Greenwalt. Howard was the General Secretary of the Commission on Cultivation and Promotion--when that was a part of our life together. It has since been, I think, subsumed under the UMCOM (United Methodist Communications). I think you would want to pause for a moment and offer your prayers and concern for the Greenwalt family. Will you pray with me.

(prayer).

I would like to recognize at microphone #4, Brother Nicodemus. Please, microphone #4.

RICHARD NICODEMUS (New York): Bishop Yeakel, members of the General Conference. Earlier this morning, speaking for the majority report, one of the speakers, perhaps inadvertently, impugned the staff of the general agencies by suggesting budget reductions could be achieved if they were not running around here in this conference. I would sincerely hope that we would all appreciate that they are here to serve us in so many different ways, and that we would not direct our remarks against specific groups to achieve these reductions in the rest of our presentations this afternoon.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right.

(Name Change for Ministerial Education Fund Rejected)

NICODEMUS: Also, bishop, I'm wondering if the Ministerial Education Report, which we approved this morning, will now be labeled as the "Clergy Educational Report" by virtue of previous actions of this General Conference.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Are you suggesting that as a motion, sir?

NICODEMUS: Yes, bishop.

BISHOP YEAKEL: So that your motion would be to change the name of the

Ministerial Education Fund to the Clergy Education Fund?

NICODEMUS: No, the Ministerial Educational Report.

BISHOP YEAKEL: We have not had the Ministerial Education Report, yet. I thought this was . . .

NICODEMUS: The Ministerial Education Fund. The one that we adopted this morning.

BISHOP YEAKEL: The one that we adopted this morning was the Ministerial Education Fund. And you are moving that the name be changed to the Clergy Education Fund in line with the changing in the Constitution, and so on, the use of the word *clergy* for *minister.*

NICODEMUS: Yes.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Is there a second? All right. This is before us. All right, we are going to be debating this one. Go to the microphones, and I will try to find you as you go. It is going to be a little hard to see. Microphone no.4, please.

JULIUS ARCHIBALD (Troy): Bishop, we have not yet determined that the diaconal ministers are clergy. Diaconal ministers do benefit from the Ministerial Education Fund. So, until such time as the status of diaconal ministers are changed, I would urge to vote against this motion.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. This seems to be the heart of this matter. I'd remind the body that the *Discipline* takes effect January 1; certainly by calling it to our attention this may be a flag it for the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and also those responsible. Microphone no. 4.

RANDALL WILLIAMSON (North Georgia): Bishop, I have the same concerns that we have not determined when we use the word *clergy.* I know elsewhere we're talking about part-time local pastors and so forth.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. Do you have enough information to vote on this? The motion is to change the name of the "Ministerial Education Fund" to "Clergy Education Fund." If you wish to change it, you will vote "Yes." If you wish not to change it at this time, you will vote "No." Please vote when the light appears.

And while we are waiting for the ballot, I misspoke. I said California-Pacific, I should've said California-Nevada Conference for Howard Greenwalt.

Yes, the report, then, of the ballot: "Yes," 182; "No," 600. The motion is not received. Now at microphone 13.

MARGARET ANN WILLIAMS (Northern Illinois): Bishop, on May 6, on p. 144, the Joe Sprague proposal was referred to Global Ministries for the development of implementing strategies, attendant budgets; and for a report. Where are we in this process? What is the status of that, please?

BISHOP YEAKEL: That's a question I can't answer. Is the chair of the Legislative Committee on Global Ministries available to the Conference? I don't have the name, I'm not prepared. Twick, Twick Morrison, where are you? No. 10 please. I see you now.

TWICK MORRISON (Mississippi): Yes, that has never been received by Global Ministries. We could attend to it at dinner tonight. It has never been received.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Are you going to announce a meeting of the committee for this purpose?

MORRISON: Not at this point. I'll go check and see if we are to receive it and what the procedure is.

BISHOP YEAKEL: What I meant was, will you announce it before we adjourn today?

MORRISON: I will announce that before we adjourn this afternoon.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you very much. Does that take care of it? All right, if you have matters you want me to address, go to a microphone, please. I'll pick you up as you come. Microphone no. 8. I'm anxious to get us to the business, and I want to get out of this chair--microphone no. 3--so Bill Grove can sit here for a while. No. 3.

(Clarification of New Program Funding)

FRANK DORSEY (Kansas East): There's a great--at noon--I discovered there is a great deal of confusion by delegates as to what we have done to ourselves in the preceeding actions this morning. The questions had to do with where is the National Hispanic Plan at this point? Where is the Native American Initiative? Where is the drug initiative? And down the line. Could I get some clarification on this?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, I will give you clarification. In today's *DCA*, if you will turn to p. 430, beginning halfway down the page under the line it says, report of the General Council on Budgetary References from the 1992 General Conference. Do you see that line? Now, what happened this morning was the GCFA had projected a million dollar a year line item. That line item was not adopted. Instead, when we adopted the minority report on p. 436, that line item changed to $625,000 the first year, $637,000 the second year, and then back to $625,000 the third and fourth year. So, it was reduced from $4 million to, I've lost the figures, some $2.5 million in round numbers.

Now, that amount of money has to be handled by CF&A. What is on pp. 430, 431, and 432 will need to be withdrawn from our work today. CF&A will take it back and work with it in the terms of the monies the conferences made available and will bring it back to you for action at a later time.

DORSEY: Sir, is it because of confusion the Hispanic Plan called for 3.1 million, we celebrated it and on down the line. Is there any way in which that can be amended by this body at some later point?

BISHOP YEAKEL: At some later time, yes. In essence this is Report No. 16 from the Council on Finance and Administration. It will have all that's in here. It will have the motion that was just questioned--the reference to Global Ministries that Twick Morrison indicated they'd need to reconvene to handle. There was one on saving stations and there were attendant costs to that that are not here. There may be some other things the conference will yet do. They will bring you the report and you can deal with it at that time.

DORSEY: All right, so we could avoid the hypocrisy at that point.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, and I may make one other comment. It does not mean that every item that was voted is automatically an apportioned item. There may be other ways of providing this funding and that's the task of CF&A to make the first motion of how it is to be done. But it will need to come later in the week because you've changed the ground rules in terms of the numbers. Now we are ready for Report No. 4. No. 4, please. Frank Finkbiner.

Welcome back.

(Africa University Fund)

FRANK FINKBINER: Thank you. Bishop, members of the Conference, the

report No. 4, the Africa University Fund is on P. 308-310 of the Advance Edition of the DCA.

In these past few days, Africa University has captured the mind of this General Conference, as only a few things are able to do. The recommendation for apportioning general funding for the African University is the same as in the current quadrennium, $2,500,000, as an annual apportionment for each year of the quadrennium. GCFA also recommends that the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry continue to seek funding by means of world service special gifts, with a quadrennial goal of $10,000,000 to be used for permanent endowment funds for the University.

GCFA's report No. 4 gives background information on the actions of the 1988 General Conference, and on GCFA's actions during the years 1988-1991 in fulfillment of the responsibilities entrusted by the General Conference. At the time that report was made and printed, the final granting of the University charter was still pending. As you know, the charter was subsequently signed by the President of Zimbabwe, and the University began operation in March of this year. What a joy we experienced last week in the celebrating of that event.

As stated in the report, all conditions established by the 1988 General Conference and by the GCFA for release of monies from the apportion fund receipts, have been fulfilled. And the Board of Directors of the University is now free to utilize those funds in accordance with the approved financial plan for the development and operation of the first two colleges. As plans for the establishment of future colleges develop, the GCFA stands ready to receive and review the financial plans related to their development and operation, and to offer its counsel as needed. We not only recommend the apportioned amount, but we urge each Annual Conference and every local church to support the World Service Special. It is with gratitude and enthusiasm that we place this before you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. For clarification essentially we're voting on a $10,000,000 apportionment across the quadrennium and the permission to continue or the instruction to continue the World Service Special for the same amount. Now we need to hear from the Legislative Committee.

SANDRA L. KELLEY LACKORE (Southern New England Conference): I would just call to the General Conference's attention that on P. 434 and 435, that both the minority and the majority report endorse the report of the Council on Finance and Administration.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. The announcement is that the Committee agrees. Bill Quick.

WILLIAM QUICK (Detroit): Bishop, in the film which we all saw on Africa University, we were introduced to a young woman named Violet, who said, "I want to be a doctor. I want to fix hearts." It is the prayer of the Financial Administration that the hearts of all United Methodists will be fixed and the Holy Spirit will lead us to pay this item as well as the others in full.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. The motion is to adopt the $10,000,000 apportioned fund and a $10,000,000 World Service Special Fund. Microphone No. 4. Microphone No. 4, I'm sorry, No. 14.

RICHARD G. REEVES (Central Illinois): I'm a member of the Africa University Board of Directors and I'm Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee for the Board. I'm sure many of you have seen the bumper sticker "I Touch the Future; I Teach." I wish to suggest a bumper sticker for the Africa University, "We Touch the Future of a Continent and the World." We have the privilege of being present at the creation, and there is something thrilling about that. And the United Methodist Church said, "Let there be a university on the continent of Africa," and there was a university. To continue in this scriptural way we might add, "it does not yet appear what it shall be."

The charter came in January. Over 700 young people applied to come to the two colleges that we were able to establish. 40 students were selected because we could accommodate them. 25 are in the school of agriculture; 15 are in the school of theology; 9 are young women, 31 are young men; and they come from four different countries on the continent of Africa. A temporary campus has been created there in some agricultural buildings that were renovated by volunteering mission teams.

I predict that someday, someone graduating from our agricultural college will discover a way to help relieve the continual incidence of famine on the Africa continent. Someday, someone from our college of theology will present Christ in a way that will make it easier for people to believe the gospel. Someday, someone from Africa University will have insights in what makes for peace and international understanding, so we won't have to study war any more. What a blessed opportunity we have to make the dream and vision of the Africa University possible. We, our generation, get to do this. I know firsthand of the great need and hunger of young people in Africa for education.

Since my retirement from a paying job seven years ago, I've been working on the continent to get pure drinking water for people there; where often times they don't have enough water, and what is there, is polluted. And so I have worked with people who are really hungry for education and work hard to get it. The first phase of construction contracts have been signed. Before the end of this month, building on the first phase construction will begin for the permanent campus. I'm happy to support this whole motion.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you, sir. Microphone No. 10.

JAMES M. LAWSON (California-Pacific): Bishop, I want to stand in solidarity with that statement that's just been made; and such an important one. But I rise also to oppose the motion for the African University funding by both the GCFA, the majority reports from the Committee, and the minority report; which I recognize are all the same. I do so for very painful reasons which must be spoken.

No. 1, all of us in this General Conference are the recipients of 500 years of the looting and the robbery of Africa, Latin America and Asia. In my own 30 or 40 years of reading and thinking and traveling, those are hard words, but those are words, that I have had to conclude, represent the reality of western civilization.

We have been the beneficiaries, all of us. And it's one of the reasons, therefore, that secondly I think that the amount of money here ought not be $10,000,000 plus additional World Service Specials. But ought to be $25 million or $30 million or $100 million. Because I believe, secondly, that western Christianity, of which all of us are a part, need to look at

the formula of salvation from Luke:19, the first 10 verses and the experience of Zaccheus.

We have been the beneficiaries of 500 years of looting. We need the salvation imprint of being able to say if we have robbed anybody; and the robbery continues. We restore it fourfold. Only that will enable us to be able to say that we are sorry and we are in the business of repenting, by insisting that in the 21st century the oppressions will be lifted from the millions and millions of people who are the victims of our economic, or military, or racial order. And then when we have done that we may be able to come before God with clean hands. And I speak as one who is more than a tither, my wife and I, more that tithing; that's our minimum line of giving across the years. I speak from the point of view of a congregation who last year gave $145,000 in apportionments and the rest of it for this church of ours. And I maintain, that we ought not to be having this discussion unless we as a church can become a giving, generous, cross-healed and Christ-born Church in our generosity.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you very much. This is a speech against the motion. I heard no amendments. We are voting on the fund of $10,000,000 apportioned and a $10,000,000 World Service asking. If you would like the microphone please move to it and I'll move around the room. Microphone No. 14. I'm presuming you're allowing us to proceed under the suspended rule and you can go to a microphone. Go to a microphone, my brother, and I'll recognize you there. Now microphone 14.

LANGDON H. GARRISON JR. (Alabama-West Florida): I rise to support Africa University. What has happened in the past, is past, and whatever our feelings are about that, we have to deal with those in our own conscience and in the presence of God. But if we're to try to amend the past and build for the future, we need to be investing in Africa University and not protesting in some form of undermining, what they're trying to do. The scripture says, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." And I would support teaching the truth, the Christian truth, through Africa University sponsored by the United Methodist Church. And I would urge us to vote in support of this amount that continues the work that has been begun in the name of our Lord and in the name of our Church, and support Africa University.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, microphone No. 9, please.

KOY MBUKULA (Central Zaire): (speaks in French)

(Africans Speak Words of Appreciation)

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. May the translator help us, please?

MBUKULA: (speaks in French with English translation)

TRANSLATOR: I would like to bring some information.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Can you give us your name and conference again, please, so we know who you are?

MBUKULA: Koy Mbukula. I am from Zaire--Central Zaire.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. Now, sir.

MBUKULA: When we speak about numbers, we forget the realities. I would like that we see this way.

If there would be no university for Methodists here in the United States . . . what will be the future of The Methodist Church?

If we say one year there is no possibility to get university, and the year after there will be a possibility to open universities, how many universities would you like to open? And, I think, if you give first $10 million to open the first one, you will give $100 million to open other ones.

And I don't think we should lose time in discussing having to have $10 million dollars for one year, and this is $10 million dollars for 4 years. And I would like that this motion be adopted. Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. That's 3 speeches for the motion and 1 against.

I can only take speeches against the motion now. At microphone no. 2, are you speaking for the motion or against the motion?

GABRIEL VINTE e CINCO (Western Angola): (speaks in Portuguese)

BISHOP YEAKEL: We need translation, please.

VINTE e CINCO: (speaks in Portuguese)

BISHOP YEAKEL: Just a minute. Yes, what's . . .

TRANSLATOR: The translator is ready.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right.

VINTE e CINCO (in Portuguese with English translation): My name is Gabriel Vinte e Cinco.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes. Are you speaking for the motion or against the motion?

VINTE e CINCO: (speaks in Portuguese) I would like to thank the conference for the gesture . . . that we have the Africa University.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Will you hear the words of appreciation. Let us continue.

VINTE e CINCO: (speaks in Portuguese with English translation) As an Angolan and an African . . . I want to express for me and on behalf of my delegation the great joy that we feel in hearing about Africa University here.

Methodism in Africa is already in its second century.

It's unfortunate that it has taken this long in the second century for us to now have an institution of higher learning. And that's why we're so happy now to hear that this is progressing--that we have now this university.

We want to thank very much the commission that has worked so hard to make sure that we have this university, and for opportunities to study theology.

We also want to thank all our bishops who have worked untiringly to make sure that we have this university in our continent.

We also want to thank the General Commission on Finance and Administration that have recommended that we continue supporting this institution.

We want to express our thanks and hope that we can continue to have progress and support for this university: Africa University.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. Thank you very much. At your will yesterday, when translation is necessary the clock is delayed for 3 additional minutes and then it starts the process--just so you understand. Now I take it we are ready to vote. I see nobody at the microphones, and we've had 3 speeches for and 1 against. Is there a last word from either the council or the committees? . . . are ready to go. If you vote "yes," you vote for a $10 million dollar apportionment and a $10 million dollar world service special program. If you vote "no," then, of course, there is nothing in our budgeting process for this fund. Please vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 899; "No," 31. The Africa University Fund is adopted, as proposed from the Council on Finance and Administration. We turn now to the Report No. 5, the Episcopal Fund. Dr. E. Wendall Eskew speaking for the Council.

(The Episcopal Fund)

E. WENDALL ESKEW (West Virginia): Bishop Yeakel and members of the conference, Report No. 5, the Episcopal Fund, found on pp. 311, 315 of the *Advance DCA*. The printed report here sets forth GCFA's recommendations for the compensation and expense allowances for the bishops and episcopal offices of our church. By its very nature, the Episcopal Fund is a clergy support fund. This fund supports the ministry of our episcopal leaders, so important to the life of the church. And through this fund, we now support 50 jurisdictional bishops, 17 Central Conference bishops, plus 1 new bishop in Northern Europe, which you have already added by your action here at this conference. Unlike other apportioned funds, and I hope that you will note this if you do not already know it, its apportionment is not at a stated dollar amount, but is set as a percentage of local church clergy salaries.

As a clergy support fund, this fund has been impacted by all of same extraordinary cost factors--as have other clergy support funds in our annual conferences and local churches--especially, costs for pension and rising health insurance costs. The full impact of these cost increases hit the fund early in the last quadrennium, when the Council had been reducing the rate of the apportionment in response to a significant level of reserves in the fund balances. As a result of our need to cope with the significant cost increases, at a time when the rate of apportionment had been reduced, the fund's reserves proved inadequate. And it became necessary, during the course of this past quadrennium, to increase the apportionment to the maximum level authorized by the 1988 General Conference. The Council of Bishops has been working diligently with GCFA to identify areas in which costs can be controlled and cost increases can be limited. As a result, GCFA is projecting episcopal fund budgets which it believes can be met without additional increases in the rate of apportionment, beyond the rate which is in effect during the 1991 and 1992 years, which is 2.5%. Therefore, the dollar amount which would be apportioned in 1993 and beyond are estimated not to exceed the same 4% rate of increase that is recommended for the general fund apportionments as a whole.

Please note our proposed change in the formula for determining episcopal salaries. During the present quadrennium, bishops' salary increases have been at the same rate as the increases in the denomination's average compensation, as calculated by the General Board of Pensions. The recommendation contained in our report before you is that, for the coming quadrennium, those increases be 1% less than the increase in the DAC.

The reason for this recommendation is to compensate for the fact that the increased assumption for housing costs, that is built into the DAC, is causing it to rise at a faster rate than actual clergy salaries. GCFA believes that this adjustment of the formula will result in bishops' salaries rising at about the same percentage rate as other clergy salaries. GCFA would call attention to the statement, on p. 315, and section 8 of our Report No. 5, that our budget projections for the fund are based on the present number of episcopal areas.

This conference has just authorized the addition of a new bishop in Northern Europe. As The United Methodist Church outside the United States continues to grow, it is important to provide episcopal leadership as needed in the Central Conferences. It is a responsibility of the episcopal fund to provide support for its episcopal leadership. It may therefore be necessary, during the course of the quadrennium, to increase the amount apportioned for the episcopal fund, in order to provide the support needed. Bishop Yeakel, I am happy to present this information for your action.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, and you move the fund be adopted, I believe. It's properly before us. All right. Now, we turn to the legislative committee. Bill Quick?

QUICK: Bishop and members of the conference, in referring back to the 1988 General Conference, and the quadrennial proposal for the Episcopal Fund, 4 years ago, is a figure of $35,899,000. As has been reported to you, that had to be revised as of necessity, and properly so. And the apportionment figure for the current quadrennium is $43,170,053. The legislative committee is recommending, in our report, in the majority report, a quadrennial fund of $55,354,000. That is an increase over the present quadrennium, that's a revised figure, of $12,184,000, or an increase of 28.22%. The recommendation from GCFA is a 32%, and the minority report a 29%. We urge to adopt the majority recommendation from the legislative section.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Tracy Merrick, now the minority report.

TRACY R. MERRICK (Western Pennsylvania): Bishop, and delegates to General Conference, if you'll refer to p. 44, 134. The fifth line item, Episcopal Fund, you'll see the numbers that are proposed under the terms of the minority report. This totals for the 4 years $55,994,000. This is approximately $640,000 more than would be the figures totaled in the majority report. Our number of $55,994,000 represents an 8.4% increase over the quadrennium, over the 1992 level, an annual increase of approximately 2.05%. I'd also note one other distinction between the majority and the minority reports, and that is, if you look further back in the booklet, there's reference to the fact that 1993 episcopal salaries would be frozen under the terms of the majority report. And that would not be necessary under the terms of the minority report.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you very much. Now once again, we've got a fund, as . . . that's parallel to some of those this morning. And I sense there was a little bit of confusion because of the way your voting took place. And one time it was a "yes" vote, and the next time it took a "no" vote. And let me suggest to you that you write down the following numbers. If you'll place the no. 1, with the figures of $55,994,000, that's the minority report. $55,994,000.

Next to no. 2 put the numbers $55,354,000, and that's the legislative committee's report, or the majority report.

And then next to no. 3, place the numbers $57,008,000, which is the council report.

Now, I ask you to do it in that fashion because first we're going to vote on no. 1, which is the minority report. If you vote "yes," then you would adopt that report if it receives the majority of the vote. If you vote "no," then that means

no. 2, or the majority report will indeed, to that degree, be the winner of that vote and be before us. And then we will determine between those, whatever is left, on no. 3. Does that help you any?

It is the minority report that's before you. Now, at the risk of feeling that you have been manipulated, is there anything that needs to be said about these funds that hasn't already been said? This is a particular fund, it certainly deserves your discussion. Microphone No. 2.

SHARON Z. RADER (West Michigan): A word of information and then a question, I think.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes.

RADER: The information is because of the unique situation. I am the secretary of the Commission on Central Conference Affairs.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes.

(New Bishop Called for in West Africa)

RADER: Because of the unique situation in which the Commission on Central Conference Affairs finds itself, it had a petition before it to increase the number of bishops in the West Africa Central Conference from 2 to 3. It was printed improperly and needed to be corrected, and so it has not been calendared yet for the General Conference to deal with. When the Commission on Central Conferences met last night, they did adopt that petition increasing the number of bishops in the West Africa Central Conference. With that piece of information, then, my question to you is, or to GCFA, will the Episcopal Fund cover this should the General Conference adopt this recommendation from the Commission on Central Conference?

BISHOP YEAKEL: That is a question I won't attempt to answer. Bishop Russell or someone from CFA. Dr. Eskew.

ESKEW: The answer is the Episcopal Fund is in place to provide for the needs of the church and its episcopal leadership. If this conference votes additional areas such as the one just mentioned, then the Episcopal Fund is there to care for that. In order to care for this or other new areas that may come as I have indicated in the report, it may be necessary to increase the amount apportioned so that funds will be necessary to care for these needs or this need of the church.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Does that satisfy the question? Thank you, Sharon. Yes. Go to a mike. I will find you at the microphones and hold up your card so I can see you. Microphone No. 14, please. If you have questions, move to the mikes now. That was the change of our understanding.

MAXIE DUNNAM (Memphis): Did I understand that if we adopt the committee report, the bishops' salaries would be frozen for the next 4 years?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Let's ask the committee that question.

ESKEW: The material in your *DCA* indicates that if the majority report is approved, then it would be necessary. Yes, a part of that would be the recommendation from GCFA that the salaries be frozen for 1 year.

DUNNAM: But we could . . . that would be the recommendation of GCFA, but this body could change that recommendation, couldn't it?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Maxie, I'm getting the information here. If you'll look on p. 442, Report No. 5 in today's *DCA*, what is being reported as I understand it here, p. 442, Report 5, are we together? That if you, in essence, what we are talking about in essence is the cap for this particular fund--(to get back to a word I've tried to avoid)--that by capping out at this level, CFA is saying that for the first year of the quadrennium, the question which you ask would be "yes." They will be capped for the year, not for the quadrennium. All right. Now, microphone no. 2.

CHARLES SAYRE (Southern New Jersey): I think all of us are confused here. The bishops' salaries are set on a formula, are they not?

BISHOP YEAKEL: That is correct.

SAYRE: Now, without touching the formula, how can we begin manipulating amounts? It's very, very confusing.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Will you give Dr. Droke the privilege of responding to this question? If you will, will you lift a hand? If not, will you lift the hand? You do have the privilege.

CLIFFORD DROKE: I think the conference will be helped if you actually turn to p. 442 in today's *DCA*, and you will discover there the language that would be inserted in the body of the report on the Episcopal Fund about salaries for bishops. The language that would be inserted reads, "Bishops' salaries for calendar 1993 shall remain at the level established for calendar 1992." And then the following words, "The annual increase in bishops' salaries for calendar 1994 and 1995." That leads into the formula. The new language would freeze salaries for next year.

BISHOP YEAKEL: In order to stay within the cap that is proposed in the majority report. Microphone No.7.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): Just an observation. I am convinced that whatever we are paying is not enough, so don't misunderstand what I am going to say next. And this is a challenge for 1996. As we become more of a global world, recognizing the value of the dollar varies in different parts of the world, maybe we should also consider a cost-of-living adjustment factor for bishops which are not living in the same region.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. That's a comment. I have no amendments. Microphone No. 4.

RANDALL WILLIAMSON (North Georgia): Bishop, I would just remind the conference that in our legislative committee, and I know that there are some others, that we're going to be dealing with some numbers that will affect the number of bishops in the United States, so there could be fewer bishops in the United States that might help cover some others, if and when we adopt those figures for that formula. So it seems to me that this might balance itself out.

BISHOP YEAKEL: I couldn't quite interpret your look as you were speaking, sir. I'd better not try. Microphone No. 7.

TOM FLINN (Baltimore): Bishop, I would like to suspend the rules so that we can vote for everything or all that is before us on this issue.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Well, Tom, I don't think that's a proper motion. Once we get past 5, 6, and 7, it seems to me an omnibus motion may be in order. These are discrete funds ordered by the General Conference to the Council on Finance and Administration, and I think that you would be reaching into the *Discipline*, and, therefore that would be out of order, so I am going to deny your request.

FLINN: May I correct myself, bishop?

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right.

FLINN: And mention the Episcopal Fund?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Just the Episcopal Fund.

FLINN: Just the Episcopal Fund, that's what I meant.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. The question is, or the request is, to suspend the rules to invoke the motion for question on the Episcopal Fund only. If you will suspend the rules, will you lift a hand? If not, will you lift a hand? They are suspended. Now the motion is for a call for question on the fund. If you will call the question, will you lift a hand? If not, will you lift the hand? The question is called. Now, last speeches. The minority report first. Tracy, any speech? No? The committee? Bill? any speech?

QUICK: Bishop and members of the conference, if you will notice the figures for the Episcopal Fund for the years 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996, it allows for a $247,000 increase in 1993; a $442,000 increase in 1994, a $358,000 increase in 1995, and a $692,000 in 1996. The legislative committee hopes that you will adopt the majority report.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, now the council.

ESKEW: I think the conference understands that in this fund, our budgets are really projections of what we hope may happen, since the formula develops the amount of money for this fund, based on the salaries of our pastors. And we have already felt the need and the needs that may arise for this, and so the Council is very hopeful that you will support the program and the proposals that we have made for this fund for the next quadrennium.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, what is before you, then, is the amendment of the minority report which calls for the Episcopal Fund to yield $55,944,000 during the quadrennium. If that's what you want at the appropriate time, you will press the button for "yes." The legislative committee or the majority report is calling for $55,354,000, and if that's what you want, you would vote "no." You understand what "yes" and "no" mean in this vote. Please vote when the light appears.

Thank goodness for electronic balloting. "Yes," 483; "No," 445. The minority report is sustained. Now if you would take your 1-2-3 listing, just draw a line through no. 2. Now what's before you is no. 1 and no. 3. Do we need further speeches on these? Well, I have to ask the committee that. Does the committee? Does the council? I think they heard you. All right, they said "no" just like you thought they would. If you vote "yes," "yes" is for no. 1 or the minority report which now becomes the amendment to the council's report. If you vote "no," you are voting for the council's report. Is that clear? Please vote when the light appears. The minority report, which is before you, has received [ ] votes; the council report, [ ] votes. You have adopted the minority report as the dollar yield value for the Episcopal Fund, and it's my understanding, if I read p. 442 correctly, we do not need to change the formula within this fund. Thank you very much. We turn now to no. 6. You're doing very well. No. 6., the General Administration Fund, and who is leading us? Karen Collier. Karen, please.

(General Administration Fund)

KAREN COLLIER (Tennessee): Bishop, delegates, it is with great enthusiasm in the midst of all this that I stand before you this afternoon to present reports that offer significant opportunities for sharing in this, God's world. Our witness in this asking suggests that we take seriously the mandate from the preacher in Hebrews 12:15, "See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God." We have worked long and hard through hearings, on-site visits, and written proposals to refine and develop these budgets. We have discovered agencies where persons have worked hard to be good stewards of their funds, and they seek now increases to be better stewards of the task that has been given.

Report No. 6 of the General Administrative Fund is before you; you will find it, of course, on p. 316 in the Advance Edition of the *DCA*, and you will see there the results of all our labors. The proposal indicates what is minimally necessary to keep our church machinery operating, preserve our United Methodist heritage, interpret the laws of our denomination, and maintain our family ties throughout Methodism. It is our hope that you will not only see the dollar amounts, but you will appreciate the diversity of service and ministry represented by the figures. And so the Report No. 6 is before you for your consideration.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you very much. Now let me call on the legislative committee.

QUICK (Detroit): Bishop and members of the conference, as we looked at these figures and tracked the figures for the current quadrennium, the current quadrennnial budget for General Administration is $14,693,000, and the majority recommendation from the legislative committee for the coming quadrinium is $16,838,000. That is an increase of $2,145,000, and it represents a 14.6% increase over the quadrennium. We move the recommendation of the legislative committee.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. Now, Tracy Merrick, the minority report.

MERRICK: Bishop and delegates to General Conference, if you turn to p. 434 on line no. 6, General Administration, the four-year quadrennial total for this particular fund as proposed by the minority report comes to $17,168,000. This represents approximately $670,000 more than in the majority report. Our rate of increase for the quadrennium over the 1992 level for this particular fund is 9%, or approximately 2.2% per year. You will also note that on p. 438 is the supporting information relative to the breakdown of this particular fund for the minority report. We'd urge your adoption at the level we suggest.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. We're in the same position as last time. Is there anyone who wishes to speak? Does it help to take a minute and get the order of the funding? No. 1 would be $17,168,000; no. 2 would be $16,838,000; and no. 3 would be $17,271,000. No. 1 is the minority report, no. 2 is the majority, and no. 3 is the council. The first vote would be between no. 1 and no. 2. If you vote "yes," you would be voting for the minority report. If you vote "no," you would be voting for the majority report. I see no one at the microphones. I take it you're ready to vote. Please vote when the light appears.

For the minority report, 462, for the majority report, or the "no" vote, 466. The majority report is sustained. The Report No. 2 in our listing is what is before us, and the choice is between this and the council's report. Do we understand, and are you ready? Pardon? I'm sorry; I don't understand what you're saying. Do you understand what I'm saying? All right. If you vote "yes," will that help? If you vote "yes," you are voting for the majority report, which is the $16,838,000. If you vote "no," you

are voting for the council report, which is $17,271,000. Now are we clear? Please vote when the light appears. The majority report received 640 votes; the council report, 300 votes. You have adopted the majority report for the General Administration Fund.

Now we turn to Report No. 7, the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, it's on 317 in the red book, and you have the figures before you, and we turn once again to Karen Collier.

(Interdenominational Cooperation Fund)

COLLIER: The proposed budget is found on p. 318 of the *Advance DCA*. It has been developed in consultation with the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. The budget requests for the causes supported by this fund were heard jointly by GCFA and the commission, and the recommendations from the commission were given careful consideration by the council as it developed its proposal. The Interdenominational Cooperation Fund was carefully developed. There were special appeals during the quadrennium to the GCFA from the Council of Bishops and the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns because presently we do not provide the basic support for the ecumenical organizations as called for in the *Book of Discipline*.

The GCFA proposal would bring us closer to meeting our responsibilities of membership. The majority and minority reports would significantly decrease our contributions. You will note that we have had to add extensive money to the approved travel line as described in footnote 2 on the legislative committee reports. I stand before you, not only as a board member of GCFA, but the pastor of a small and very Methodist and very connectional local church in the Tennessee Annual Conference. It is a blessing to be able to participate in these global efforts to spread the gospel within our Methodist family and across the denomination. Report No. 7 is now before you for your consideration.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. Now, the committee?

QUICK: Bishop and members of the conference, in reviewing the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, the apportionments, and the receipts for the present quadrennium, the apportionments were $5,676,000. We do not have the figure for 1992, but for the 3 years of 1989, 1990, and 1991, the payments received on apportionments were $3,433,023. A response only, sadly, 82% of apportionments on that figure. We recommend from the legislative committee a current quadrennial fund of $5,676,000 or an increase of $117,000, an increase of 2.6%, and we urge your adoption.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you, Tracy Merrick?

MERRICK: The minority committee recommends for the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, the figures that are shown on p. 434, the 7th line item. For the quadrennium, those total $5,972,000. This really represents no increase over the 1992 level as we will find in our current budget.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, you have the information before you. One more time, if you'll put no. 1 and the number is $5,972,000.

QUICK: Bishop, I want to make sure that we gave the majority recommendation of $5,793,000.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you. That's what I have, I guess I thought you did. No. 2 would be $5,793,000, and no. 3 would be $6,874,000.

Once again, no. 1 is the minority report, no. 2 the majority, and no. 3 the council. The first ballot when we come to it would be between minority and majority. At Microphone No. 2, please?

JUDITH V. CRAIN (Wisconsin): Bishop Yeakel, I believe I'm technically speaking in support of the minority report, but my remarks really are meant to support the GCFA proposal, but I feel it necessary to make the remarks at this point.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you.

CRAIN: I would like to point out and reinforce many of the things that were just said but from the platform. But to point out that the figures that are coming from the minority report are much closer to the majority report figures than they are to the GCFA figures and, therefore, it is a considerable lessening in comparison to some of the other items that we've had before us.

Yesterday we celebrated our ecumenical acknowledgement that we are part of Christ's whole church in an ecumenical service. This ecumenical participation in terms of our denomination is very much a very key part of what comes from support of this fund.

General Conferences in the past have long approved our membership in these organizations. Our membership actually supports the work of these organizations as has already been said, we are far from our fair share and would come much closer to that with the GCFA proposal. GCFA has heard both the appeal from the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns and from the Council of Bishops about the needs in this area. This is a small figure in comparison to the other items that we have dealt with today. This has a great deal to do on how we are viewed as a denomination in the world church, and it has a great deal to do also with how we view ourselves.

Let us remember that we are part of the whole body of Christ. This fund is one very significant way that we seek to make that wholeness a reality in the world.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. Microphone No. 3, please.

THELMA JOHNSON (West Ohio): I'd like to speak in favor of GCFA's recommended budget.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, so you're speaking in favor of the present motion. Go ahead.

JOHNSON: I think that when someone says that the increase seems to be great, considering although this is a small fund, what is happening in our church, that we need to realize that we have been using from a reserve fund. And when you use from a reserve fund there is not a great call on the general church, but now the reserve funds are no longer available--they have all been used up. And unless a fund is put forth and raised to a point, we will not be able to do the ecumenical work that needs to be done by this church.

The United Methodist Church is considered as a grand church by other denominations around this world because we have a connection with these denominations. I hope that we will never get so that we forget this and make it to a point that we are not able to continue the work that we have been doing. Thus, I recommend that we stick to the figure that's been recommended by GCFA. What could seem like an increase really is not because we've been using from reserves.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you, now at Microphone No. 2, are you speaking for or against?

Then let me come back to you. At microphone 4. Are you speaking for or against?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I am speaking for.

BISHOP YEAKEL: You are not in order either, at the moment. Number 14, are you speaking for or against?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I am speaking for.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Let me go to microphone 15. Are you speaking for or against?

MAXINE ALLEN (Little Rock): I have a question.

BISHOP YEAKEL: A question is in order.

ALLEN: OK, my question is, in that we are talking about these interdenominational funds, how do we currently rank, in regards to the mainline denominations, to our giving to these funds, and what kind of impact would the allocations that have been presented before us have on our ranking in those funds?

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, let's try to get the answer to that information. Can someone from . . . Clifford Droke, please?

CLIFFORD DROKE: Bishop and members of the conference.

There may be persons present who have the detail with them. I do not have the detailed information on that. I know that we are the largest, single contributing participant in the National Council of Churches. Last year for the first time in our history of relationship there, we did not pay our fair share, 100%. That was because we had exhausted the reserves that have been referred to. We are critical to the existence of these organizations.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, that is the best information we can get for you at this time. Microphone 13, are you speaking for or against? In favor or opposed to the motion?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I am for.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Microphone 5, are you speaking for or against? Are you at the microphone over here, sir? You're not at the microphone. All right, I come back to Microphone No. 2; you have the opportunity to speak; and then we have exhausted the speeches in favor of this motion.

RESSIE MAE BASS (Florida): Much of what I wanted to say has been said already. But I would just note, that the minority and the majority report both drop our giving to the ecumenical organizations, below the 1992 levels for every year for this next quadrennium. And I don't believe that we want to give such a message to the ecumenical community, nor do we want to backtrack what we have previously done. Which implies that we are reneging on our ecumenical commitment, so I urge us to support the minority report, although we need GCF&A's report.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. Now, Microphone No. 8. Are you speaking against this report?

RICHARD TIMBERLAKE (Holston): Against, yes, sir.

BISHOP YEAKEL: You are in order, sir.

TIMBERLAKE: The people at Clifford's Chapel United Methodist Church asked me to speak for them. They worked very hard to pay their askings 100%. They cannot do that every year, but last year they made it, and said, "Please use our money carefully." To them . . . someone said a moment ago, another million doesn't matter much. To the people at Clifford's Chapel, it makes a great deal of difference, and they would appreciate it if you would reduce this part of the asking, where they feel this is not a particularly significant use of their money. They would want the askings reduced if it's at all possible.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. I see no one at the microphones, that would indicate you're ready to vote. Does the minority committee wish to speak?

MERRICK: I would just refer the body to 2 items. First of all, if you look on p. 434, you'll notice that the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund does drop initially below the '92 level, but after halfway through the quadrennium is back above the '92 level, and I failed to mention when I was here before, that the supporting information for this particular budget is on p. 440.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. The majority report? No. The council?

BISHOP FORREST C. STITH: Just again, we would ask you in this instance, support the minority so you can support CFA in the next go-round. I remind you that our historical system, that relating to the ecumenical church worldwide, is one of the symbolic keys of being United Methodist. To pull back now and allow ourselves not to participate is a sign we do not want to send either. We are crucial and a key in the decision-making of these bodies which will determine where we are as a Christian church in the next 10 years. The reserves have been pointed out to as a factor we have had to dig into for the past 4 years, just to meet our commitments as members of these various communions. To not be able to participate will violate the contracts and commitments we have made and our participation in all the ecumenical opportunities we have.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. Let me try to be sure there is no confusion now. What is before you is no. 1, the minority report on the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund budget in an amount, an aggregate amount, of $5,972,000. If you vote "yes," you are voting for that number. If you vote "no," you are voting for the majority report, the majority report, which is $5,000,793--$93,000, excuse me, I am so used to a few thousand here, there, that, you know. Sorry about that. If you are ready to vote, please vote when the light appears.

The minority report received a vote of 486; the majority report, 457. You have adopted the majority report. I'm sorry; I'm sorry. I misspoke. The minority report, thank you. I need all the help I can get, and you're doing well. The minority report that you just adopted is your Yes button. It continues as the Yes button. The Council Report is the No button. If you wish the figure to be $5,972,000 you will vote "yes." If you wish it to be $6,874,000 you will vote no. Are we clear? Did someone say . . . you're saying no? You're clear on what you're voting for? All right. Please vote when the light appears. The "yes" vote, or the Minority Proposal, received 606; the Council Report, or the "no" vote was 341. You have adopted the minority report.

Now, stay with me; we may not be so far from the end. Beginning with Report No. 8, let me walk you through this. In the red book, p. 318: I am under the impression that report 308, which is the apportionment formula; no. 309, special

Sundays with offerings; no. 10, directives for the administration of the general funds; no. 11, income from the Board of Trustees--am I going too fast?--no. 12, the report on the Church's Center for Theology and Public Policy; no. 13, references from the prior General Conferences; no. 14, the budget of the General Council on Finance and Administration would require you to look at p. 443 of today's *DCA*--443.

I'm told to skip 14 for this present exercise. Skip that one for a moment. What number? Report No. 15, reports and recommendations with other general agencies. I'm told, and I want to clear, that these reports, 8 through 13 and no. 15, have concurrence from the legislative committee. Some of you have asked, When is it proper to make an omnibus motion? If you'd like to, you can do it at this time. Would you like to do that? It does not require the setting aside of the rules.

Are you moving that Tom? I have a motion to take these reports, 8 through 13 and 15, together. Is it seconded? Is there any discussion, any questions, any debate, whatever? Please go to a microphone, and I will see you there. I don't know if it's been helpful to you, but it's certainly allowed me to preside with, I think, some equity around the conference--because I can see you moving to the mikes, and I take you in order. No. 3, please.

PETER D. WEAVER (Western Pennsylvania): I'd like to draw our attention to Report No. 10, which is on the administration of general funds, p. 322. At the end of that section I'd like to add a no. 9.

BISHOP YEAKEL: No. 9, all right.

(A Motion for a Stewardship and Finance Study)

WEAVER: The motion is that the General Council on Ministries and GCFA shall establish a joint task force to make a comprehensive examination of the stewardship and financial issues of The United Methodist Church; and to propose a long-range plan to the 1996 General Conference in order to address those issues. The cost of the task force will be divided equally between GCOM and GCFA.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. That is your motion. Is it seconded? Would you like to speak to it?

WEAVER: This is the third General Conference I've come and in the first week been inspired to see the string of the kite let out and the wind of the Spirit allow us to soar high with the great vision. And then we come to the budget and find ourselves trapped with the string being pulled in again and again--trapped, almost paralyzed, in our sence of weakness and poverty instead of God's moving Spirit.

Something is wrong, and what's wrong--in my judgment, at least--is not that we are poor. Or at least in my congregation, when I look at the clothes we wear and the cars we drive and the places we live and how we spend our discretionary income, the money is there. We've said that in a number of ways. How is it that we connect the resources and blessings of God's people with the extraordinary needs that we have also felt at this General Conference?

We are a long way away from selling all we have, as Jesus admonished us, and giving to the poor. We are even a long way away from Wesley's "give all you have." We are even a long ways away from the Presbyterians in their stewardship. The disconnection in the connection, I would suggest, is between our discussion of finance and our understanding, theologically and biblically, of stewardship--what that means in the whole connection. And I would ask that this task force come to us with a long-range plan, so that we no longer need to come to General Conferences and face the second week in this spirit.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. Is there someone wishing to speak to this motion? I'm sorry . . . where's the . . . oh, yes. Microphone 6. Are you speaking for or against, sir?

V. L. DAUGHTERY (South Georgia): Point of information.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, sir.

DAUGHTERY: V. L. Daughtery, South Georgia.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you.

DAUGHTERY: I'd like to ask the maker of that motion, What will be the estimated cost of the church for the study recommended?

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. He's coming to the microphone to answer the question, and then I'll go to no. 7.

WEAVER: I do not have an estimated cost. The motion suggests that whatever that cost, that it will be equally borne by General Council on Ministries, General Council on Finance and Administration, which as I understand it does have administrative line items to care for these kinds of studies that need to be taken for the coordination of the general church.

BISHOP YEAKEL: You don't have an idea what it would cost; that's the answer to the question. Now, on microphone 6.

DAUGHTERY: Then I would like to speak in opposition to the motion.

BISHOP YEAKEL: You are in order; you may speak.

DAUGHTERY: I feel, again, we're being irresponsible; we're calling for studies. We do not know the cost; it's going to cost somebody something. It'll be taken out of the budget of these boards. I hope the body will vote it down.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, Microphone No. 7.

TIM RUSSELL (Central Texas): I speak in favor of the motion, and I hope the study will include taking a close look at the connectional covenant that we have in this body. It seems to me the way we do business is eroding that connectional covenant. We need to look, not only at what we say we want to do with our treasure, but where we actually put our treasure to indicate, to the world and to one another, where our hearts are in our covenant with one another and with God's world.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, I have 2 speeches for and 1 against. I will go to Microphone No. 3.

SCOTT A. WILLIAMS (Central Pennsylvania): I rise to speak against the motion because I feel that we've had too many studies, and the cost of these studies are, well, in this case, unknown. But I feel, knowing the cost of the studies that we've had in the last quadrennium, this would be an expensive study. I have a certain amount of empathy with the person who has made this motion, but it seems to me that the agencies involved would be entitled by their, the nature of these agencies and the *Discipline*, that we have to come up with recommendations without us going into a formal study. Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. Microphone No. 2.

MARIO E. NICOLAS (Caribbean and the Americas): Bishop, I rise to support the motion, but I would like to include in the motion the necessity of not look-

ing at the study only from a financial point of view, but looking at the study from a total understanding of stewardship as a way of life because we have heard that we have been declining in membership. And so, it is not only a financial matter that we should look at, but we should look at the whole picture. And so I believe this study is vitally important, but not only from a financial point of view. And I would just like to make an emphasis here that we must realize that the strength of the conference is the local church. And the strength of the local church is every member. Maybe we need to motivate each member to maximize his or her effort to really make stewardship not only a program or a campaign, but a way of life.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, thank you. Now, I can take 1 speech against the motion, and I will go to Microphone No. 9; are you speaking against?

ANITA H. CRUMP (Louisiana): I'd like to speak for the motion.

BISHOP YEAKEL: I'm sorry; you're not in order. No. 15, are you speaking against the motion? No. 15 . . .

UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Oh, no, I'm sorry; I'm in favor of the motion.

BISHOP YEAKEL: You are not in order. No. 7, are you speaking against the motion?

TOM FLINN (Baltimore Conference): Bishop, I'd like to refer this motion to the Board of Discipleship, which is in charge, really, of stewardship. It seems to me, I sympathize with the person who has made the motion. I do think there is something that must be done about our stewardship. However, I'm not sure that the 2 committees, or committee of the 2 agencies that were suggested, should be the persons, the only persons involved in this. And it seems to me that we're trying to reinvent the wheel. We do have a large group of persons, not staff particularly, but as far as laity and staff who are in on stewardship, and it seems to me that if we're going to talk about stewardship, the Board of Discipleship should be the persons to do it.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Now is that a motion to refer this to the Board of Discipleship?

FLINN: It is.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Is there a 2nd? It is seconded, and we are on that issue alone, and there's been 1 speech for it. I take it that the people at the microphones were not there to speak about this issue, so I'll go to no. 9.

MARY ANN SWENSON (Pacific Northwest): I would like to speak against the motion of referral to the Board of Discipleship. While it is true that the Board of Discipleship is very much involved in stewardship education for our church, I think the nature of this motion was specifically to address the kinds of things that we have been dealing with in this legislative session about budget and about our need in terms of overall comprehensive long-range planning in stewardship and financial work on behalf of the church. So I would speak against referral and in favor of the motion.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Is there clarity on the motion to refer? Are . . . would you vote on that and help me out a little bit? Are you willing? If you vote, if you wish to refer, you'll vote "yes," if you wish not to refer, vote "no." Please vote when the light appears. The motion to refer is lost; there are 337 votes "yes" and 594 "no"; the motion is lost.

We are on the primary motion to add a no. 9 to Report No. 10 calling for a joint study between COM/CFA. The whole issue of stewardship and its larger implications for the life of the church to be, the cost to be borne by the 2 agencies equally. I am open for 1 speech against that motion. Now let me go around again. At no. 15, are you speaking for, are you speaking against?

WILLIAM J. RISH (Alabama-West Florida): I have a motion to make, bishop.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, let me hear it.

RISH: I move the previous question on the pending amendment.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Is the motion for previous . . . on just this amendment?

RISH: And all amendments on these reports that you've taken up in groups.

BISHOP YEAKEL: The whole set of reports?

RISH: Yes, sir.

BISHOP YEAKEL: We go to finish the reports. That is appropriate. If you will move the, if you will adopt the previous question which cuts off debate, will you vote . . . no, there are no questions during a time of a call for the question. There's no point of order during the call for a question. The question call is in order; there's nothing to question about the question. We're going to decide whether you want to do it or not. If you want to do it, vote "yes," if not, vote "no." Please vote when the light appears. You are ready for the question; "Yes," 821; "No," 104 no, it has the required 2/3. The motion that you are voting on is the amendment, the new no. 9 on p. 322 of the red book, calling for the joint study to be funded by the 2 agencies, and to be reported back in '96. Questions only and only to the chair. No. 7.

Go to a mike if you have questions. And I recognize you, sir.

VICTOR W. GOLDSCHMIDT (Northern Indiana): I have a question because this item was under the consent calendar as not being concurred by the legislative committee. Could you please . . .

BISHOP YEAKEL: Which item?

GOLDSCHMIDT: The one we're amending now. No. 10, Report No. 10.

BISHOP YEAKEL: My understanding was that the committee agreed with me when I asked if all of these reports had received the concurrence of the committee. It's not going to be on consent calendar. Nothing that CFA submits will go on the consent calendar. It doesn't fit there. They assured me that they were in concurrence and were proceeding under that information.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Could they kindly refer to the action item to assure me that that's correct? My records show differently.

BISHOP YEAKEL: There is nothing in, well, their reporting the actions of their committee. That's the best I can do. Question at no. 13.

JUNE P. GOLDMAN (Iowa): Bishop, I have a question of clarification. Was the motion to move the previous question referring to the omnibus decision to vote on all of these matters, or was it just on the motion that was made regarding the joint study?

BISHOP YEAKEL: It was on all the matters before us.

GOLDMAN: Then I would like . . .

BISHOP YEAKEL: The Joint study, the full Report No. 10, and all the rest of it. It takes it all with it because it's all together.

GOLDMAN: Could I then ask for just a point of clarification on Report No. 13?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Providing it's not a speech, you may.

GOLDMAN: All right. On p. 325 of the *Advance DCA*, where it lists the expen-

ses of the staff persons attending General Conference, there seems to be quite a discrepancy between the numbers attending and the cost. Most of them are at about $1,000 per person. Is there any uniform formula that is used by the agencies, is my question?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, there is a uniform formula. It's provided by the Personnel Policies and Practices Committee of the church. They all conform to that. One of the differences could be that they don't all live in the same city.

GOLDMAN: Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, Questions only. No. 14. No. 14.

WILLIAM C. SMALLWOOD (Mississippi): This is a point of information. I was in that committee, and I thought that there was an amendment to Report 13 asking that this be a continuing action and reported back again at the next General Conference.

BISHOP YEAKEL: I think we've already had an action in the conference asking for that, but it would not show in this particular report. Can you help us out with that, Sandra?

LAKORE: That was the sense of the committee, but as I understand it, we can amend these reports.

BISHOP YEAKEL: That's correct. You can amend this. Well the body can from the floor, but it's too late on this one now. All right, no. 7 again. I'm sorry, no. 15.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I have a question. In the Delphi Report, the concerns, particularly for internal church matters, the no. 1 concern that was raised out of that study was for stewardship. Is there going to be some way to refer that concern for study and action?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Well, among other things, you have a stewardship amendment resting on your agenda right now. I can't speak beyond that. No. 9, what is your question, please?

MARVIN B. ABRAMS (California-Pacific): Marv Abrams, California-Pacific Annual Conference.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, Marv, and we want you to know we've been supporting you in the loss of your sister. Go ahead with your question.

ABRAMS: Thank you very much, Bishop.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Go ahead.

ABRAMS: I have a question. Are you including Report No. 9?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 15.

(Native American Awareness Sunday Offering Distribution)

ABRAMS: The question that I have with Report No. 9 refers to No. 6, on Native American Awareness Sunday. The conference's legislative committee passed a piece of legislation that was on the consent calendar on Tuesday, and in the middle of that it says, to be administered by the Conference Board of Global Ministries. My question is, if the conference passes this petition, it's already on a consent calendar, will that change this particular portion of this report?

BISHOP YEAKEL: I don't know the answer to that. We'll get it.

ABRAMS: There will be a new . . .

BISHOP YEAKEL: I presume that if it is on the consent calendar, it's already passed.

DROKE: Bishop, we've conferred on the platform. It's the understanding of the leadership of the financial committee and of GCFA that the rules of the conference provide, an item presented to the conference and voted, would take precedence over any item on the consent calendar.

ABRAMS: Bishop, the petition that was passed by the Conferences Committee says that it would be the responsibility of the Native American committee in an annual conference to determine the distribution of the Native American Awareness Sunday offering.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Cliff, does it still hold, your statement hold on this?

DROKE: Yes, it does, Bishop.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Then say it again.

DROKE: My statement is that our understanding of the rules, which is why we are looking toward you, is that the rules of the General Conference provide that where there are conflicts between items presented to the General Conference, particularly when there has been debate or question raised, take precedence over any item conflicting with it that came through on a consent calendar.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you, that's my understanding of the rules, too.

ABRAMS: Does that mean that it will be, that it'll have the wording from the . . .

BISHOP YEAKEL: The wording from, in this report is what we will obtain. All right, number 7.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Yes, Mr. Bishop, thank you. I guess I need your careful guiding me, so I am not irresponsive. As I look in the *DCA* p. 234, what we friendly call the blue book, Calendar Item 185, refers to Report No. 10, if I am correct. And that's one of those in which the legislative committee called for nonconcurrence. That same thing is correct.

BISHOP YEAKEL: May I share that the legislative committee does not have authority to nonconcur.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Could we hear from them . . . ?

BISHOP YEAKEL: But they can bring a report saying that . . . here that they did not concur, but they told me they did, so I can't . . .

GOLDSCHMIDT: But, we need your guidance.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes, but they didn't.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Mr. Bishop, our records . . .

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes?

GOLDSCHMIDT: Our official records, in which they stated . . .

BISHOP YEAKEL: Let me ask the committee, will you please?

GOLDSCHMIDT: Yes, please.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right. You have the reference now?

LAKORE: Bishop, as we have mentioned earlier, we were not aware on the vote of these funds that we did not take action. Not until you clarified it and met with the committee. So these actions were taken, perhaps in error, because the committee was not aware that it couldn't do it.

BISHOP YEAKEL: The committee was acting as if it had authority to change the reports. It does not. It has the right to bring an amendment here to the floor as a privileged amendment. They indicated they had no amendments, and that it was concurrence, and that's what I am acting under, so that's where we are.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Could you then, in the records also include there's an error as well in the action Item 188?

BISHOP YEAKEL: I did not understand that.

GOLDSCHMIDT: If indeed what the legislative committee says, they made an error when they reported nonconcurrence, we should note in the records that

they made an error in that action item, in that calendar item, and so is the case in Calendar Item 189, I'm sorry, 189 on p. 235, where again the records show nonconcurrence and now they claim concurrence.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Wherever the record shows that the committee on Financial Affairs took action to change any of the 15 submitted reports of the Council on Finance and Administration, the record will show that they were in error and that they are not applicable. They have the right to come here to make amendments. They have made no amendment so we are proceeding.

That's the *Discipline* and the law of the conference. All right. What you have before, we're on, call for the question is before us, information only. Go to a microphone, I'll recognize you. Microphone 10.

HARRIETT J. OLSON (Northern New Jersey): Thank you, bishop, may I just follow up on the question raised by Marvin Abrams?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Sure.

OLSON: The Report No. 9 describes the Native American Awareness Sunday. My understanding of this would be that it is a description of the current administration of that fund, and shouldn't be read as legislation which would supersede something on the Consent Calendar. Could you clarify that for me?

BISHOP YEAKEL: Let's assume your analysis is correct that it's a description of what is presently there. It is also the report of CF&A and is before this body. There was no intent on my part to move through it without calling everything to your attention, and I did ask whether there were any other areas that were either to be amended by the committee, before we went to accept the process of the call for the question. This would take precedence, because it will be an action on this report. Reports that come to the body and are acted upon take precedence over Consent Calendars.

OLSON: If I may, Bishop, I guess the distinction I'm not clear on is whether the report intends to be legislative, or whether it merely intends to be descriptive.

BISHOP YEAKEL: All right, Cliff?

DROKE: The cue is found on p. 320, at the top of the page, the 1st paragraph where it refers first to the *Book of Discipline*, and then in the 2nd sentence on the page says, "For the 1993-1996 quadrennium, 6 general church special Sunday offerings shall be received in accordance with the following provisions."

BISHOP YEAKEL: So it is legislative.

OLSON: Thank you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: OK. Are you ready now to vote? I think I've exhausted the questions or the chair, one or the other. We are voting on the proposed amendment to Report No. 10 on p. 322, a new No. 9 calling for the study. Are you, you understand what we are voting on? Do I need to say more? Thank you. If you will adopt the amendment on Report No. 10, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 422; "No," 498. The amendment is not adopted. You have before you now all of the reports, beginning with Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 15 without any amendments, and the only voice would be CFA, I don't know whether you want to say anything before we go. Are you ready to go? All right, if you'll adopt these reports, please vote when the light appears. All right, the vote is "Yes," 847; "No," 77. Will you turn now to Report No. 14, and turn in your red book to 329, and to your blue book to 443. Why we didn't want to include this in any possible omnibus was that the figures needed changing. The set of figures now would be changed to those on 443. That would be an automatic responsibility of CF&A, but it requires your adoption. Are you ready? If you will adopt Report 14 on p. 329 in the red book, as amended by the figures on 443 in the blue book, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 855; "No," 61. We have adopted Report No. 14. Now, will you turn to p. 430 in the blue book, 430 in the blue book. This report concerning budgetary references from the 1992 General Conference is no longer helpful, and CFA is withdrawing it. And let me call on Bishop Russell to speak to this for your understanding.

(GCF&A Postpones Budget Referral Report for Refinement)

BISHOP RUSSELL: On p. 430 it is necessary for us to withdraw the report of those legislative matters referred to GCFA, because of funding of special matters. There's still some to come before this body. We are withdrawing the report, so that we can go back to work and at the present time we have subcommittees of our council at work in consultation with a number of the groups. Tomorrow at noon the council will meet to make a decision, and then we'll be ready to resubmit this report on the budgetary references. Chairman, Bishop Yeakel, while I'm here, I asked you earlier if I might have the privilege of saying a word.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Yes.

BISHOP RUSSELL: First of all to those persons who have expressed concern about the Native American Awareness Sunday, if you would speak with Clifford Droke, we'll be happy to talk with you about that, and to see what we can work out. This is in a sense a personal privilege matter. I was born in a Methodist parsonage and have loved this church. I have never been prouder of it than today. We have come to express different views and different understanding of how we finance the mission and the ministry of the church. Now, we have taken almost the full day and everyone has expressed their view. And then together we have made a decision, and I thank God for that. Let me say to you that by our calculation, the grand total of all the funds approved, $471,670,000. This morning it was mentioned about 5 annual conferences which increased their giving this past year. I celebrate that with you. All day long I have been looking for an opportunity to brag on the conference that I serve. I never had that opportunity, but I want to do it now because I would like to return to Fort Worth at least for a few more months. We celebrate all who have increased; the Central Texas Conference more than 20 years has paid 100% of its apportionments, even in the midst of recession. What if this church, all of us, were to return to say, "Beginning now, we are going to increase our payments to the general funds 5% from each annual conference." Then we would be able to do those things which we did not budget, and that would be my challenge to you.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you, Bishop Russell.

QUICK: Bishop, and members of the conference, in a moment of personal privilege, I would like to say thanks to a number of persons. We'd like to thank you, sir, for the very fair way in which you've presided over this day. I want you to know the tremendous appreciation that I have personally, and this committee has, for Cliff Droke, for members of his staff, for Bishop Russell and the

members of GCF&A, for the tremendous amount of time they have given, and the great help that Cliff Droke has been to our legislative committee. Could we express thanks to all of them? And finally, thank you for being kind to the messenger. I have stood here as the representative of Financial Administration, and we have had excellent leadership from Velma Bunch, our secretary, from Ewing Werlein, our vice-chair, and from Sandra Kelley Lackore, our legislative chair and members of the legislative committee who really, diligently, sincerely worked hard. We prayed and we struggled together. I would like to thank each one of them, and I hope that you would join me in thanking them. Thank you, Bishop.

BISHOP YEAKEL: Thank you, and if I am allowed 15 seconds, I have sitting behind me Bishop Looney and Bishop Scott Allen. Of course Bishop Looney has lots to do in his episcopal area, but you need to know that Bishop Allen wrote the *Roberts Rules,* Handbook, so thanks to them. I have one last note. It says the coffee is ready, the cookies are going stale, and we need a break. Could you take a break and be back in 10 minutes, really? And perhaps you'd be willing to extend the time for adjournment til 5:30. That would give a solid hour to begin to work on the ministry report. Think about that while you munch and crunch. Thank you very much.

(recess)

Bishop William Boyd Grove assumes Chair as Presiding Bishop

BISHOP WILLIAM B. GROVE: Bishop Forrest Stith is going to lead us in an African hymn for which you do not need a song book. It is in the new *Book of Worship,* but you don't need that now. Let's be in order. You'll like this if you can hear it. Can you do it?

BISHOP FORREST STITH: We'll try. Some of those from the Northeast may already know this and others may learn it. Since we've been celebrating Africa University, we're gonna visit Zimbabwe, and one of the favorite hymns of Zimbabwe goes like this.

(song)

BISHOP GROVE: Now, if we can be in order, please? People over in this corner at coffee, come if you will, quickly. We're ready to begin. We want to give our attention to the Legislative Committee on Ministry so that they can make their introductory presentation with our full attention.

Delegates, take your seats. You've been very steadfast today, and I know it's been a long day, and we have miles to go before we sleep, but our proposal to you in a moment will be that we take some introductory material relative to the legislative items coming to us from the Committee on Ministry, and then break for dinner before we go into the legislation so we'll be more fresh when we come back. But first, let's be in order, please, quickly. Thank you very much, appreciate that. There was a request from somebody who I think is over here, for the floor to request a declaratory decision from the Judicial Council that relates to finance. Bishop Yeakel wasn't able to recognize him, so we'll take that 1st, if that brother is back. Yes, back here, at microphone 14.

(Legality of Budget Caps Questioned)

JERRY G. BREWSTER (Memphis): I request a declaratory decision by the Judicial Council as to the legality of the General Conference setting a limit, either in dollar amount or percentage increase, for the total cap that the General Council on Finance and Administration shall use in setting their recommendations for the amounts of all funds in total provided for in par. 906.1 of the *Discipline.*

BISHOP GROVE: Is there a 2nd? All right, do you want to speak to it?

BREWSTER: Please. It was the understanding of most of the delegates, I believe, in the conference that there was to be some type of a cap that we would be operating under. The committee was persuaded that this would be out of order, and so they brought no cap. I would like for there to be a decision about this, so that future General Conferences will not have to be concerned about whether they can put a cap and they can operate according to whatever rules are decided. I recognize that it is the power of the body to ultimately set the amounts for all of the funds, but it is very difficult for a body of the whole to do this, and I request that decision.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, anyone want to speak to it? I think you're ready to vote on this. This takes majority. It takes only 20% to ask the Judicial Council to rule on the constitutionality of an issue that we have dealt with here, but I believe it takes a majority, so please vote when the light appears. "Yes" if you want a declaratory decision, "no" if you do not. "Yes," 566; "No," 238. The declaratory decision is requested, and our sisters and brothers at the back table now have something to do that'll get them out of this hall. I now recognize Dennis Campbell, the chairperson of the Legislative Committee on Ordained and Diaconal Ministry.

DENNIS M. CAMPBELL (North Carolina): Bishop Grove, members of the General Conference, visitors and observers. I am chair of the Legislative Committee on Ordained and Diaconal Ministry. At the 1988 General Conference in St. Louis, a Commission to Study the Ministry was established. At commission was a continuation and extension of the work of the commission which reported to the 1988 General Conference. It was specified in the legislation establishing the commission that, "The commission shall report through the Council of Bishops to the General Conference." The Council of Bishops received the report at their 1991 fall meeting at Lake Junaluska. It came from the council to the Legislative Committee on Ordained and Diaconal Ministry. The commission's report was the 1st item the committee considered. The report of the commission begins on p. 851 of the *Advance DCA.* I was privileged to serve as a member of the commission and can say sincerely that the chair of that commission gave remarkable service. It is appropriate that she come now to make a statement about the work of the commission. Bishop Grove, I am pleased to present to the conference, Ruth Daugherty, chair of the Commission to Study the Ministry, and a member of the legislative committee.

BISHOP GROVE: Thank you, and welcome, Ruth Daugherty. Before Ms. Daugherty speaks to us, let me say to you that it's the chair's understanding that the right of the study commission to present its work to us as part of this opening as we come toward proposed legislation is not bound by the 10-minute limit that is established for each calendar item, so unless there's objection, we'll proceed with that understanding.

(Introduction to Study of Ministry)

RUTH A. DAUGHERTY (Eastern Pennsylvania): Bishop Grove, members of the Council of Bishops, delegates to this General Conference, and visitors and observers. The Commission for the Study of Ministry sought to faithfully fulfill its mandate given by the 1988 General Conference. That commission, composed of 35 members who were appointed by the Council of Bishops, were representative of the diversity and the inclusiveness of this church. This refers to the various aspects of ministry, as well as the inclusiveness as we talk about it in ethnic and racial ethnic minorities, and the geographic areas including Central Conferences. There are some of those members who are present here. Some were here as visitors; some are here as delegates. I would ask those persons to stand, including the 5 bishops who were on our commission if they would, so that I might publicly thank them for their participation in this commission.

As we began our task, the commission determined that there would be 3 principles which would determine their work. The first was a missional focus, realizing that we are living in days that are fast-moving, and technology that is advancing even beyond our comprehension, at least of laypersons who are not familiar with all of that. That our society is also rapidly changing, and we have heard that in this conference about what is occurring in our cities, as well as among many of the peoples of our country. We felt that this had to be one of the focuses as we look at the needs for ministry in the future. The missional focus became very primary, and almost a priority, as we determined different parts of our recommendations.

This was built upon the premise and the principle that all of us as Christians are called to service through our baptism. The general ministry of all Christians is affirmed, and also that those who are set apart for special ministries are given the responsibility of helping to upbuild that body of Christ.

The 3rd principle was that there would be 3 distinct ministries, that of deacon, elder, and bishop. This is concurrent with the practice that is in many denominations now.

(Order of Deacon)

As chairperson of this commission, I have attended many conferences with persons representing studies in other denominations, even including Roman Catholic, and in all of them there is the move to affirm the order of deacon. There is not uniformity in how that is done, but this certainly is one of the areas in which we have a commonality.

In structuring these ministries, we determine that we would make an effort to have legislation that would set parameters, but would be flexible enough to permit response to opportunities for mission that we cannot even begin to know now, as rapidly as the world is moving, but that we are in a situation which demands that we have that capability if we are to be faithful to being able to respond to God's mission in today's world and the future. The commission sought to discern God's will for ministry. As we looked at that, we saw that it was intertwined almost inseparably with mission, that mission is the focus, and ministry is to carry out God's mission. We sought to discern the will of the church by seeking responses from the leaders of our church, both nationally, conference, and local church. After every one of our meetings, we sent a communication to the leadership of those units that I have mentioned in the church, and invited their response. Those responses were shared with the commission. A questionnaire was also sent to each of the bishops and the Council of Bishops to answer individually and return to us. That material also in its entirety was referred to our commission without any summarized statements, simply as information for them to take and work with it.

There was also a draft of our report which was sent in the fall of '90 with a questionnaire from the Office of Research of the General Council on Ministries, so that it would be as objective as possible. Many of you here may have received that, and you know as a consequence of it, there were some major changes made in our report.

These are some of the ways in which we have tried to discern the will of the church. With all of this information, plus many other books, periodicals, reports from other people who were before us in the commission, brought to us a body of material that helped us in our debate and our discussion, and upon that we came to the same conclusion that many previous ministry studies have brought. And I would remind you that we have been studying the ministry in some aspect--if you want to go back even to the 1930s when the 2 Methodist denominations came together--but particularly around the issue of the deacon, since 1976.

The same conclusion to which we came is the need for a permanent order of deacon. The proposal for this new order of deacon was built upon and expanded the present diaconal ministry to provide the flexibility to respond to missional needs of ministry. In order to provide that flexibility, there were these 2 suggestions which were incorporated in the report. The deacons can initiate their service assignments, that the bishop or district superintendent are also encouraged to recommend service assignments, but realizing that this is an order of the church, and there must be a very specific accountability to the church and they must be under the authority of the church, the bishop has been given the final authority to approve or not to approve those service assignments.

(Order of Elder)

The second order is that of elder; and to make a distinctive order of deacon, it was suggested and recommended that there be a single ordination to Word, Sacrament, and order for the elder. Again, looking at the missional focus, we looked at the circumstances that we presently have in our church, and some termed that we have many elders of different categories: some ordained as elder, deacons; some ordained as associate members and deacons; some who are local pastors. One essential goal of any pattern of entry into the order of elder is to provide for persons who are theologically educated and well equipped for their ministries.

Another goal established was to ensure the opportunity and equity for full participation in the life of the annual conference.

These 2 goals, as we looked at them and looked at the needs and the present structure, brought us to bring the recommendation that there be 2 routes to ordination for elder: one through the course of study--and this was brought with the recognition that the Board of Higher Education and Ministry has the responsibility of determining and

modifying that course of study to meet the emerging needs that are before us; and conference Boards of Ordained Ministry, which, as we studied our discipline, we noted are really the ones who have the responsibility for recommending candidates for elders orders--so that there would be some guards about just anyone completing the course of study and being ordained.

(Order of Bishop)

The bishop is the third order. The bishop is a consecrated order . . . office of the order of elder, but with authority to make appointments and to approve or not to approve service assignments as well as administrative functions and other leadership responsibilities. This was not further developed due to the time which we had in our commission to do our work.

The report of the Study of Ministry was mandated by the General Conference of 1988, and we completed that work, we believe, with integrity--and in a faithful manner--and submitted it, as requested, through the Council of Bishops to this General Conference. It has been before you and, indeed, was sent to the delegates even before you got your *DCAs*. The General Conference assigned the report of the commission to a legislative committee. That report is no longer the property of that commission. When we finished our work in August, the commission said, We have done our work. This is our gift to the church. This now becomes a report that is sent to the church, and we send it through the channels and through the process that the church has designated to deal with it.

Our process is that when it comes to General Conference, that report is assigned to a legislative committee. That has been done here. The legislative committee has struggled with some of the same issues with which the commission struggled, and I have heard over and over again many of the questions and the debate of the pros and cons for and against. I can honestly say I have heard nothing new, because it was all before us in our commission. The legislative committee now will report to you its proposed legislation. It is now, indeed, the property of this body. It is now, indeed, the responsibility of you, as delegates, to determine what the future ministry of this church will be.

I believe that now is the time to act; that God's *kairos* time is calling us to look at how we are presently structured, and if it indeed--although it has been effective in the past--will serve us well in the future. It is now your decision. We cherish our past, but we cannot cling to it. As Wesley took the challenge to move out and defy some of the customs, or move beyond some of the customs of his day, so perhaps we are being called to do the same today. God calls us to prepare for the future that even now is being brought into being. The structure of our church is in place to implement the changes that are being proposed by the legislative committee, so that our ministry can proceed without interruption. The legislative committee's proposed ordering of ministry would both strengthen what is already present and be moved beyond it to meet urgent and emerging needs.

I would like to say a personal word in my closing remarks. I would like to thank you for the privilege, the high privilege, of working with this commission and chairing it. No matter what happens, I shall have experienced for the first time in my life what the church of God really is. For I saw 35 persons from very diverse backgrounds--theologically, sociologically, almost every way you can describe--come from with very different opinions and be willing to debate and discuss until our final meeting in August. The 27 who were present voted unanimously for the report, not because each agreed with it 100% but because they said, "We believe this is in the best interest of the church." I give you the report from the commission; it is now yours.

BISHOP GROVE: I know we will say this again when we've completed this business, but I feel a desire to say now to Ruth Daugherty and members of the commission--before we deal with any of the proposals coming before us--that we acknowledge, as we receive from this study commission this work, a gift to the church from these people. We acknowledge with great gratitude and joy the commitment that they have made and shared the gift they bring to us now. However we move from here on, we say thank you to Ruth Daugherty and the Study Commission on the Ministry.

Now, we're within 2 minutes of the time for recess. I think we will break now after some announcements and some other procedural matters related to our life together. We're asking you to agree--and this represents a change in the agenda, and I'll ask you to take a hand vote; it'll take two-thirds--to reduce the dinner hour from 2 1/2 to 2 hours so that we would be back here 2 hours after the time of recess. We've got a lot of work to do on this, as you know, and a half hour on the early end of the evening is a half hour off the later end of the evening; and 2 hours should be enough. If you will agree to that, will you lift the hand? Down. Opposed? And we are agreed. And we will assemble [in] 2 hours, and I'll give you the time when we finally leave here now. But I think we'll stop here with the report of the legislative committee and resume with them when we come back. Carolyn Marshall has 1 announcement, and then Charles Jordan has, I believe, a procedural motion.

CAROLYN MARSHALL (General Conference Secretary): The announcement that we have is that the Global Ministries Legislative Committee will meet immediately following the plenary tonight--not after this afternoon's session, but following the evening session in committee room 110 and 112.

BISHOP GROVE: Thank you. Charles Jordan, Committee on . . . [calendar]

(Consent Calendar Motion)

CHARLES JORDAN (Northern Illinois): Bishop, and members of the conference, earlier I did share with you the fact that 1 of the calendar items this evening would be items related to abortion. We will have to reschedule that because of the way today's agenda has been moving. I would, at this time, also share this with you: I move that the current rule that determines a consent calendar item as 5 or less negative votes be changed, and that that number be increased to 10 or less. And if I have a second, I would like to briefly speak to that.

BISHOP GROVE: All right.

JORDAN: We have a number of calendar items with 6, 7, or 8 negative votes--perhaps some 70 to 80--which is about 20 to 25% of the current items that we still have yet to deal with. This motion would allow us to move our calendar items with some dispatch, but, at the same time, focus our attention on those

items where there is a serious concern for adequate debate.

BISHOP GROVE: And the procedure for removing items from the consent calendar remains in place.

JORDAN: Remains in place. Procedure for removal remains in place.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, you ready? Yes, back here? Microphone 7. This will take two-thirds when we vote.

UNIDENTIFIED: Is it appropriate to move a substitute to this?

BISHOP GROVE: Let's hear it.

UNIDENTIFIED: I would move that it be set at 10% rather than 10 because of the variety of votes. At one time, 10 people in a voting delegation of 45 is quite considerably greater than one that is at 95; so I would move a substitute to have 10% rather than just 10 delegates.

BISHOP GROVE: 10% of the number present when the . . .

UNIDENTIFIED: On voting, yes.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, is that seconded? It is. Yes, down here, microphone 2.

CHARLES W. EUREY (Western North Carolina): Bishop, Charles Eurey, Western North Carolina Conference. Would this have any effect on a minority report where 10 people are required, or 10%, to make a minority report if you put it on the . . .

BISHOP GROVE: It would be my understanding that if there's a minority report which requires 10 votes or percentage--I think it's 20%, whichever is less. Any calendar item that has a minority report would not go on the consent calendar.

EUREY: Thank you.

BISHOP GROVE: Do you agree with that?

EUREY: Yes.

BISHOP GROVE: You ready? Vote when the light appears. This is to amend by changing 10 to 10%. We're on the amendment. "Yes," 558; "No," 338. It is amended. So now the motion is to increase the number of putting an item on the consent calendar to 10% of the votes cast. Anyone? And again, this will need two-thirds. Are you asking for . . . no, it's a page. Anyone? I think you're ready. Vote when the light appears; it takes two-thirds. "Yes," 763; "No," 145. That is sustained, and the rule is changed. We are now in recess. I'm going to give you 5 minutes. We'll be back at 7:10.

(recess)

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Bishop William B. Grove, presiding

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BISHOP GROVE: All right, you may be seated. And let's gather and be seated and be quiet because we're going to have a moment of prayer. Friends in the back, if you'll come, come on. Thank you. Can we be seated, please? I don't want to begin prayer while you're . . . I know you're coming quickly in the aisles and I appreciate that, but if we could have quiet in the rear, please. I've received word that Rev. Leanna Perez from Puerto Rico has been hospitalized for 3 days now and needs our prayer--hoping to take her home to Puerto Rico tomorrow, depending on her condition. We hold her and lift her into the light of healing grace. What I'd like us to do is have a few moments of silence, praying for Leanna and any others whose names are in our hearts. And then, after the silence, I will pray for and with you a prayer from the new *Book of Worship*: the prayer for purity on p. 361. Remembering Leanna Perez and all others who suffer, let us pray. This is a child's prayer from Pakistan.

(prayer)

I'd like to recognize June McCullough, who needs to ask you to think again about the decision we made about the consent calendar. At microphone 1.

(Consent Calendar Reconsidered)

JUNE McCULLOUGH (Southern New Jersey): I move reconsideration of our previous action regarding the consent calendar.

BISHOP GROVE: You want to say why, and then then they'll vote the motion?

McCULLOUGH: We had operated under a rule of equality that 5 or fewer would go on the consent calendar. We have changed the rules a little bit when we make it 10%. It seems to me that 5--that 10--is a fairer number across all of the legislation.

BISHOP GROVE: Well, I was told that there's yet another reason related to the fact that if it's a percentage rather than a flat number, all 100 petitions will have to be calculated by hand and the other way the computer will do it.

McCULLOUGH: That's also true. That's . . .

BISHOP GROVE: All right. If you'll reconsider, lift your hand. Down. Opposed? It is reconsidered, and I think Charles Jordan, the chair of the Committee on Calendar, also wishes to speak to it.

CHARLES JORDAN (Northern Illinois): On this item, when we when went downstairs and talked with the coordinator of calendar, there would be some 1,700 petitions that we would have to go through manually to determine the percentages because those percentages would be determined on the number of persons voting at that time. Our coordinator of calendar said that either we would . . . we need to give an empirical number--which we had recommended before, which was 10, or, if you're going to a percentage, it would have to be a percentage of the membership of the committee. And in order for those to equal out, a suggested percentage would be 20. And so we would stick with the 10 persons, 10 or fewer, which was our previous recommendation.

BISHOP GROVE: So since this is reconsidered, you're moving that the number be set at 10?

JORDAN: I would so move, sir.

BISHOP GROVE: Coming from the committee, it needs no 2nd. If you want discussion? If you will approve it, lift your hand. Opposed? And it is approved. And Charles, you have another item related to calendar before we return to the Committee on Ministry.

JORDAN: We have an item coming out of the Committee on Conferences, which will appear in the A tomorrow. It is an item that is of importance. We would like to consider this item this evening, if possible, following the consideration of our ministry items. It is found on p. 208 in the *Advance DCA*, and the subject is the composition of the voting membership of General Conference. The secretary is prepared to have copies of this item for all of us, so that we would have the copies of the item--the calendar item, or the item that has not been assigned a calendar--but at least the subject matter as we would consider it. And I would move suspension of the rules in order that we would be able to consider this item at the appropriate time this evening.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. The motion is to suspend the rules. Is it

seconded? It takes 2/3. If you will suspend the rules, will you lift a hand? Down. Opposed? The rules are suspended, and we can deal with the item at that time. Return to Dennis Campbell, the chair of the Committee on Ordained and Diaconal Ministry.

DENNIS CAMPBELL (North Carolina): Thank you, bishop. You have now heard the report from Ruth Daugherty, the chair of the Commission to Study the Ministry. Let me remind you that the report of the commission is contained in the *Advance DCA*, beginning on p. 851 and continuing through p. 868. I am assuming that you have all read it and pondered it and are familiar with it. The legislative committee examined it and discussed the report at length and with care.

(Calendar Item No. 313, Referral to Council of Bishops)

After doing that, the legislative committee voted to receive the report with thanks and appreciation, and to use it as background for its legislative work. The committee then, turned to act on the petition from the Council of Bishops. This petition is found on pp. 882-883 of your red *Advance DCA*, and it appears in the blue book on p. 246 as Calendar Item 313. You will see there that the recommendation of the committee is for nonconcurrence.

The reason for this recommendation is that the committee judges, or judged, that it wanted to use the commission's report as helpful background and guidance for its work. Furthermore, there was a strong sense in the committee that it was not sufficient for the committee, or indeed for this General Conference, simply to refer this work. The committee wanted to deal with it, and bring recommendations to this General Conference. The commission's report represents not just the work of this past commission, but builds upon many years of study, reflection, and work. It was the judgment of the committee that decision and action, not referral, was in order. The committee recommends nonconcurrence with the resolution.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, it's before you. Yes, back here. The gentleman who's standing, if you'll come to no. 7?

MICHAEL J. COYNER (North Indiana): I have been a member of that legislative committee and the action Dr. Campbell reported is accurate. However, as we got into the study, I really doubt that our committee would have voted that same action after we worked on the study for 3 days. If you've been reading the calendar items, you note that we have dramatically amended in many, many places that study, such that it now is a quite different report than was originally prepared. So I'd like to speak against the action of the committee, even though I voted for it at the time because it's very clear to me by now that there are a lot of unanswered questions. Let me quickly name 2. One has to do with the committee's amendments to change the new deacon order to a clergy order, and there are a lot of unanswered questions there, which is why, earlier in the week, I asked that that constitutional amendment be tabled until now. It's unclear, I think, to many of us whether these new deacons will be treated fully as clergy for things like election to General Conference delegations.

Another typical position that's not clear is what IRS would do with this. One of our most profound arguments to IRS that clergy are self-employed is our itinerant system. If we suddenly create a new order of clergy who are non-itineranting--I'm not an IRS expert--my hunch is they'd jump all over that as a chance to deal with the rest of us clergy. There are just so many unanswered questions I now believe that it's better to have the report as amended referred on to the Council of Bishops, perhaps even to other groups, so some of these careful details can be cared for in the next few years. Thank you.

BISHOP GROVE: Thank you. That's a speech against the nonconcurrence recommendation. Yes, right here. Microphone 4.

RICHARD S. PARKER (New York): Bishop, I would like to move that this Calendar Item 313 be laid on the table until the General Conference has completed its work in response to the report of the legislative committee.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. The motion to lay it on the table is before you. It is non-debatable.

PARKER: May I simply explain that that would give us an opportunity . . .

BISHOP GROVE: I . . . You cannot.

PARKER: Oh, OK.

BISHOP GROVE: I'm sorry, you can't. You can only move to table. We'll proceed to vote. If you will lay this on the table until the other material has been dealt with, vote "yes." If you want to continue the discussion, vote "no." Vote when the light appears. ("Yes," 540; "No," 333). It has been laid on the table. All right. Dr. Campbell.

CAMPBELL: All right, let me say that we did not have to bring that calender item at the beginning and, in fact, had some debate about whether we would. It does not . . . the fact that you have tabled that item does not prevent us from going forward, as I understand it.

BISHOP GROVE: That is correct.

CAMPBELL: Let me simply say then, that in the legislative committee, once the decision was made not to refer, the committee then turned its attention to the question of the ordering of ministry. Now, the committee worked long hours and labored diligently. I want to emphasize long hours. And it used the commission report, but I also want to emphasize to you that the legislative committee altered it considerably.

We are not talking tonight simply about the adoption of the Ministry Study Commission report. The most significant difference is, as you will all be aware, that the Ministry Study Commission report recommended a lay order of deacon, a consecrated lay order of deacon. That linchpin of the commission's report was laid aside. Now, in order to put the legislation we are bringing to you in context, I thought it might be useful to summarize the committee's proposal. I am going to do that in just a couple of minutes, and then we are going to turn to 3 key petitions, which in the committee itself were used, if you will, to test the committee and to determine how we would proceed.

The fact of the matter is that we do not come with a report that can simply be put in front of you in writing that pulls all of this together. Because we were a legislative committee and that we did not move to simply adopt the report of the Ministry Study Commission, the committee was put in the position of having to do its work by legislative petition, and dealing with items in that way. And so, in order to begin, we have chosen 3 key petitions that will frame and shape the thrust of the committee's work.

Basically, the committee's proposal is to do, 1st, to create a new order of deacon to take the place of what we now call "diaconal ministers." This would be

an ordained order of deacon. The deacons would be full clergy members of the annual conference, ordained to liturgy and service. The deacons would be accountable to the bishop who would "set their assignments," but they would not be appointed itinerants as Ruth Daugherty has indicated. This proposal seemed better to the committee than the commission's proposal for a consecrated lay deacon. Most agreed that a lay deacon was confusing, both to the theology of the laity, and to our understanding of the diaconate. The ideal of an ordained deacon seems to make better sense theologically.

Secondly, there are those who are called to the ministry of elders; excuse me, those who are called to the ministry of elders would no longer be ordained deacon 1st. The idea of 1 ordination for elders is an idea that is not new. It was proposed 4 years ago, and it is proposed again as a way to clarify the role of the proposed ordained deacon, and the elder.

Thirdly, the committee's proposal includes changed understandings of membership in the annual conference, since deacons would now be clergy and new understandings of educational requirements for both deacons and elders. Now, as I said, the committee worked by taking legislative petitions 1 by 1. And we are, therefore, going to begin this evening with what I am calling 3 key petitions as a way to introduce the committee's total work to you. We will take them 1 at a time.

(Calendar Item No. 1219; Nature of Diaconal Ministry)

The 1st is found as a calendar item in your blue book on p. 376.

It appears as Calendar Item 1219. This appears in the *Advance DCA*, the red book, on p. 869. It deals with the nature of diaconal ministry and concerns disciplinary par. 302. One of our subcommittee chairpersons, Doris Rudy, from Northern Illinois, will make the presentation for the legislative committee.

BISHOP GROVE: Doris Rudy.

DORIS J. RUDY (Northern Illinois): Our committee recommends concurrence as amended to rename the paragraph, "The Nature of the Ministry of Deacon," and in line 3, to add the words, "by ordination to the order of deacon for the ministry of liturgy and service."

A long time ago, a missionary wrote to the church in Ephesus, "There is but 1 ministry in Christ, but there are diverse gifts and evidence of God's grace in the body of Christ." The legislative committee's action reflects our belief that this description of the new permanent deacon, ordained to the ministry of liturgy and service, exemplifies Paul's statement to the earlier church. We know that it best represents the thinking of laity today. This newly defined ordained deacon responds to the Council of Bishops' concern that a consecrated lay deacon might create an undesirable gradation of laity. It affirms our long-held position found in pars. 108-110 of our *Discipline*, that, within our representative ministry, the ministries of the elder and the deacon are complementary.

The National Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders threw a petition to this General Conference, and the laity in the conference I represent urge you to vote with the 64 diaconal ministers, elders, and laity who bring the majority report in Calendar Item 1219.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, thank you. Now I think there's a minority report. Aren't you going to present that? Lawrence McClesky.

LAWRENCE McCLESKY (Western North Carolina): Thank you, Bishop Grove, I will present a portion, and then Jerome DelPino, and then I would like to conclude. Is it my understanding that we have 10 minutes?

BISHOP GROVE: Correct.

McCLESKY: Thank you. The issue before us regarding the ordering of ministry is clear. Are we prepared to reorder our structure of ministry on the basis of a proposal developed in barely 3 days, the implications of which are far-reaching and the implementation of which is nowhere made clear in a comprehensive, organized, and consistent set of proposals. To adopt the majority report would throw the church into a state of confusion bordering on chaos. Because of this lack of orderly and consistent legislation, we oppose the majority report.

There are some other issues as well. The minority report is not a response to the report of the Commission for the Study of Ministry, a report which, as has been said, was received, not adopted. This minority report is in response to proposed legislation created in the legislative committee and lacking critical ingredients. The proposal is not based upon a thorough consideration of either our polity or our theological heritage. There is no comprehensive proposal before us, and the adoption of the majority report would lead us into a legislative quagmire of proposals considered in a piecemeal fashion, with no attention given to the overall effect on the church. There are critical petitions related to this whole issue which have not yet appeared in the *DCA*.

It is the intent of the minority report to give a means for having before the church a clear, consistent, comprehensive proposal regarding the ordering of ministry. Our present structure for the ordering of ministry has served us well. The majority proposal is not based upon an analysis of our present structure for ordained ministry. It's based on the unsubstantiated assumption that our present structure is broken. It is not broken. In fact, our present structure for ministry has provided the church with a flexible and powerful means for mission.

It was well-stated in the Episcopal Address, "We continue to affirm the unique role of the itineracy in our heritage and regard it as a powerful instrument for mission. We have seen its capacity to challenge racist, sexist, and ageist biases which have excluded talented clergy in some denominations. Itineracy has insured continuity of leadership in our congregations and provided clergy with a secure financial base to liberate their energies for ministry." The manner in which we presently structure and deploy our ordained ministry has flexibility and support for creative and prophetic ministry which is unique among the denominations. There are other critical issues, and Dr. Jerome DelPino will speak to some of them, after which I will conclude our presentation.

JEROME DELPINO (Southern New England): Bishop Grove, members of this General Conference, brothers and sisters all, it is with a deep sense of concern and even foreboding that I come before you as one of the presenters of this minority report regarding this calendar item on the nature of the diaconate in our church, which is now before you.

We are the minority position on this issue as it comes from the legislative committee, and I am certain all of you are mindful that this is the 8th consecu-

tive quadrennium that a study of ministry has been brought to the General Conference. One, if not many of you or of us would think that by this time, we, as a church, would have learned how to get it right. We would have discovered there is common ground enough to make decisions that will strengthen, rather than diminish, the general, diaconal, and ordained ministries of our church.

What we are about here is not what can be gained by those in the diaconate and what will be lost by those who are in elder's orders. What we are about is regarding what is in the best interest of this denomination as a manifestation of the church of Jesus Christ in the world. The regrettable reality is, however, that we have failed to find that common ground; common ground that elicits a common understanding of how general, diaconal, and ordained ministries exist within the church for the good and well-being for the whole church of Jesus Christ.

I submit that a common mind and heart about these issues continues to elude us because the questions that must be answered before this church abandons its present ordering of ministry still cry out for a reasoned and compelling response. I submit that the confusion which the 1988 General Conference wanted clarified by the last 4 years of study has not been addressed and is only multiplied geometrically by the fragmented legislation that the majority brings to you now.

Why is this so? As our Council of Bishops has rightly stated in 1988, "What is before you tonight is something that is awesome" (that's my word). It is awesome in that it is not a proposal to redefine the order of ministry, but specifically, in an abstract sense, or a general sense, but specifically within the polity of The United Methodist Church. What you approve here today will impact not just the so-called "professionals," those in the appointed and assigned leadership of the church, but it will affect all local churches in the connection.

The proposal before you purports to create a new ordained order of deacon for liturgy and service, which is, if you will, an inflation of the ministry to which all Christians are called in their baptism. This is at the heart of our problem. Now, if indeed, ordering of ministry and structure for the church should flow from purpose, that is the nature and purpose of the church, how do we arrive then at a proliferation of orders in our church?

The current *Discipline* makes this unequivocally clear that we have historically, with the church catholic in the West and in the East, always tied ordination to Word and Sacrament and order. I refer you to par. 430 of the current *Book of Discipline*. That has also been acknowledged by the leadership of the commission. "We can affirm this understanding of ordination because what we believe to be the purpose of the church is indeed that the mark of the church, for those who will see it beyond the accidents of history, will be the word lively preached by those divinely called and the sacraments duly administered." Why is this so?

Secondly, we have not achieved common ground because we have not agreed that in episcopal Methodism, those who have been ordained have always been called of God and chosen, that is, called of God and the church to be sent and not called, to be sent and not called. We are in a sending ministry. I submit that itinerancy is not as the majority proposal assumes, merely a thing indifferent, an administrative baggage that we can now discard for the sake of the creation of this new order. This is what is at stake in the decision you will make. Is itinerancy a matter of preference, or is it fundamental to the ordering of ministry in The United Methodist Church? That is a decision that is before us tonight. Secondly, in the majority proposal regarding the nature of the diaconal ministry, is convenience rather than the missional needs of the church given priority? I submit that if we are serious about being missional and recovering our sense of being a movement, as I have heard so much talk about during these 2 weeks, nearly 2 weeks of General Conference, and being effective in the work of God in the world in history. As we enter the 21st century, we will build up and not tear down itinerancy. We will strengthen it and not dilute it, for it is the essence of what it means for United Methodists to be a pilgrim people, forever breaking camp and responding to the call of God in history.

BISHOP GROVE: Thank you.

McCLESKEY: In conclusion, I want to speak briefly to 4 points. No. 1, we rejoice and are thankful for the important contributions of those persons who are called to a form of ministry different from that of the ordained ministry as presently defined in the *Book of Discipline*. We believe continued commitment to the authentication of the ministry of such persons is imperative. Number 2, this minority proposal is not a cynical move to bury a legitimate and important concern.

BISHOP GROVE: Lawrence, the red light's on, so you'll need to tie it up.

McCLESKEY: All right, it's a constructive means of perfecting legislation. It's not a proposal for another study committee; there's no funding requested; the groups to whom we refer it have funding. Finally, we've recommended referral to the Council of Bishops because in their initiatives--In Defense of Creation, Vital Congregations, Faithful Disciples; substance abuse, and urban violence, they've demonstrated to us their ability to marshal the consensus of the church on important and critical issues, and we are confident they will do the same in this case.

BISHOP GROVE: Now, just a minute, please. My understanding is that the essence of what we will act on as the minority report are no. 1, 2, and 3 on the left column of 377; is that correct? Yes, I'm going to make a statement 1st about where we are from a parliamentary situation. It's my judgment that what we have before us is essentially what we have just laid on the table, but that if the material within the parentheses under no. 2, that is, "along with all legislative proposals related to the commission for the study of the ministry report" is not there; it is not the same as what we've laid on the table. So I'm going to rule that we can treat this minority report as in order, with the exception of the parentheses. Should the minority report be sustained, we would then need to have somebody move to take the other matter off the table, so that all could be considered for referral. Now, our procedure for dealing with majority and minority reports is defined in our rules.

We proceed 1st to perfect the majority report, which means that we can receive motions and discuss and resolve them on the majority report. We lay that aside and do the same for the minority report. We then enter into debate. Then we vote, putting the motion 1st on the

minority report. If it's sustained, it becomes the majority report and becomes the main motion before us. Is there any question about that? Question? Any question? Yes, no. 4.

VIRGILIO VAZQUEZ-GARZA (Southwest Texas): Brother bishop, I have a question. Twenty-seven people voted against concurrence, and then on the list of the minority report, there are 29 people listed. Could you explain that to me?

BISHOP GROVE: Well, it's possible that people can, after voting in the meeting, change their minds and become part of a minority report. That's in order. All right, we're ready to now perfect, only questions. I want to be sure that you're all clear. Are there any other questions? Yes, back here. Go to no. 12.

PHILIP R. GRANGER (North Indiana): Bishop, the question that I have, I understand what you have said so far; however, what happens if it is our intent to eventually get back to the language that was in the study document? What is the procedure, the route to get back to the original report?

BISHOP GROVE: You mean for referral to the Council of Bishops?

GRANGER: No, as it came to the legislative committee, it was a consecrated order; it was not an ordained order. The committee has reported out now the movement towards an ordained status. How about if some of us want to move back to the original language? What is the route, the procedure, to go there?

BISHOP GROVE: You would move . . . on the item you just mentioned, namely the nature of the diaconal office, you would move to amend the majority report which is before us now.

GRANGER: OK, so simply voting down the minority and the majority reports does not get us back to that point; we have to move for amendments, is that true?

BISHOP GROVE: That's correct.

GRANGER: Thank you.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, now, questions? Any questions? Where? Yes. Question? Oh, I see, yes.

Microphone 4. This is a question.

CLELIA D. HENDRIX (South Carolina): Bishop, I rise to oppose.

BISHOP GROVE: No, ma'am, I'm sorry. I asked only for questions.

HENDRIX: Well, will you call me when we are ready for opposition, please? I respectfully request that, sir.

BISHOP GROVE: Well, if you go back to your seat, you'll have the same chance that everybody else does. I'll try to recognize you. Yes, are we ready now to proceed with amendments on the majority report? Yes, down here. No. 2.

JUDY P. MOXLEY (Florida): This minority report that's listed here says just about everything I want it to say, but I want to ask is . . . now, we're not voting on the minority report, we're just asking questions?

BISHOP GROVE: Well, we will in time vote on the minority report. Let me repeat again the process after I know that you understand the process. The questions are only about how we're going to proceed, if you are not clear about the procedures, and I'm sure we're not because your question indicates that.

MOXLEY: Yes.

BISHOP GROVE: We will proceed 1st to perfect the majority report. Perfect means to receive proposed amendments and dispose of them. Debate them and dispose of them. Once there are no more amendments to be made, we lay the majority report aside. We go to the minority report and perfect that, which is to say we receive and debate, dispose of amendments. When all of that's done, then the 2 issues are before us, side by side, to be debated. When we come to the end of debate, either because you're finished debating or because someone puts the question and the house sustains it, we then vote on the minority report 1st. If it is sustained, that is if the minority report is approved, it replaces the majority report and becomes the main item before us, and we then vote on that.

MOXLEY: One more question. Is the majority report the report of the study commission?

BISHOP GROVE: Yes. No, no, no, no, I'm sorry, of the legislative committee.

MOXLEY: Legislative committee. Thank you.

BISHOP GROVE: Yes. Let's look at p. 376, 1219. The majority report is the report of the majority of people on the legislative committee. Its content is found on the top of p. 1219 down to the words, "minority report," and it essentially, yes, it essentially amends what's on p. 869 in the *Advance DCA*. I'm ready to recognize people who wish to, yes, over here? Come to, OK, go to microphone 5.

CAROLINE B. EDGE (Southern New England): I wish to move to amend the minority report.

BISHOP GROVE: No, no, majority report. We're on the majority report. We perfect the majority report 1st.

EDGE: Excuse me, sir.

BISHOP GROVE: Yes, down here. Yes, yes, what is the point of order?

(Rules for Perfecting Majority and Minority Reports)

BILLY L. YORK (North Alabama): Bishop, I refer to rule no. 34.2, which indicates that a minority report is considered as a substitute, and, therefore, I call your question about perfecting the majority report 1st.

BISHOP GROVE: Well, I think that . . . look to rule 23. The substitute, as you indicate a minority report is a substitute, may be offered by a member. This substitute shall be an alternative to what is before the house. The conference shall then proceed 1st to perfect the original report or resolution including consideration and action upon any amendments which may be offered to it. The same perfecting process shall then be followed with respect to the substitute. You're correct. The minority report is a substitute. I think we're in order. Yes, sir, 3.

YORK: Thank you, sir. Sir, bishop?

BISHOP GROVE: Yes, no. 3. Yes . . .

YORK: Now we're perfecting the minority report?

BISHOP GROVE: We're now perfecting the majority report as per rule 23.

YORK: Bishop, sir, my impression is we have perfected the minority reports 1st, previously.

BISHOP GROVE: Read rule 23; I just read it. Am I correct? No. 3.

JIM DILLON (Western North Carolina): It would help me to have a definition of liturgy and service as they appear in the matter before us. I'm not sure how it relates to the ministry of the elder or how it relates to Sacrament, how it relates to Word, the ordering of the worship services. It would be extremely helpful to me if these 2 words were given some sort of identification in content.

BISHOP GROVE: That's an appropriate question. We'll turn to Dr.

Campbell or anyone he'd like to have answer that.

CAMPBELL: I think that the terms "liturgy and service" are words that are widely used in the Christian tradition and the Christian church today in regard to the diaconate. It is an indication of the particular role of the deacon to be involved in the leadership of worship. The liturgical life of the church, not in terms of sacramental ministry, but in terms of leadership and in terms of service in many, many diverse ways.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, anyone else? Yes, back here? Then I'll come over here.

PHILIP GRANGER (North Indiana): I move to amend report 1219, line 3 to remove from that the words "by ordination" and, further, to remove the words "for ministry and service." If I can have a 2nd, I will speak to that.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, you have a 2nd.

GRANGER: Thank you. This returns us to the position of the study committee, and I resonate with the speech that was made from the platform, that after all of these years of studying this topic, you would think that we would come to the point that we would have our act together. And I firmly believe that this conference has made some decisions in the past in the creation of the Office of Diaconal Ministry that, in fact, does have its act together. It has proven to be a valuable order of ministry within the life of our church and as a set-apart section of the lay ministries of our church. It provides that necessary bridge between lay and clergy that demonstrates that ministry is on a continuum and does not rest clearly in the offices of ordination or in the offices of just laity. That ministry has a wide spectrum. I would urge this conference to support that which we have put into place and retain the concept of a consecrated diaconal ministry.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, now. We'll take a speech only against the amendment. Who wants to speak against the amendment? Back here? No? All right, here, yes, no. 10. They must know it's a good speech. No. 4.

MARGARET A. TURBYFILL (Virginia): Bishop Grove, I am an ordained elder in full connection, part of our delegation. I stand before you as a strong, active supporter of the majority report, the majority report which is here for your approval. I am proud to be part of The United Methodist Church. I am also proud to be from an old Virginia family, the 6th generation of Methodist ministers in my family to be ordained to obedience to God through the authority of the bishops of our great denomination. One of those generations includes a bishop. Having claimed that long lineage, I am clear that my particular embodiment of the representative nature of ministry looks very different than the preceding 5 generations of gentleman preachers in my family.

The United Methodist Church has all already been opened to the fresh breath of the Holy Spirit when we voted 24 years ago to open up our ministry to persons such as myself, who are in the sometimes position awkward of having both a female body and a call to preach. At heart, ever since that decision 24 years ago put in relief some of our polity issues, we as a denomination have been struggling and straining to give birth to this new arrangement. New birth and change sometimes are painful.

In conclusion, I plea for the adoption of the entire report as presented by the majority employing the 200-year-old image of the preacher on horseback riding out, perhaps into the unknown, but nonetheless riding out to be in mission and ministry, ministry and mission. For these 2 forms of our life together have been entwined throughout our heritage, and continue to be entwined in this new arrangement. There is common ground here, and it is holy ground. Again, I repeat loudly and boldly with celebration and joy that I am standing as an active supporter of the majority report, and I challenge every voting delegate here to vote for this new birth. As 1 with 6 generations of obedience to the old ways in my blood, I say, "Let us make this new birth unanimous and celebrate the potential of this new ordering of ministry."

BISHOP GROVE: All right, we're ready now for a speech. The amendment is to delete the words, "by ordination" and "liturgy of service." We are ready for a speech for the amendment. Question? Yes, microphone 2.

VANCE P. ROSS (West Virginia): Bishop Grove, I indeed would like to be a part of this new birth, if indeed we are to be a part of it. But before doing that, I'd like to hear a little more about what this ordination to liturgy and service is. There wasn't, for my mind, there wasn't much said about that, and I'm sure there's a lot more to be said. I don't mean to be pejorative at this point, but I would think we have persons in our churches who are lay folk who have been neither ordained or consecrated who lead worship, and we have lay folk and ordained folk who participate in loads and loads of services for the church, so I was just hoping we could perhaps get a little more substance to the definition.

BISHOP GROVE: That's somewhere between a question and speech, Vance, but we'll . . . do you want to say anymore in response to that question?

CAMPBELL: Bishop, I would like to have Mary Elizabeth Moore, who is the secretary of the legislative committee, respond.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, Ms. Moore.

MARY ELIZABETH MOORE (California-Pacific): Thank you very much. I refer you first to the *Advance* copy of the *DCA*, on p. 869, to the full draft of par. 302. There you have quite a bit of flushing out of liturgy and service. Let me suggest to . . . let me say something to you though, about why these are 2 words that go deep into the history of the Christian church. The early church had bishops, presbyters, and deacons. The deacon's role was a ministry of liturgy and service. The role was to assist the presbyter and bishop in the worship and to lead the community in acts of service in the world, so the position of representing the liturgical and service life of the community is a role of holding the 2 together. It is not a role that deacons do on behalf of the church. It is a role that deacons do because they are especially called to give leadership to the church in liturgy and service.

The majority report is based on an assumption that the particular forms of ordination, excuse me, the ordination is 1; but the particular roles of the elder and the deacon are different. The elder's role is Word, Sacrament, and order. The deacon's role is liturgy and service, which means that the deacon may serve the elements of the Lord's Supper, the Communion, but not consecrate the elements. It means that the deacon represents the serving of the church in the world, as the elders represent the sacramental life of the church in the world. Furthermore, the majority report is not based on an assumption that or-

dination is defined by itinerancy. The majority report is not based on an assumption, either, that the itinerancy is something that should be discarded. It's based on the assumption that itinerancy means being called and sent by God and authorized by the church. And, in this case, the authorization would be in this form.

BISHOP GROVE: Thank you. Now back here, yes, on the aisle. If you'll go to microphone 13. This is a speech for the amendment.

DOTTIE DAVIS CLARK (Baltimore): Diaconal minister and baptized minister of Jesus Christ. I rise to speak in support of the majority report. In our conference, diaconal ministers are . . .

BISHOP GROVE: Ma'am, we're only receiving amendments to the majority report. We're not in debate now. Only if you have an amendment. No, no, I'm sorry, I'm sorry, speech for and against the amendment, that's correct.

CLARK: So am I in order?

BISHOP GROVE: Are you speaking . . .

CLARK: For.

BISHOP GROVE: For the amendment.

CLARK: For the majority report.

BISHOP GROVE: No, no. Only for the amendment. I need a speech for the amendment. Yes, right here.

CLARK: Against the amendment then.

BISHOP GROVE: No, I'll come back to you if I . . . but, but that's out of line now. We just had a speech against the amendment. No. 3.

THOMAS C. WEBB (Central Pennsylvania): Thank you, bishop. I've been excited about the growing number of persons who are responding to the needs for diaconal service in our church. Presently the church I'm servicing in Chambersburg, we have 3 young people this past year: 2 have chosen to go into diaconal service and 1 has chosen to go into ordained ministry. The 2 who have chosen the diaconal route have chosen so because they are saying they don't feel a call to Word, order, and Sacrament. They don't feel a call to be clergy as such. And so therefore, the diaconal option fits their need and seems to fit their call.

In The United Methodist Church, as we have said so splendidly from the podium, that our historic . . . our history has been an ordination to Word, order, and Sacrament. As past chair of the board of ordained ministry of our conference, I can see how the ordination of diaconal persons could really cause some real confusion, both in the administration and in the minds of our own laity. We are all in ministry, lay and clergy. We have been baptized to ministry, and it just doesn't seem wise to me that in 3 days we would unhinge 200 years of our history. And so I speak in favor of the amendment.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, now, sister, yes, I'll come back to you now. You can speak against it. That's 2 speeches for, 1 against. This will be the 2nd speech against.

CLARK: Thank you, bishop. In our conference, the Baltimore Conference, diaconal ministers are small in number, but we are committed to serve at ministries in evangelism, music, administration, Christian education, pastoral counseling, youth and children's work, and social services in the urban area of Washington. In a time when we are witnessing decline in our church schools, and the pressing needs of our world, we see a growing interest in our diaconal ministry. I have heard at this great General Conference that the church needs the world and the world needs the church. By authenticating the role of the deacon, more disciples will hear God's call and be affirmed to address the missional needs before us and into our 21st Century. I've heard concern about non-itinerating because we go to where we sense our gifts and services are needed or where we are called. In fact, elders already practice this non-itineration with appointment beyond the local church. So let us be clear about this reality. We have structures of accountability and approval by our bishop. Christ needs all of us ministers both called and sent, clergy and laity, deacons and elders, serving in the ministry and affirming one other. Aren't we after all The United Methodist Church?

BISHOP GROVE: Thank you, yes, now we're ready for a speech for the amendment. If there are . . . yes, back here, then I'll come over here. This will be the final speech for. Under our rules, after 3 speeches on each side, the question is automatically put. Yes, no. 13.

KAY ALBURY-SMITH (Baltimore Conference): I stand to support this amendment because I do agree that this is a very pregnant moment, perhaps a moment of conception. But it takes time, Christian friends, for hair, eyes, toes, heart, skin cells to even develop, and also to be nurtured. And I stand tonight to say that I need more time to see what it is God is saying to us at this pregnant moment. What does it mean to ordain the diaconals who now will be called deacons of the church? I need more time to watch this great idea grow, and I have not been convinced since I served on this legislative committee that in these 3 days that we have come to terms with what it all means. What it shall be, I don't know, but I do know that when we shall see God's face together, it'll be all right. Thank you very much.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, now a speech against the amendment, over here. Yes.

Number 4.

BOB SWEET (Southern New England): Bishop, this is not a speech. I have a question. I have 2 questions; may I ask of the majority committee?

BISHOP GROVE: Sure.

(Ordination Vs. Consecration)

SWEET: If you've said it, I've missed it, and I'm sorry. Historically, we have used ordination for Sacrament, Word, and order. I missed the rationale for the word "ordain" over "consecrate"--since it does not include Sacrament, Word, and order. Could you repeat that for me, please?

MOORE: Yes, thank you. Briefly, actually within the ecumenical church, the most common designation of the deacon's order is ordination. In the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Episcopal, and Presbyterian churches, for example, deacons are ordained as permanent deacons. Does this answer your question?

SWEET: Ah . . .

MOORE: But their role is different from the elders.

SWEET: Yes, it answers it for me ecumenically. OK, thank you. And my 2nd question is the distinction between those who would be ordained to the order of deacon--the distinction between those and the folks in my church and folks who take seriously the call to service and participate in liturgy--how it differs from them and from other people who may choose full-time service in the work of the church.

MOORE: And the difference is in Word, Sacrament, order, liturgy, service--which, again, is part of the

ecumenical . . . is the most common way, ecumenically, that this is described. We will have a mass educational effort on our hands, just as we do now with both diaconal ministers and elders. Basically, the liturgy and service comes closer to the way other communions are moving than any other language that's been entertained in the past 20 years of study commissions which have given birth to this report. The term in the Roman Catholic church is liturgy and charity, and so we are moving in directions that are very similar to those directions being moved in other denominations.

SWEET: I think you may have missed my question.

MOORE: I'm sorry.

SWEET: In terms of how that person is going to be distinguished . . .

BISHOP GROVE: From the laity.

SWEET: From the laity. Thank you, bishop.

MOORE: OK, thank you very much. The distinction . . . let me go back to a comment--I'm going to be brief--but a comment made earlier about a bridge between the elders and the laity. One of the decisions that came early in our legislative committee was that we didn't talk about a gap between the ordained elders and the laity that was so great that we required deacons to move between. We wanted to see ourselves as working together as a whole body. The role of the deacon would be to empower all of the laity to be involved in the liturgy and service in the world. So the deacons would have specific roles in social service or music or other forms of ministry, but their role would not be done in isolation; it would be a role of leadership and empowerment of the whole body of Christ.

SWEET: Thank you.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, over here. Yes, down here. What we need is a speech against the amendment, or a question.

JUDY MOXLEY: I need to ask a question.

BISHOP GROVE: Pardon me. What's the point of order? I have a point of order. No. 14.

TOM ABNEY (Little Rock): I believe, bishop, we've had 3 speeches on each side of this question. I don't believe we have suspended the rules to allow more than that.

BISHOP GROVE: We've have 2 against and 3 for--3 for and 2 against. Yes, go ahead.

MOXLEY: Oh, me?

BISHOP GROVE: Speech against or a question.

MOXLEY: Judy Moxley of Florida. I need a speech against?

BISHOP GROVE: Yes, ma'am.

MOXLEY: All right. I'm against it.

BISHOP GROVE: That's very clear.

MOXLEY: I really need to ask a question that will make my answer a little more clearer.

BISHOP GROVE: Yes, that's fine. You can ask a question.

MOXLEY: I would like to ask the question: Are we talking about a deacon becoming an ordained lay person?

BISHOP GROVE: No.

MOXLEY: Are we talking about a deacon becoming an ordained clergy person?

BISHOP GROVE: Yes. Yes.

MOXLEY: Clergy person?

BISHOP GROVE: Yes. Ordained clergy person.

MOXLEY: Then I remove my "against it."

BISHOP GROVE: All right. I think . . . we still . . . that was not a speech against the amendment. Take 1 more speech against the amendment. Is your speech against the amendment? Yes, OK. Then we go to the vote. Let's all hold steady. What's the point of order? Yes, no. 4.

ROGER DOWDY (Virginia): Bishop, I am a diaconal minister. I would, if I may, add to Mary Elizabeth's explanation.

BISHOP GROVE: No, no. We had a point of order. Somebody called a point of order. Did you call a point of order?

DOWDY: Yes, I did.

BISHOP GROVE: What's the point of order?

DOWDY: The point of order is that there seems to be some confusion about the distinction.

BISHOP GROVE: That's not a point of order. A point of order is a challenge to the correctness of the chair's rulings as to parliamentary procedure.

DOWDY: I called a point of information earlier.

BISHOP GROVE: No, I heard you call a point of order, and I don't think you have a point of order. I think you have question. Yes, here; no. 2.

KELLY BENDER (Kansas East): I am an elder and, for at least 3 more weeks, chair of the board of ordained ministry. There are those who would have us believe, based on their amendment to the majority report, that the committee's recommendation has emerged without foresight or care. I disagree. The legislative committee's recommendation reflects the 4-year study commission's understanding that the general ministry of all Christians is the basic ministry of the church--a ministry to which all Christians are commissioned at our baptisms. The legislative committee's recommendation reflects the 4-year study commission's understanding that representative ministry is derived from the general ministry. The legislative committee recommendation agrees with the 4-year study commission in proposing a permanent diaconate and an order of elder that does not require previous ordination as deacon.

Our present pattern of ordaining deacons as a necessary prerequisite for ordination as elders is confusing to many. Where the legislative committee recommendation departs from the study commission is in its understanding of the deacon as an order ordained, having its own integrity, not subordinate to any other order. The legislative committee recommendation reflects the understanding of 1 representative ministry with as many forms as the Holy Spirit inspires and the church authorizes. The legislative committee recommendation reflects the growing ecumenical consensus of a permanent order of deacon--a consensus which the Council of Bishops has already favorably received, and an ecumenical consensus which the 1988 General Conference affirmed.

Thus, to suggest that the legislative committee recommendation has somehow emerged without foresight and care is unwarranted. It is an outgrowth of 20 years of dialogue, reflection, and discernment within The United Methodist Church and the ecumenical church. I believe the Holy Spirit has been present and participant in the legislative committee recommendation. I believe the recommendation reflects a clear, consistent theology of ordination; a clear, consistent structuring of ministry. And I believe it will empower ministry. I speak against the amendment.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. We're now at the point of the question. We

must vote. Yes. Questions only. Yes, sir, no. 8. Come to no. 3.

RANDY SMITH (Texas): I am a lay person. Bishop, let me phrase my questions in the framework of my own local church. We have several diaconal ministers employed at our church. If the majority report is passed, will those diaconal ministers become ministers . . . be considered ministers for purposes of determining our share of aportionments, and will they be considered ministers for purposes of the formulas used to determine delegates to annual and General Conferences?

CAMPBELL: I can't answer the 1st matter with regard to apportionment. As to the 2nd, the intention would be yes.

SMITH: But, there's no answer to the first question?

UNIDENTIFIED: Well, every conference has its own rules on aportionments, so it would vary conference to conference.

CAMPBELL: I am told most conferences already include that.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. Questions only. Yes.

BISHOP GROVE: No. 2.

MARY A. MASSEY (Florida): I would find it very helpful, bishop, if you would repeat the amendment.

BISHOP GROVE: All right.

MASSEY: As I understand it, we will be voting on the amendment 1st, and we've been talking about consecration and ordination.

BISHOP GROVE: Yes, I'm going to do that.

MASSEY: Thank you very much.

BISHOP GROVE: In fact, I'll do it now so that other questions may be eliminated. Remove . . . if you look at the top of 1219--the top of p. 376 in the blue book, Calendar Item 1219--remove from line 3 the words "by ordination" and "for the ministry of liturgy and service." You ready?

UNIDENTIFIED: Bishop, am I permitted to speak?

BISHOP GROVE: Question? I heard a voice back there. Question in the back? Question? OK. No. 12. I'll come over here. We'll recognize anyone who has a question before we go to vote. No. 12.

(Benefits Questions if Deacons Are Ordained)

ROBERT SNYDER (East Ohio): Nowhere in any of the report have I seen any reference at all as to when these persons--consecrated, ordained, whatever it may be--would become eligible for conference health-benefit programs. And when would credit for a retirement program fit into the picture? Would the ordained deacons be those who would be eligible for pension benefits, and when does the health care programs kick in?

CAMPBELL: We believe that in regard to pensions, were deacons to be ordained full members of the annual conference, they would be eligible. And with regard to the proposed U.M. care plan, that they would be eligible as participants.

BISHOP GROVE: Now, let me instruct you. Unless the house objects, for the matter of asking questions only . . . and when you receive an answer, we're not going to have that debated back from the floor. We can't debate the answers given by . . . you receive the answers that the committee gives; either buy the answer or you disregard it. Unless the house objects, let's come to the mikes if you have questions. And I'll start over here, and we'll go across the room this way, and we'll save a lot of time. It's not appropriate to do that with this kind of an issue for debate or for perfection, but, for questions, I think it's the fastest way to do it. Let's start over here, microphone 1, and go back.

JOHN P. SIMON (Florida): Bishop, if we approve this amendment, does that not essentially leave us in status quo where the diaconal ministry is now?

CAMPBELL: It does not. That is a point I would like to make. I'm not sure whether that's clear to the body. But it is not the case if you approve this amendment, it leaves us where we now are. And I would emphasize that. The legislative committee did not accept the idea of the Ministry Study Commission to go toward a consecrated lay deacon, believing that that was confusing both theologically and practically. To start amending the language the way this is doing is very problematic because it introduces, in effect, yet a 3rd situation. And so, speaking for the legislative committee, we would urge the defeat of this amendment.

BISHOP GROVE: No. 6.

PAT STROMAN (Central Texas): Maybe you said it, but some of you folks talk faster than I can listen. From the lay standpoint, as we bring another clergy on staff, it carries with it certain things. I heard asked questions about the other benefits. What about housing? Will this include . . . if they're ordained, will this be intrinsic in it?

CAMPBELL: I think that would be yet to be worked out.

BISHOP GROVE: OK, that's the answer.

STROMAN: I didn't hear the answer, I'm sorry.

BISHOP GROVE: He said that's yet to be worked out. That's not yet resolved. No. 2. And ask your questions as crisply as you can.

KATHLEEN BARDEN (North Central New York): Would those person who are presently in the process that leads to consecration as diaconals be grandparented?

CAMPBELL: Yes.

BARDEN: OK. Thank you.

BISHOP GROVE: No. 7. No. 7. Name and conference.

GRADY KNOWLES (California-Nevada): The chairperson of the legislative committee was not quite correct about pension. The Ministerial Pension Plan and the Comprehensive Protection Plan for clergy require not only clergy member but being under episcopal appointment, specifically in the plan documents. So even under the changes proposed, the new order of deacon persons would not be eligible for the clergy pension and benefit programs; they would remain eligible only for CPBF, the lay program. And the language being proposed is somewhat problematic there, too. A question is also asked about the . . .

BISHOP GROVE: Now, wait. Do you have a question?

KNOWLES: I'm clarifying his answer, which wasn't quite right.

BISHOP GROVE: As I said before, I can't take corrections to the answers given from the chair. Friend, you understand there are 1,000 of you. You have information; you have opinions. You ask questions; they'll answer them. If you believe the answer's not correct, you vote accordingly. Yes.

CAMPBELL: I would like to just say I have had some help. And our advice is that in regard to that question just asked, that on p. 428 of the *Advance DCA*, Article 3, par. 3.01b, it would indicate that these persons would be eligible to participate in the plan.

BISHOP GROVE: No. 7.

TIM RUSSELL (Central Texas): Dennis, I want to ask a couple of questions. First, in reference to your use of some words. You've used the words "full membership" a couple of times. Is there anything of the legislation that we passed in the legislative committee that calls ordained deacons full members of the conference?

CAMPBELL: I believe there is. I believe that the legislation . . . clergy members.

RUSSELL: Clergy members is . . .

CAMPBELL: Clergy members . . .

RUSSELL: It does not refer to them as full members?

CAMPBELL: The ordained elder is the elder in full connection.

RUSSELL: Right. Second question. Is it not true that as legislation as we have put it together in the committee would leave all matters concerning salary, not compensation but salary negotiations and so forth, up to the local church?

CAMPBELL: Yes, and I believe as I've thought about that housing question . . .

RUSSELL: Housing, too.

CAMPBELL: That's exactly the same because these persons would not be itinerant; so their housing would be a matter of contractual relationship with the employing agency or local church.

RUSSELL: Is not that the same as it is presently with the diaconal ministers?

CAMPBELL: I believe that's exactly the same.

RUSSELL: Thank you.

BISHOP GROVE: No. 13. Questions only.

DAVID A. SEAMANDS (Kentucky): What can the ordained deacon do which he or she could not do without this special ordination?

CAMPBELL: I don't think it's a matter of function, but rather a matter of recognition of the role to liturgy and service that is being referred to.

BISHOP GROVE: OK, no. 9.

RODNEY D. ANDERSON (Rocky Mountain): I'm conference lay leader. My question is: Would a person ordained as a deacon be eligible as a clergy member to annual conference, rather than as the present . . .

CAMPBELL: Yes.

ANDERSON: Thank you.

BISHOP GROVE: No. 14.

JOHN MILES (Little Rock): John Miles, Little Rock. I move to suspend the rules and call the question and all that's before us that the chair will allow. We've got other cotton to chop.

BISHOP GROVE: We're under the question now on the amendment, and what's before us now is the amendment, and we're already under the amendment. Yes, were there questions over here? No. 10.

PHILIP D. SEGREST (Alabama-West Florida): My question relates to how this will impact on the balancing process at annual conference. It is my understanding that, at the present time, diaconal members count as lay persons despite the fact that they are professional paid employees of the church. Will this be altered by the report?

CAMPBELL: It would be.

BISHOP GROVE: They would be clergy members?

CAMPBELL: That's correct.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. Have we answered all . . . oh, yes. Down here. No. 5.

JAMES LOGAN (Virginia): Dr. Campbell, I would like some clarifications. Could you answer what is the difference between being a clergy member of the annual conference and being a member in full connection?

CAMPBELL: The intention of the legislation is to make a distinction between those persons who would be ordained deacons as clergy members of the annual conference but who would be not itinerant and not appointed. Rather, their service assignments would be set. Therefore, the distinction is that the member in full connection would be an elder, would itinerate, and would be appointed by the bishop.

LOGAN: The distinction is a functional distinction; it is not a distinction between rights?

CAMPBELL: Yes.

LOGAN: There are full rights for clergy members as well?

CAMPBELL: Yes, that is the intention of the legislation.

LOGAN: Has the legislative committee, then, appropriate legislation for constitutional changes?

CAMPBELL: We have. Those have not yet been appeared in the *DCA*, but we are willing and prepared to bring those to the floor. We believe it would require 2 constitutional amendments.

LOGAN: Could I ask, if I am correct, where those constitutional amendments would be placed? One would involve . . .

CAMPBELL: Par. 38 and 57. I have them here.

LOGAN: Membership in the annual conference and the definition of appointment.

CAMPBELL: Yes. Par. 38, Article 4; par. 57, Article 10.

LOGAN: Basically, then, the clarification of membership in the annual conference and the clarification of appointment.

CAMPBELL: That's correct.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, no. 6.

JAMES SWANSON (South Georgia): Dennis, if a diaconal minister chooses not to be ordained deacon, then that person would still remain a lay person, am I right?

CAMPBELL: That's correct.

SWANSON: So, in essence, you would have a deacon elder and a diaconal . . . a deacon clergy person and a diaconal lay person?

CAMPBELL: That's correct.

SWANSON: You could have both?

CAMPBELL: But we would not intend . . . the legislation would make it clear that no more consecrations to diaconal ministry would be done. Those persons who are now consecrated diaconal ministers could remain that, or could choose to be ordained as deacons. They would not have to be, but the legislation proposes that no new diaconal consecration would be done.

SWANSON: So if a lay person wanted . . . what route would they have if they wanted to do this kind of ministry, but not become clergy? What would be offered that person?

CAMPBELL: They are lay persons. The great . . . in fact, that is the reason I want to emphasize again that the committee would . . . remember friends, you are not going to vote--I hope I am not preempting the bishop's statement--but you are not going to vote now on this question. You are only going to vote right now on this 1 amendment . . .

BISHOP GROVE: Correct.

CAMPBELL: And this 1 amendment is to use the language of the lay consecrated deacon. And that does not take us back to where we are, or to keep the position with regard to diaconal ministry, nor the other. It's yet a 3rd option.

SWANSON: One last question, then. In that case, then a person . . . if, I understand, correct me if I'm wrong, but

the whole idea of ordaining 1 to deacon for the diaconate at this particular point is 1 of authenticating their ministry, so if we have laypersons who later on perform these same ministries and want to be authenticated, we will be back to this again.

BISHOP GROVE: Friends, I'm going to rule, unless the house objects, that each person can ask 1 question. We can't have a running dialogue between representatives on the platform and people who aren't clear about this in the house. I don't mean that disrespectfully, but this could go on forever. Now, if you have a question, go to the mike, no. 7. Then I saw 1 down here, if you want to come to no. 2. No. 7, a question?

GRADY KNOWLES (California-Nevada): One question. Is it possible to have the eligibility for pension and benefits clarified by General Board of Pensions staff at this time?

BISHOP GROVE: Yes, you can ask for that.

KNOWLES: Thank you.

BISHOP GROVE: Let's ask, while we take other questions, if somebody from the staff of the General Board of Pensions would be prepared to answer that. Now, no. 2. Yes, sir?

WILLIAM B. THIELKING (Southern New Jersey): What is the difference in recognizing their role as an ordained deacon, or recognizing their role as a consecrated deacon? I understood the question to be, we want to recognize their role. What is the difference in recognizing it one way over the other?

CAMPBELL: I'm sorry; I didn't get the question.

BISHOP GROVE: The question was what's the difference between the recognition of an ordained deacon as against to a consecrated lay deacon?

CAMPBELL: I think that the answer to that is a complex one in the theology of ordination. It is to say that the ordained deacon is a historic office of the Christian church, which sets 1 apart through the imposition of the bishop's hands and prayer for the gift and grace of the Holy Spirit to a role of liturgy and service in the church, which is distinct from that of the laity and which is intended to represent to the church and to the world the particular role of service and liturgy that the deacon can play.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, next, let's stay at 2 till we deal with all these.

SUE C. JARRETT (West Virginia): Dr. Campbell, on the ordination as a clergy person, would that person then be, as the document suggests, have an appointment set by the bishop, or would then that put that person in the position to be guaranteed an appointment?

CAMPBELL: It would not be a guaranteed appointment.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, yes, back here, 13.

CHARLES O. DUNDAS (Minnesota): My question is: How long can this questioning go on?

BISHOP GROVE: Thank you. Thank you. I think you are ready to vote. All right, we're ready. Yes, let's hear an answer from the General Board of Pensions to the question raised back here. Microphone 7, Jim Parker, general secretary of the General Board of Pensions.

JIM PARKER: Yes, Grady's answer earlier was correct that, as far as I read it, as long as the new deacons are assigned, rather than under episcopal appointment, they would not be eligible for MPPCPP, but would be eligible for the cumulative pension and benefit fund. And as far as health care, the new health plan document UMCare would have to be amended in some way to allow them to be in that plan, just because it doesn't now contain the appropriate wording. But they could be put under that plan, under optional participation quite easily.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, now we're ready. 14, point of order. What's the point of order? 5? Who has the point of order? No. 5.

STEPHEN C. MOTT (Southern New England): Bishop, my point of order is if the Constitution needs to be amended to affect this legislation, then the legislation is out of order until the constitutional amendments have been proposed, in which case, it then would be implementing legislation.

BISHOP GROVE: No. My ruling would be that we can perfect the legislation and then ask for a constitutional amendment after that's been done. All right, I'll read to you the amendment. The amendment is to remove from line 3 the words "by ordination" and "for the ministry of liturgy and service." Vote when you see the light. Point of order. Hold the vote. "Yes," 14. Point of order. 14. 14? Come down to 9, David, if you would . . .

DAVID B. WILSON (Little Rock): Point of order refers to information that was given a moment ago referred to Calendar Item 1218 on p. 376, which says that "all clergy members in good standing shall receive annually an appointment."

BISHOP GROVE: 1218's not before us. I think he is saying that 1218 is an answer to the question just given that differs from the answer given. Is that what you are saying? I don't think that's really a point of order, either. Point of order has to do only with our procedure, not with correcting information. Ready to vote? All right, be ready. Vote when the light comes on. What, do you want the amendment read again?

DELEGATES: Yes!

BISHOP GROVE: Remove from line 3 in Calendar Item 1219, the words "by ordination" and "for the ministry of liturgy and service." That is the amendment. If you favor it, vote "Yes." If you are against it, vote "No." Vote when the light comes on. "Yes," 480; "No," 478. The amendment is sustained, and those words are deleted from the majority report. Now. We're continuing to perfect the majority report. Are there any other amendments that you wish to place to the majority report as now amended?

Where. Yes, over here. Yes, 15.

BRADLEY WATKINS (Central Illinois): I'd like to try a motion. My motion is: I move to suspend the rules so that we might limit questions to no more than 10 minutes.

BISHOP GROVE: Limit questions to no more than 10 minutes?

WATKINS: Yes

BISHOP GROVE: Well, you mean for the whole evening? Now how are you going to keep track of that time?

WATKINS: If someone would want to amend that, you see the spirit of where I am trying to go.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, you are saying, let me ask you, Bradley, are you asking that once we're under the call for the previous question on any item, that we can't take more than 10 minutes for questions at that time?

WATKINS: I'm trying to limit the amount of questions after the previous question.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. That's a motion to suspend the rules for that effect. It takes 2/3. If you support that, lift your hand. Down. Opposed? And it prevails, and we have so amended our

rules for this evening's session only. Yes, number 14. Here. Yes, what's the point of order

DONALD HAMILTON (Yellowstone): Point of order.

BISHOP GROVE: No. 5.

(Voting Rights for Delegates Working on the Stage)

HAMILTON: On the vote that we took where there were only 2 persons in variance, would it be appropriate for those who are on the stage working on this proposal to have the right to vote? They are delegates.

BISHOP GROVE: My answer to that would be no. We haven't that in any other vote we're taken all week. I think we're going to go with the vote as we took it. Any other amendments? Yes, back here. Go to number 7.

MICHAEL COYNER (North Indiana): Bishop, if it is in order, I would like to move that Calendar Item No. 1313 be pulled back off the table and considered at this time. I think we've illustrated the confusion, and that means we need to refer to this document.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. Yes, that is in order. It is non-debatable. Is there a 2nd? You understand what the matter is. It's the referral. Item 313 on p. 246 in the blue book, p. 882 in the red book. Let's turn to it so that we're clear. Yes, point of order at microphone 4.

WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE (Wyoming): Bishop Grove, my reason for rising to a point of order is that I believe we are in the midst of considering this calendar item which includes both majority and minority reports. Is it in order for us to move to another calendar item while we are in the midst of discussing this one?

BISHOP GROVE: I think your point of order is well taken. We cannot until we have disposed of this calendar item. Any further amendments on the majority report? No. 8.

SUSAN SHERBROOKE (Pacific Northwest): I would move to suspend the rules in order to allow us to take that petition off the table and deal with it.

BISHOP GROVE: Well, clearly, the reason for the allowance of the body to suspend the rules is to allow the body to do what it wants by a strong majority. If you suspend the rules for that purpose, is there a 2nd? If you support that, raise your hand. Down. Opposed? I think we'll have you vote that electronically. Vote; this is a motion to suspend the rules. It takes 2/3; vote when the light appears; "Yes" if you would suspend the rules, "No" if you would not. No, the rule is not suspended. We're back on the majority report. Let's go over here. No. 6, and then I'll come over to the right

CHARLIE COFER (South Georgia): Bishop, I move we table the motion before us.

BISHOP GROVE: You mean the majority report?

COFER: Yes, sir

BISHOP GROVE: That will take everything with it including the minority report.

COFER: Yes, sir

BISHOP GROVE: Is that seconded? Is that seconded? All right. That takes a majority; no debate. Vote electronically. If you will table the whole calendar item, what's the number? 1219. Vote "Yes" if you want to continue with amendment, and perfection, vote "No". Vote when the light appears. This requires only a majority. It's not tabled. "Yes," 385; "No," 567. Now we are back on the majority for perfection. Any other amendments? All right. We go. Yes.

JIM C. GILLAND (Western North Carolina): Bishop Grove.

BISHOP GROVE: Number 3, yes.

GILLAND: I have a question. Perhaps you can help me. I'm very confused at working with a document that is not before us. Is there any way that we can get to the study commission's document so that we'll have something substantial to work with?

BISHOP GROVE: Well, the study document's in the red book, but what's before us is the calendar item. There's no way . . . the study document or the report of the study commission is only available to us as a resource. That's not what's before us. Look at p. 869, par. 302; that's what's before us. All right, let's go. Yes, down here. Yes, microphone 3.

BARBARA BLACKSTONE (Western Pennsylvania): The delegate who asked about the ruling on people who are eligible to vote, what would it take to challenge the chair's ruling on that? You made that decision on the basis of just precedent, but I don't know that we have any parliamentary rulings on it. A chairperson only votes in case of a tie, but in a case like this, we have so many of the people who are most eligible in the whole house who are sitting on the platform. Could they not come to the floor too; so that they are not disenfranchiseed?

BISHOP GROVE: The chair of the legislative committee tells me that some of the people on the platform have reserves seated in their places; some do not. But *Robert's Rules of Order* clearly says that a challenge to the chair is not in order unless made immediately after the decision by the chair. So it is not in order now. All right, are we ready for the minority report? Point of order, yes?

JOHN E. CORSON (California-Nevada): Am I to understand that it is proper for us to have reserves seated on the floor while members of our delegation are on the platform?

BISHOP GROVE: Well, I'm told that it happens constantly since the assumption has been that people on the platform don't vote, so that their delegation is not disenfranchised. The reserve is seated; the other people are here in a different capacity. Whether we have a rule on it or not, I don't know. Yes, sir.

CORSON: May I ask for a 2-minute recess so we can fill our quota and get a reserve on the floor?

BISHOP GROVE: Are you saying that you have empty chairs in your delegation?

CORSON: We have a voting member on the platform, and I was not aware that our rules allowed us to have that chair filled.

BISHOP GROVE: I wasn't, either, until right now. I think we will take a 2-minute recess and allow reserves to be seated where people are on the platform if there are empty seats.

CORSON: Thank you, bishop.

(recess)

BISHOP GROVE: All right, let's be seated. The reserves are in the house; they know if they're needed. Let's be seated, and we're going now to the minority report. Friends, the other reason people on the platform cannot vote is the platform is not within the bar of the conference. Let's be seated. All right, we're going now to the perfection of the minority report. Anybody have an amendment to the minority report? Back here, yes. Let's be in order, please. Let's be seated in the center, if you will. No. 7.

MARGARET A. [PEGGY] PAIGE (Detroit): Clergy member. I move to amend the minority report and the

Recommendation 2, to delete the words that are in parentheses, along with all legislative proposals related to the Commission for the Study of the Ministry report, and then to add in place of those words, where it says about par. 302, "and all other paragraphs related to Chapter 2, the Diaconal Ministry." This seems to be where our most confusion is, is in this section. There are many other . . .

BISHOP GROVE: Would you, before you go on, would you read it as it would read after you've made the change?

PAIGE: It would read, No. 2, "that the majority proposal for par. 302 and all other paragraphs related to ch. 2, the Diaconal Ministry, be referred to the Council of Bishops for the purpose of perfecting the concept of this proposal," and goes on the rest of that paragraph.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, is there a 2nd? There is; you may proceed.

PAIGE: The reason I make this proposal: A lot of the other proposals we've looked at and talked about over many quadrenniums of some proposals dealing with local pastors and associate members and other places, it seems our main confusion as seen by that 1st vote, that we're divided. We need more information to study the consequences of what it means to change from either consecration or the order of deacon for the diaconal ministers. And so to refer this section without deleting all the other work the committee has done and the study has done would be in our best interest.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, have you sent a copy up? We need a copy of your amendment. Now, we'll take a speech; the amendment is to delete the material in the paragraph in no. 2 and add, this is a rough paraphrase, "all other material in Chapter 2 related to diaconal ministry." That's what's before us. Speech against. Yes, back here. Microphone 7. Don't go to the mikes until I call you. No. 7.

MICHAEL COYNER (North Indiana): Just a question of interpretation, bishop. Would this, if passed, have the effect of maintaining the status quo with all of our diaconal ministers as it currently is written in Chapter 2?

BISHOP GROVE: I think it would until something comes back from the Council of Bishops, is that correct? That's if the minority report is ultimately adopted.

COYNER: That's what I mean.

BISHOP GROVE: But the effect of this action, if this prevails, would be to hold everything in place and refer all material related to diaconal ministers to the Council of Bishops.

COYNER: It would not in any way harm our current status for diaconal ministers?

BISHOP GROVE: I don't think so, no. My understanding would be, does anyone disagree with that? Yes. Yes, back here, clear in the back, the man in the dark suit.

JAMES KING (Tennessee): Bishop, I'd like to speak against this amendment. I feel like the entire document should be referred back to the Council of Bishops. There are too many questions; there is too much frustration. Thank you.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, yes, down here, microphone 2.

PAUL MEUSCHKE (Western Pennsylvania): I'd like to ask the maker of the amendment what she means by this proposal. Does this mean that we would instruct the Council of Bishops, then, to bring back to the 1996 General Conference a proposal that would provide only, that would consider only, a proposal that provides for a consecrated lay deacon, or would they be open to other proposals?

BISHOP GROVE: If we could have . . . has the copy come up yet? Does a page have the copy of the amendment? We need a copy of that amendment because it was somewhat complicated. I think the answer to the question, Dr. Meuschke, is in the language of the amendment.

MEUSCHKE: Bishop, call me Paul, please.

BISHOP GROVE: Whatever. Paul.

MEUSCHKE: Now, I asked the question because I want to be very, very sure that when we send this material to the Council of Bishops, if we send the material, that they are open to any number of alternatives.

BISHOP GROVE: Let me read it again. Delete, parenthesis, along with all legislative proposals related to the Commission for the Study of the Ministry Report, close parenthesis, and following par. 302, plus all other paragraphs related to Chapter 2, the Diaconal Ministry. That's the amendment; I guess it doesn't really answer your question. My interpretation, the maker can correct me if I'm misinterpreting, would be that all the material, then, related to diaconal ministry would be sent to the Council of Bishops, and they could send it back as they deem best.

MEUSCHKE: I wanted you to say that so that would be in the record of the meeting.

BISHOP GROVE: Well, I want to know if that's what the maker intended.

PAIGE: Yes, it is.

BISHOP GROVE: Yes, it is.

MEUSCHKE: All right, thank you very much.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, let's go over here. Yes. Yes, we need a speech for. If we're receiving a speech, it needs to be for the amendment. Anyone want to speak for the amendment? Yes, back here. No. 9.

SHARON RHODES-WICKETT (California-Pacific): The reason why this amendment would be helpful is one of the agonies that the legislative section had was that we could only deal with those petitions that were before us, and not all of Chapter 2 was before us. And, therefore, there were some pieces of Chapter 2 that were not accessible or available to us to modify and to consider, and that was a very definite limitation that the committee had. It would be very helpful, then, if this is going to be referred, that it's understood that it's all of Chapter 2, so that the many kinds of issues that are before us can be dealt with in their entirety.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, we're ready now for a speech against, a speech against. Yes, the gentleman here who's standing.

Go to no. 5. No. 5?

JAMES MAYFIELD (Southwest Texas): I speak against this because to have only Chapter 2 would just be to change problems. And we need to have not only the work that's been done by the study committee, but the Council of Bishops needs to deal with the whole *Discipline* because there are items in Chapter 2, there are items in Chapter 3, there are items in the chapter that deals with pensions. All throughout the *Discipline* there are items that relate to this matter. So I hope we'll vote this particular motion down.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. We're ready for a speech for. We've had 2 for, 2 against. Anyone want to speak for the amendment? Yes, back here. I assume all 3 cards relate to the same request for the floor? Is that right? Were all 3 of you

asking for the floor, or were you trying to get my attention for him? No. 7.

TIM RUSSELL (Central Texas): Bishop, is the substitute in order for the amendment?

BISHOP GROVE: Yes.

RUSSELL: I move that we delete the parentheses, leave the words "along with all legislative proposals related to the Commission for the Study of the Ministry Report," add in the next to the last line, after the word persons, the words "including representative persons from the Legislative Committee on Diaconal and Ordained Ministry from the 1992 General Conference." If I have a second, I'd like to speak to it.

BISHOP GROVE: All right.

RUSSELL: If I understand deletion of the parentheses, just the parentheses, this would open all of the *Discipline* before us dealing with ordained diaconal ministry. I may be wrong there, but that's what I understand. Secondly, this legislative committee has worked long and hard to bring to this body an offering of labor and love to try to reach consensus. I personally would like not to lose that effort, and offer that to the Council of Bishops.

BISHOP GROVE: Now, if I understand the substitute, it would be to delete the material within the parentheses.

RUSSELL: No, sir, just delete the parentheses marks, and leave the material.

BISHOP GROVE: OK, delete the parentheses marks, and add those words in the next-to-the-last line: "Representatives of the Commission to Study the Ministry" as a resource.

RUSSELL: Yes, sir. If you would interpret that simply deleting the parentheses means that all that has to do with ordained and diaconal ministry is open to us in the *Discipline*.

BISHOP GROVE: I really think that's an amendment to the amendment. We'll treat it that way. Do you agree that everything related to ministry is . . . there's not agreement with your premise that by eliminating the parenthesis it would send everything related to ordained or diaconal ministry to the Council of Bishops.

RUSSELL: Then I'd withdraw that part of my amendment and leave the earlier amendment in place.

BISHOP GROVE: I'm sorry. I'm going to have to call you out of order because I don't think your amendment is yet clear. If you want to sit down and reconstruct it, ask for the floor again, we'll try it; but we can't let you do that while you have the floor. Yes? Yes. What's before us is only par. 302 because I ruled earlier that the material contained within the parenthesis is on the table. Yes. No. 4.

RANDALL WILLIAMSON (North Georgia): Bishop, this is a question, I think.

BISHOP GROVES: Yes.

WILLIAMSON: Am I to assume from what Peggy said when she made this motion that petitions that would come from other legislative committees dealing with local pastor issues and this sort of thing, would not be considered?

BISHOP GROVE: That's correct.

WILLIAMSON: None of them?

BISHOP GROVE: You mean under her motion?

WILLIAMSON: Right.

BISHOP GROVE: We'll let her answer that.

WILLIAMSON: I'm trying to ask a question, but I'd like to make a statement, too.

BISHOP GROVES: Yes, no. 7.

PAIGE: I limited it to those related to Chapter 2 on purpose, the diaconal ministers so that's all that was being referred. And that was done on purpose.

BISHOP GROVE: Yes. All right.

WILLIAMSON: Bishop, in that statement it's indicating that these petitions would not come up related to other matters. That's the point I'm making, and I think they would. You would have to assume from what she's saying that these would not come up in other legislative petitions.

BISHOP GROVE: Well, I'm not going to try to answer that; that's your judgment. Yes, sir, over here. No. 6.

TEX SAMPLE (Missouri West): Bishop, instruct me for just a moment. If someone wanted to make a substitute to this motion, that would refer all these materials to the bishops to come back to us in 1992--I'm sorry, 1996--so that they're not restricted in terms of these materials but that you would be able to take all of those materials, take them into account, and come back to us in 1996. How would I make a motion like that?

BISHOP GROVE: What we have to do to achieve that is to dispose of what's before us so that we can lift 313 off the table.

SAMPLE: Well, how do I do that? Or we can't do that until I call for the question.

BISHOP GROVE: Well, I don't think the question's yet in order, except the question is in order on the amendment that's before us because we've had 2 speeches for and against. Is your call for the question on the amendment, Tex? Was your call for the question on the amendment?

SAMPLE: Yes.

BISHOP GROVE: All right. That's in order. Is there a 2nd? All right. If you will . . . do you want to hear it? Well, let's decide 1st whether we want to call the question. If you will support the call for the previous question to cut off debate on the amendment, vote "Yes"; if not, vote "No". Vote when the light appears. We are under the previous question. "Yes," 875; "No," 80. This is the amendment by Margaret Paige from Detroit Conference. Delete "along with all legislative proposals related to the commission for the study of the ministry report"; add following par. 302 and all other paragraphs related to Chapter 2, the Diaconal Ministry. That's what's before us. Yes, you want to speak to it, Dennis? Or anyone over here want to respond to that before we vote?

CAMPBELL: I cannot speak on this, obviously, for the legislative committee, but I would just observe that I think it is very ill-advised for the body to start chopping up these kinds of motions that have been developed as a piece. And, therefore, I would think the legislative committee would recommend non-concurrence with the amendment.

BISHOP GROVE: Does the . . . I should have taken this in the other order. Do you want to speak to this? The minority report maker?

J. LAWRENCE MCCLESKEY (Western North Carolina): I can speak for myself, not other members of the minority report committee but, on behalf of myself, I am opposed to the amendment for the reason just stated: that there are far too many other matters that would not be included if this amendment were adopted.

BISHOP GROVE: Vote when the light appears.

The amendment is "Yes," 146; "No," 812. The amendment is not sustained, we are still on the minority report. Yes,

back here. The woman, no, the woman, yes waving, that's it. No. 11.

DEBRA WILCOCK (Eastern Pennsylvania): I move reconsideration on the amendment to the majority report on Calendar Item 1219.

BISHOP GROVE: You're moving reconsideration of the majority report?

WILCOCK: Yes.

BISHOP GROVE: For purpose of making another . . .

WILCOCK: For purpose of . . .

BISHOP GROVE: For what purpose?

WILCOCK: We did not all have all the delegates seated, and I think that the majority of the people here would like to revote.

BISHOP GROVE: Yes, what you're asking is for us to return, to reconsider the amendment to the majority report?

WILCOCK: Yes.

BISHOP GROVE: OK, the move for reconsideration is in order. Yes, what's the point of order? No. 7.

TOM FLINN (Baltimore): Just 1 question. The person requesting that, did she vote for this?

BISHOP GROVE: Did you vote for? She did. All right, is it seconded? All right, if you will reconsider, lift your hand. Oh, yes, use the electronic. Vote when the light appears. This is a move to reconsider; it takes a majority. It's not reconsidered. "Yes," 331; "No," 630. We're still on the minority report. Let's go over here. Yes, Carolyn, the woman at mike, come to microphone 5. Name and conference. I've been asked to remind you all to give your name and conference.

(Proposed Referral to Higher Education and Ministry)

CAROLINE EDGE (Southern New England): Bishop, I move to amend the minority report in section 2, by substituting for the words, the Council of Bishops, and the 2 places that appear the words "General Board of Higher Education and Ministry." If I have a 2nd, I'd like to speak to that, please.

BISHOP GROVE: It is seconded? It is; you may speak, Carolyn.

EDGE: I love and respect the Council of Bishops.

BISHOP GROVE: Thank you.

EDGE: As we seek to move to consensus on this issue that we've worked so long and hard for, I think it must be done in the presence of laity and diaconal ministers and by the nature of the council, those persons are not a part of the Council. In the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, all of those persons are represented, and I think with the progress that had been made over particularly the last 8 years, that the divisions of that board can work in such a way to develop the legislation that would move us in the direction that this conference wishes us to go. Thank you very much.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, that's an amendment to the minority report. Is there a speech against. Yes sir, right here. Come to no. 3.

LARRY WILKINSON (Western North Carolina): The maker of the amendment used the word "divisions," and we're very much aware of the divisions in that board. We've been studying it for a long time. It seems appropriate to me that we move it on to the bishops; they're representatives of the church at large. And that's my recommendation, that we vote against this amendment.

BISHOP GROVES: All right, is there a speech for the amendment? Speech for the amendment? Question? Yes, back here, come to microphone 13.

CHARLES DUNDAS (Minnesota): I need for someone to tell me what the bishops can do with this reference. It's my understanding that the bishops have no legislative power. Can somebody answer that question? Clarify that for me.

BISHOP GROVE: I think the, I think the bishops can propose legislation.

DUNDAS: Can propose legislation? Will that be the intent of this reference?

BISHOP GROVE: Well, I can't answer that.

DUNDAS: Well, can we assume that will be the case?

BISHOP GROVES: I think, yes, I think so. The material under 313 that's not before us has to do with the reference of the whole study report to the Council of Bishops for proposals or report back to the General Conference in 1996, so I think the understanding is that the bishops could, if they so chose, to proposal legislation.

DUNDAS: May I speak in favor of the amendment that's before us?

BISHOP GROVES: Yes.

DUNDAS: I would like to see all this material referred again through the sections of higher education and ministry, realizing all the divisions and the problems that are there, and have it come back through the legislative process of the 1996 General Conference for the reasons that the maker of the motion named. It is a broader process, and I think we need to struggle with it in that process. And I would hope those who struggle with it would keep in mind that if John Wesley had been bound to the tradition of the established church polity and the ordering of ministry in the established church, we would not be here tonight. And also, I hope we will not let the IRS order our ministry. It's time to get on with some new models that serve the present age.

BISHOP GROVE: Now we're ready for a speech against. Back up, clear the back, microphone 15. This is a speech against the amendment?

DALE SEGREST (Alabama-West Florida): It is. Now the mystery of the ritual of ordination is something that is beyond my expertise and so I won't try to address that issue and I won't try to answer all of the questions that have been raised, but I do want to talk about a very fundamental point that we haven't been talking about. Most, but not all, diaconals are on the payroll of the church one way or the other. They are members of each annual conference and count as laity in the balance and process. Even with the balance and process, that means that those on the payroll of the church have greater voting power than those of us who are not on the payroll, even in fiscal matters. We've heard concerns in this conference about who makes the decisions. This is a decision that impacts at the grass roots level of our church.

BISHOP GROVE: Sir, let me interrupt and ask how this, how your speech relates to the amendment, which is to refer this to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry rather that Council of Bishops. That's what's before us.

SEGREST: I believe that what I am speaking to would be against any referral of any type, so if I'm out of order, I'll try again in a few minutes.

BISHOP GROVE: OK, thank you. Now, speech against. Yes, sir, in the back. No 13.

KERMIT BRASWELL (North Carolina): I would like to offer a substitute and insert, rather than the proceeding motion wording, "the

Division of Diaconal Ministries and the Council of Bishops."

BISHOP GROVE: OK, that's a substitute. Is there a 2nd? I didn't hear a 2nd. There is, all right. Kermit, you want to speak to that?

BRASWELL: May I speak? It's my pleasure and opportunity to work with the board of diaconal ministries in our conference. And I know the frustration that they face. And yet, as I have observed what is happening here tonight, I'm concerned regarding the fact that they will still be, for example, under the lay pension plan. And this is one of the real concerns that they have. I believe at the same time that, whereas the Council of Bishops is capable and willing to receive and examine this document, that we certainly need representation there from the Divison of Diaconal Ministry. And I would urge you to pass the substitute.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, we now have a substitute. Instead of sending to the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the substitute would have us refer to the Division of Diaconal Ministry and Council of Bishops. That's been one speech for the substitute, now we want a speech against the substitute.

Yes, what's the point of order? No. 2.

WADE PANSE (West Michigan): I would question the amendment being in order because I believe it's already included in the minority report with the wording "refer to the Council of Bishops, etc.," with the understanding that the council may call upon related appropriate persons and church agencies.

BISHOP GROVE: No, I think your point of order is not well taken. The amendment by Carolyn Edge replaced "Council of Bishops" with "Board of Higher Education and Ministry," and this is a substitute for that, so it is in order. Now, someone over here, did I recognize, yes, this is for a speech for the substitute? No, against the substitute? No. 4.

JAMES HUNTER (South Carolina): I'd like to move the previous question on all that you will allow.

BISHOP GROVE: I'm sorry; we can't take the previous question yet. We have to have 2 speeches for and against on this substitute. We haven't had them. Yes, back here, speech against Kermit Braswell's substitute motion.

No. 9.

J.N. HOWARD (Holston): I'm against the substitute motion because I hope that we will defeat both the substitute and the amendment because everything that has happened here tonight speaks eloquently to our need to pass the minority report. The bishops are the most able body to deal with the matters that relate to ordained and diaconal ministry, and this confusion that we've had tonight for 2 hours and more makes it obvious we don't know how to deal with it at this point. And I believe that body is the one that can deal with it the best, and I hope we will move quickly to make that action.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, that's a speech against. Now we want a speech for Kermit Braswell's motion. Yes, down here.

PAUL V. CHAFFEE (Western Pennsylvania): Mr. Chairman, I move to suspend the rules for the purpose of moving a previous question.

BISHOP GROVE: That's in order. Is it seconded? All right, if you will suspend the rules to move the previous question, lift your hand. Down, opposed, that's about 99%.

CHAFFEE: Mr. Chairman, I move the previous question.

BISHOP GROVE: On what?

CHAFFEE: On everything before us.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, that's on 2 amendments. Kermit Braswell's substitute and Carolyn Edge's amendment. Yes.

MILES: I understand everything to be everything, and the minority report is before us.

BISHOP GROVE: Yes, you're correct.

MILES: Thank you, sir.

BISHOP GROVE: The previous question will be on the amendments and on the minority report, and to the majority report. Does someone have a copy of Kermit Braswell's. Did you send it up, Kermit? Kermit Braswell, did you send your amendment up? Would you restate it? Mike 13, restate it.

BRASWELL: Bishop, somebody said it's right there. The carbon is not working on this 1 and I can't read it.

BISHOP GROVE: Can you remember it?

BRASWELL: I remember it. I moved to, in lieu of the previous, to add the division, representatives from the division of diaconal ministries and the Council on Bishops.

BISHOP GROVE: That's right. Now we have . . . you want to speak? Yes, and then we will hear 1st from the makers of the minority report, and then from the majority report, and then we will vote in sequence.

McCLESKEY: I want to speak in opposition to both the substitute and the original amendment. The substitute limits the participants far too narrowly because there are fundamental issues of diaconal and ordained ministry at stake in this whole matter, and to limit the participants in that way would be too narrow. I am opposed to the original amendment of referral to the Board of Higher Education and Ministry for these reasons. Our bishops are general superintendents of the entire church. They have supervisory and teaching responsibilities for the entire church. They've demonstrated their leadership ably, nobly, and with integrity in the matters of In *Defense of Creation, Vital Congregations;* in their drug and urban crisis initiatives. The minority report as presented to you calls for consultation with appropriate persons and agencies. It does not call for a study committee. To begin to add too many persons could look like another study committee. The bishops have the right, if it is referred to them, to involve in consultation appropriate persons and agencies of the church.

I would expect that 2 very natural participants in that would be the divisions of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, if the bishops should so choose. They have the freedom to choose those other persons for consultation. The intent of the minority report is indeed, that the Council of Bishops would bring legislative proposals to the 1996 General Conference as they are authorized to do under the rules of the General Conference. I would urge you to defeat the substitute and the amendment and to support the minority report.

CAMPBELL: The legislative committee has worked very hard and believes that--a majority of the legislative committee believes that--it is time to move on and not saddle the church with another quadrennium of study. It is for that reason that the legislative committee on the very 1st day it met voted as it did to move immediately to the pieces of legislation that are now before you. It is for that reason that the majority of the

legislative committee would urge the defeat of the minority report.

BISHOP GROVE: Yes? Question? No. 4.

JIM PERRY (Detroit): Bishop Grove, where would we be, other than in Louisville, if we vote "No" on all of these motions that we're about to vote on?

BISHOP GROVE: Well, then you could then move to take No. 313 off the table, that's one option, or if we don't do anything, we stay with the present form of ministry, would be my understanding.

PERRY: Thank you.

BISHOP GROVE: All right, this is what's before us. First, the substitute by Kermit Braswell. I'll read it: Amend in par. 2 of the recommendation, add on line 5 after "refer to the Division of . . . the references to the Division of Diaconal Ministries, and the Council of Bishops." Vote when the light appears. Not when we're in a vote. Vote when the light appears. That is not sustained; now what is your point of order? All right, go to the microphone, no. 7.

JOHN SHEPPARD (California-Nevada): There was a call for the question, but did we ever vote to . . . we did? OK, thank you.

(Referral to Higher Education and Ministry Rejected)

BISHOP GROVE: We've just defeated Kermit Braswell's substitute. We go now to Carolyn Edges's amendment to the minority report. If that's sustained, it amends the minority report. We then would vote on the minority report as amended. If it's not sustained, we go to the minority report as it's printed. We then vote on the minority report. If it's defeated, the majority report becomes the main motion. If the minority report is sustained, it becomes the main motion. That's the sequence.

So we're now in Carolyn Edge's motion. I move to amend the minority report in section 2 to substitute for the words, "Council of Bishops" in both places, and replace it with the words "the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry."

Vote when the light appears. "Yes," 152; "No," 805. Carolyn Edge's amendment is not sustained. We're now on the minority report as printed. If you will approve it, vote "Yes"; if not, vote "No". Vote when the light appears. "Yes," 607; "No," 358. The minority report is sustained, and it becomes the main motion. If you will approve it as the main motion, vote "Yes," if not, vote "No". Vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 673; "No," 293. The minority report has been sustained. It is the action of this General Conference. We are now at the order of the day. Are there other matters you have to bring?

CAMPBELL: Bishop, I have been telling my colleagues who are legislative committee chairs, along with the chair of calendar and agenda, every morning at 7:00 that we needed to bring ministry issues because it was going to take a long time. We have still many more petitions dealing with the ministry of the church that will be coming before you.

BISHOP GROVE: But unless we extend the time, not tonight.

CAMPBELL: Not in regard to these matters.

BISHOP GROVE: Yes, no. 4.

UNIDENTIFIED: Bishop, I move that we extend the time in order to deal with Calendar Item 313.

BISHOP GROVE: It's my judgment and . . . my colleagues and I believe that that tabling action is now moot because the material has, in effect, been referred. If the house disagrees, we will take it off the table. If you agree with the chair, raise your hand. Down. If you disagree? Chair sustained. We do need . . . I think we are ready to close. We need to hear first from the Committee on the Agenda.

OTT: Let me say some perhaps obvious things to you. It has been the agenda plan that you would be dealing with major topics. It was our intent that there be probably 3 of those through today. There have been 2. In addition to the major topics was the hope that there would be quite a number of calendar items dealt with each day. We have not been able to do that. Major topics have been the focus. Many calendar items are key also. I would remind you as we enter into the last 2 days that we have what I would call a zero-sum situation. Extended talk on some things allows less talk available on others.

With that reminder, let me announce to you a tentative agenda for tomorrow. 8:30 a.m., worship; report of the Committee on Agenda; 9:05, the election of the Commission on the General Conference; 9:10, introduction of the Commission on General Conference and the Local Committee; calendar items at 9:15, including UMcare; an offering tomorrow, before the break, for pages and marshalls; calendar items the rest of the morning, with recess at 12:30. We come back at 2:30 for courtesies, then calendar items, a recess at 5, the evening session from 7-10.

BISHOP GROVE: Thank you. We are ready for the Committee on Presiding Officers.

ALLAN MORRIS: The Committee on Presiding Officers has asked the following to be our presiding officers for Thursday, May 14. At the morning session, Bishop W. T. Handy of, the MO, Area; afternoon session, Bishop Joseph Bethea of the Columbia, SC, Area; and for the evening session, Bishop Melvin Talbert, of the San Francisco Area.

BISHOP GROVE: Before we close, I want to express my gratitude to you for your steadfast faithfulness through a very difficult discussion of a very, very important matter--and especially to my colleagues, Bishop Judith Craig and Bishop James K. Mathews, who have helped me ably and kept me alive through the evening. And Bishop Mathews . . . oh, secretary has announcements.

MARSHALL: A reminder that the Global Ministries Legislative Committee will meet immediately following this plenary in rooms 110 and 112. Additionally, the General and Judicial Administrative Legislative Committee will meet tonight immediately following adjournment at the right side of the platform. That would be right as we face you, to your left. And then, this one other announcement has just come. The General Conference has petitioned the Judicial Council for a decision as to the legality of the General Conference setting a limit, either in dollar amount or percentage increase, for the total cap which the General Council on Finance and Administration shall use in setting the GCFA recommendations for amounts of all funds, in total, provided for in par. 906.1 of the *Discipline*. An oral hearing will be held on Thursday, May 14, at 10 a.m. in room 114 of the convention center.

BISHOP GROVE: Some of us are old enough to remember that Bishop James K. Mathews was in the chair on the last night of the uniting conference in Dallas in 1968--an even tougher night than tonight. He has been called out of retirement twice since retirement, activated once to serve in Zimbabwe and, more

recently and presently, to preside over the newly created Albany Area. He is a father to many of us, and I ask him to come now and offer prayer as we prepare to go to bed for the night.

BISHOP JAMES K. MATHEWS: I propose that, in silence, we allow the Spirit to calm our spirits, and then I will use a prayer from our new *Book of Worship*. And then I will give the apostolic benediction in Marathi, my Indian language, where I went 55 years ago as a missionary of the church.

(prayer)

Thursday Morning May 14, 1992

Bishop W. T. Handy, Presiding

BISHOP W.T. HANDY JR.: All right. Let us now be in order and take our seats. Let us take our seats, please. We have got a lot to do, a long way to go. Recognize, what is it you want, sir? Microphone 10.

ROBERT B. BRANDT (Northern New Jersey): I'd like to raise a question regarding the motion that was made earlier that came back to us yesterday in GCFA's report, including the text of the morning messages for the delegates in the *DCA*, and have a question, realizing in that report, it stated that it would cost roughly $6,400 for that to take place. And GCFA recommended that that was not a wise use of funds. I am wondering whether or not it would be possible . . . my calculations are that comes to about $7 per person in attendance. Is it possible to have this resource available to delegates on a purchase basis, if we are not going to free up the money to print them and give them to the delegates?

BISHOP HANDY: All right.

BRANDT: This is a valuable resource that is very much needed back in our local churches to see the inspiration and the texts that are being brought to us by our bishops.

BISHOP HANDY: We understand that Bishop Yeakel might be able to help us at this point. If you will? By common consent, Bishop Yeakel. No objection.

BISHOP JOSEPH H. YEAKEL: Mr. Chairman, for information purposes only, I was instructed that that last paragraph was not meant to be printed. It was not a part of the action of CFA. The whole report was removed finally, and is in the hands of CFA right now, but that paragraph was an editorial edition that was not approved by CFA as it was explained to me.

BRANDT: Will we be receiving a report back at some point regarding that action?

BISHOP YEAKEL: No.

BRANDT: I am just concerned that we may lose this resource.

BISHOP YEAKEL: I cannot answer that question. CFA would have to answer that.

BISHOP HANDY: When CFA comes, you might want to raise that question.

BRANDT: Thank you very much, bishop.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. The chair will recognize Dr. Ott, Committee on Agenda. Let's be in order now, friends.

DONALD OTT (Wisconsin): Thank you, bishop. Good morning. Your Bible verse for the day, Thursday, May 14, Exodus 9:18: "Behold tomorrow, about this time, I will cause very heavy hail to fall, such as never has been seen." Can you handle a tongue-in-cheek comment to start your day light? Within 3 short weeks, in my town of Milwaukee, the Presbyterian Church in America will convene their General Assembly. Overnight we asked the Judicial Council if they would allow a referral of all calendar items to the Presbyterians. We'll hear from them later.

We are at a point where, as agenda people and with calendar, we have to raise unpleasant options, like limiting debate and referrals and omnibus motions. We don't like to do that. We need to stay at the task, in good order, good spirit, cooperate with the chair, seek God, stay focused. We'll be fine. I would move that the agenda for today be set as it is printed in this morning's *DCA*. You will notice it includes an extension of an hour, 7-10, this evening. Bishop, we move it.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Yes, I see, it's before you now. I see a hand here at 6.

(Speeches Limited for Day's Debates)

V.L. DAUGHTERY JR. (South Georgia): If it's in order, Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the Calendar Committee, I would like to move to suspend the rules for all that is before the General Conference today,

by no. 1, limiting the number of speeches on all motions and amendments to 2 speeches for and 2 speeches against,

and by no. 2, limiting the time of speeches for and against to 2 minutes each, instead of 3 minutes, with an understanding that persons needing translations will be allowed a total of 4 minutes for speeches and translations.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Is there a 2nd? I understand this comes from a committee. No. 6. No. 6. The maker of the motion, do I understand this comes from a committee?

DAUGHTERY: This comes from the Calendar Committee, sir.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Now it's properly before you. Is there any discussion? You understand what it is; we are limiting debate to 2 speeches and 2 minutes. All right. I think you are ready to vote. As many as will suspend the rules, lift the hand. Down. Opposed, same sign. It's done. Now as many as will adopt the motion, lift the hand. Down. And same sign. It's done. Yes.

OTT: You have the motion before you to set the agenda for the day.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. The agenda for the day is before you. As many as will approve, lift the hand. Down. Opposed, same sign. Done. Thank you. All right now, we move to Dr. Lutrick. Introduction of the Commission on General Conference.

(Commission on the General Conference Recognized)

CHARLES E. LUTRICK: Bishop Handy, we recognize that on p. 5, the *Advance DCA*, on the first day of our conference, the listing of the Commission on the General Conference is named there. We'd like to recognize these persons this morning, as we come near the end of this session. At least we hope we are nearing the end. That the Executive Committee, who shared with me in that responsibility, is Bettilou Holland, who was in charge of your registration. I will ask them to stand as I call their names. And Carolyn Hopkins, the program chairman, vice chairman of the commission, and Della Escareno is our secretary. The members of the commission who are retiring, having served for 2 quadrenniaums on this commission are Yos Befu, John Hayes, Paula Johnston, Arnold Madsen. And the remaining members of the commission who will continue on the commission, provided they're elected--they

are elected for this 2nd quadrennium--Jerry Brewster, Sandra Hoke, Don Locher, Thalia Matherson, William Quick, John Thomas, Wallace Thomas, J. Howard Wright.

I'd like to acknowledge, bishop, the persons who have been very faithful to us as ex-officio members and serving with this commission were Dr. Clifford Droke, the treasurer of the General Conference, now standing at the end, and Carolyn Marshall, the secretary of the conference, and 2 other persons who are very important to this General Conference and for our commission work, Dr. DeWayne Woodring, executive director and business manager; and his right arm, Barbara Main, recording secretary. Serving also with our staff, of course, is director of music, Brad Kisner, who's been before you regularly. There are other members who have served this commission in various ways, to the secretary's office, and we commend to you the work of these persons, and especially the work of DeWayne Woodring as I announced the 1st day. This is 20 years he has served this General Conference as a business manager and executive director of the commission. We are very proud of his work, and we would like to have you commend these people for preparing for this General Conference and looking forward to the next.

BISHOP HANDY: Thank you. Let's give them a hand, friends. These persons have worked long and hard these past 4 years, and to get everything in order, that we can operate as smoothly as we do through this time. Thank you very much. We must elect persons to serve on this commission for the next quadrennium, for the class of 2000. I am going to recognize Bishop Talbert. These persons are nominated by the Council of Bishops and elected by this body. Bishop Talbert.

BISHOP MELVIN G. TALBERT: Bishop Handy, and members of the General Conference, if you will turn to p. 86 of the *DCA*, that's the blue copy, you will find the report of the Nominating Committee of the Council of Bishops, and on the top of page, right-hand corner of p. 86, you will find the Commission on the General Conference, class of 2000. And in behalf of the Council of Bishops, I officially put these before you for election.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. These 6 names are properly before you. I think that you are about ready to elect them. As many as will elect, lift the hand. Down. Opposed. They are elected. We now turn to Bishop Robert Spain and the introduction of the local committee.

(Local Committee Leadership Recognized)

BISHOP ROBERT SPAIN: My friends, 3 1/2 years ago, we established a committee to help entertain this General Conference. For these 3 1/2 years, we have been trying to prepare for your arrival in Louisville, and to be a part of the Louisville Annual Conference. Mr. Bill Yates and Dr. Wallace Thomas have been co-chairs of this local committee. We organized ourselves into a staffing and equipment section, a hospitality section, and a program section, along with a treasurer. We have been working through more than 30 basic committees, and we have utilized by name and by invitation more than 2,000 persons in getting ready for this General Conference. These that are here today are the ones that are on duty today at this conference. Now, one committee took care of the area event the other night. One committee has been caring for all the transportation. Another committee has been dealing with the medical services. Every day during this General Conference, between 150 and 200 of our overseas delegates have been having lunch together in one of our local churches. I can say to you that so many, many of you have come to me and expressed appreciation for the local hosting of this General Conference, and I'm not very naive about taking such nice compliments from you, but I want you to know that these are the people who have prepared for this General Conference, and I want you to tell them.

BISHOP HANDY: Thank you very much. The chair can really appreciate what this is inasmuch as we had similar experiences 4 years ago. We now turn to Dr. Charles Jordan, chair of the Calendar Committee.

CHARLES JORDAN (Northern Illinois): Bishop and members of the conference, we will turn 1st to that now familiar exercise of adopting our Consent Calendar. Consent Calendar No. 5 is that calendar which is before us, and that may be found on p. 451 in your *DCA*. You may turn to that page and for that calendar, and I would then ask you to turn to p. 524, where you will see those items that have been removed from Consent Calendar No. 5.

BISHOP HANDY: All right.

JORDAN: Bishop, I would move the adoption of Consent Calendar No. 5 with the corrections.

BISHOP HANDY: Properly before you. As many as will adopt, lift the hand. Down. Opposed, same sign. It is adopted.

JORDAN: Thank you very much. We have a special Consent Calendar matter, and I am going to call on our coordinator of calendar, John Brawn, to share that with us.

(Rules Suspended to Allow Consent Calendar Distribution)

JOHN BRAWN: Good morning. Last evening you decided that in a motion from the floor to create a special consent calendar for all items that had 10 or fewer votes against in legislative committee. Sometimes the best plans don't quite work, and we missed the presses last night by about half an hour. We do have a list of all of the calendar items that would be affected, or that are affected, by that legislation, and while I am not a member of the General Conference and can't make this motion, what I would recommend procedurally is that you suspend the rules to allow the pages to deliver to you the Special Consent Calendar No. A. And I would also further recommend that we extend the deadline tonight for removal from the consent calendar. Because you haven't had this before you in the *DCA* yet this morning, I would like to give you through the dinner hour to submit the request to remove from this Consent Calendar. I also need you to know that we have not included anything in this Consent Calendar that has already been removed from a previous Consent Calendar, under the assumption that if you took it off once, you would take it off again, so that is where we are at, and I will let you take over from there.

JORDAN: Bishop, I would move the suspension of the rules so that this matter may be taken care of.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. As many as will suspend the rules, lift the hand. Down. Opposed, same sign. The rules are suspended. Now as many as will adopt the motion, lift the hand. Down. Opposed, same sign. It is adopted.

JORDAN: Thank you. Bishop and members of the conference, I would share with you this morning's calendar

item agenda. We will begin with Higher Education and Chaplaincy, Janet Stephenson, the chair of that legislative committee, followed by items from the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration with Sandra Kelley Lakore, followed by items from the Legislative Committee on Faith and Mission, Charlene Kammerer. I would ask also, would move, that there would be an order of the day for 12 noon to consider an item from Global Ministries, Twick Morrison, and 2 items from the Central Conferences with Bishop Nacpil.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. That's properly before you now. As many as will adopt, lift the hand. Down. Opposed, same sign. It's adopted.

JORDAN: Thank you very much. We may begin with our calendar items.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. I think I see a hand here. Come to microphone 13, please.

(Number of Questions Limited For Remainder of Conference)

JUDY McCARTNEY (East Ohio): I move to suspend the rules in order to make a motion to limit questions during debate.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. There is a motion. Is it supported? It is seconded. It's a move to suspend the rules to deal then with the matter of questions during debate, limiting them. As many as will suspend the rules for this matter, lift the hand. Down. Opposed, same sign. The rules are suspended. You may proceed.

McCARTNEY: I move for the balance of this General Conference, during debate on a motion which has been moved and seconded, only 5 questions or inquiries be permitted before the final vote on the motion.

BISHOP HANDY: Is there a 2nd? You understand the motion? The motion is to limit questions to 5 on each item. The matter before you, and then you will have to proceed. Yes, I see a hand? You want to speak to it? Proceed.

McCARTNEY: May I speak to it?

BISHOP HANDY: Certainly.

McCARTNEY: Unfortunately one of the strategies used to block fair debate and exchange of information is to pose frivolous and needless questions ad infinitum. When question after question is asked, those involved in the debate lose track of what the original motion was and of the status of the debate. We are distracted from the real business of weighing opinions and gaining content in order to vote judiciously. Also, we know that doing our homework would make many questions unnecessary. If complex matter and finances . . .

HANDY: Let's just hold the applause, please.

McCARTNEY: . . . are before us, the body would always be able to suspend this rule, but at the least it would be up to the body to decide how many questions are reasonable.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Opposed to the motion? Microphone 3.

BOB W. PARROT (Texas): I call for the question.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, I don't see any objections, so I guess we will proceed. As many as will approve this motion--you understand what it is doing now--you will only have 5 questions on each motion that is before you. We are ready to vote. As many as will approve the motion, lift the hand. Down. Opposed. It is adopted. All right, we will proceed to Ms. Stephenson.

(Scholarship Funds Clarified)

JANET STEPHENSON (Iowa): Good morning. Before we begin the work of the legislative committee, I have been asked to clarify some of the statements made during the debate, during our previous appearance before this group. It's in relationship to Calendar Item No. 243, the $100 million scholarship fund. There were some statements made that were misunderstood, and you need to have some clarity about this.

The $30 million that was mentioned as being available for scholarships, that is not true. The $30 million represents the investment available for the whole Board of Higher Education and Ministry. And $2 million of that each year is used for the awarding of scholarships. The United Methodist Foundation for Christian Higher Education is a different organization, completely separate, and it currently has $20 million under investment, the proceeds of which are used for scholarships. In regard to the $100 million scholarship campaign, during the last 4 years, since the action of the 1988 General Conference to authorize the raising of such funds, a feasibility study was conducted and just recently. The United Methodist Foundation has been determined as to be the principal fund-raising body for that scholarship fund. Individuals will be approached by that foundation working in cooperation with the chief executive officers of our United Methodist institutions. In effect, they are approaching the same people, but they will be working cooperatively to raise the funds for the $100 million scholarship fund. As soon as a sizable corpus has been obtained for that fund, then scholarships will begin to be awarded. This is not available yet, contrary to what was said the other day. We are in the process of raising these funds and hopefully, with good success, scholarships will be available in the near future. I hope that clarifies those statements. All right, let's move to our legislation. Thanks to the motion to put items with 10 or fewer votes on the consent calendar, we have only 3 items to bring to you this morning. You will need your blue book and your white book.

(Calendar Item No. 632; Rural Chaplaincy)

The first item is on p. 293 in the blue book. That's 293 and the item No. is 632.

. . . at 632, and the title of that is "Rural Chaplaincy as a Ministry of Laity and Clergy." We need to clarify 1 computer glitch I assume it's always easier to blame the computer. There is a dollar sign connected with Item 632 in the blue book. That should be removed in the Petition No. The way it is listed in the white book without the dollar sign after the letter R is the correct way, so eliminate the dollar sign in the blue book.

There is a minority report with this item. Basically what the committee has done is to present to you as a majority report the way that the item is printed on p. 1235 in the white book. Did I give you that? Page 1235 in the white book. The item on p. 1235 in the white book, labeled "Rural Chaplaincy as a Ministry of Laity and Clergy" is the majority report.

It was amended in the minority report in the following ways: the 3rd par. beginning, "Whereas," at the bottom of the right-hand column was eliminated. This is for the minority report. If you will turn the page, the last paragraph before "Therefore be it resolved" where it says, "Whereas 40 rural chaplains, including 7 laypersons," and so on, that paragraph was also eliminated. And then in each of

the paragraphs where the phrase "rural chaplains . . . in each of the "whereas" paragraphs, that phrase was changed to "persons working in rural ministries" for the minority report. Alec Alvord will be presenting--who is associated with the World Chaplains Fellowship--will be presenting the majority report, and David Dolsen will be speaking on behalf of the minority report. So, bishop, may I yield to Alec Alvord, please?

BISHOP HANDY: All right.

ALEC M. ALVORD (Western North Carolina): Bishops, delegates to the General Conference. The concept of rural chaplaincy has been in the process of development during the past 8 years. This concept grew out of the need to minister in a special way to persons caught up in our critical rural crisis. This program was developed in consultation with staff of our General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Rosalie Bentinger in the Division of Diaconal Ministries, and Pat Barrett and Janet Stephenson in the Division of Chaplains were involved in this process. Preparation for a Rural Chaplains Association began in 1986. The first official meeting was held in 1988. A program of certification has been developed, which requires 2 training events of 4-5 days each. Presently 40 persons have received certification as rural chaplains. These chaplains were certified in November 1991. Included in the 40 were 9 women, 7 laypersons, and 33 clergy from 22 annual conferences and the church's 5 jurisdictions. Bishop J. Lloyd Knox of the Birmingham Area, and Dr. Randolph Nugent, General Board of Global Ministries, led the certification service. There are presently 60 persons in the process of moving toward certification. This is a program which was developed in consultation with staff persons of our general boards of Higher Education and Ministry, and Global Ministries. It was developed to minister to those caught up in our critical rural crisis. These rural chaplains are not endorsed chaplains. They are certified for a special ministry, and all they are asking for is your affirmation of this program.

BISHOP HANDY; All right.

STEPHENSON: David Dolsen will speak for the minority report.

DAVID DOLSEN (Rocky Mountain): Both the majority and minority report affirm the crisis in the rural areas and the need for ministry. Whereas the majority report lifts up those 40 persons who have been certified by the Rural Chaplains Association, the minority report would replace the words "rural chaplain" and "rural chaplaincy" with the phrase "persons working in rural ministry." Using the term "persons working in rural ministry" makes the resolution more inclusive and more in line with the *Book of Resolutions*, instead of endorsing just 1 specific organization. The minority report, by using that phrase, "persons working in rural ministry," lifts up all persons throughout the church that are working in these specialized areas.

Second, the minority report is concerned with the term used, "rural chaplains," which includes certification of both laypersons and clergy persons. The term seems to have some elements of conflict with the *Discipline* dealing with Category B with reference to ordained persons under endorsement as chaplains. As Alec has indicated, they have had consultation with the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, but the Division of Chaplaincy will probably be asking for a Judicial Council ruling on use of that term, "rural chaplains." The *Discipline* specifically directs the Division of Chaplains and related ministries to assure high standards of competency for clergy and appointments beyond the local church. Rural chaplains, as has been reported, which include laity, do not come under the endorsement process. We would urge the adoption of the minority report as a more inclusive affirmation of all persons working in rural ministries. If the majority report is adopted, you will be affirming rural chaplaincy as a specialized ministry, an area that is not defined in the *Discipline*. We believe that this adoption would add further confusion. We would urge the adoption of the minority report.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, friends. It is the understanding of the chair that we have the minority report presented. And now we will go back to the majority report for perfection, and then to the minority report for perfection, and vote on the minority report to see where we stand at that point.

All right. The majority report is before you now for perfection. All right, I think you're about ready. Let's move over to the minority report. I don't see anything on that 1, either, so . . . here? All right. Microphone no. 3.

UNIDENTIFIED: Is it appropriate to speak against the minority report?

BISHOP HANDY: No, we're perfecting it now.

UNIDENTIFIED: All right. I want to speak against it when the time comes.

BISHOP HANDY: On microphone no. 1.

UNIDENTIFIED: I wish to speak against it.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. We're perfecting it. Microphone no. 9.

MARVIN ABRAMS (California-Pacific): Bishop, I'd like to move an amendment to the minority report.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, you may proceed.

ABRAMS: The amendment would be that wherever there is "rural America" we talk . . . we would add "rural and reservation America." Following each "rural" there would be "and reservation America." We find that there's a . . . well, I'll wait for a 2nd.

BISHOP HANDY: Is there a 2nd? All right, you may proceed.

ABRAMS: We find that in rural and reservation areas--for reservations for Native Americans--we find we have the same critical problems, and we want to make sure that this is addressed by the church. And so this is why I would offer this amendment.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Anybody want to speak against the amendment? For it; against it? You ready to vote? You understand which area to vote on? All right. As many as will approve the amendment, lift a hand. Down. Opposed? Same sign. The amendment is adopted. Anything else? I think you're about ready to speak on it. All right. We'll recognize you here; microphone 3.

BEN EDWARDS (West Ohio): I hope we defeat the minority report. I do not think that the word "chaplain" is so specific that it can't be associated with these people. As I gave thought to this, I noted in our *DCA* that Ruby Galloway Farish, who brought the lay address, is a police chaplain. Are we going to get into that? How wonderful it would be, where there is so much problem in the rural church and among the rural community, if there were people quickly identified, called "rural chaplain," that can minister to people in crisis. I hope we'll defeat the minority report.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Does anybody want to speak in favor of the minority report? I see a hand here at microphone 2.

TERRELL T. SESSUMS (Florida): Bishop, I was a member of the legislative subcommittee and committee that dealt with this item. I am a lay member. Many of us have become acquainted with chaplains in the military service, at hospitals, and many other institutions. In those cases, the chaplains are not employed, or agents or representatives of The United Methodist Church, unless they are chaplains at Methodist institutions--hospitals, colleges, or universities--where we can control the qualifications of the chaplains. Many of us associate chaplains with the ministry and with ordained ministry. We would hope, in this case, that you would not, in a desire to be especially nice to a dedicated group of people, give them a title that connotes the ordained ministry of the church. Especially to earn this accreditation only requires 10 days of training and certification by an agency that is not related to or controlled by The United Methodist Church. I'm sure many of these people are ordained ministers and are properly qualified. But we have no assurance that many of them would be. Some of us are a little concerned with the possible exposure of lay people being certified as rural chaplains who are not properly prepared or trained and who are representatives of and employed by the church and bring with it associated liability problems. We would urge caution, and I would support the adoption of the minority report. Thank you.

BISHOP HANDY: You're welcome. All right, now, is there anybody who wants to speak against the minority report? I see here microphone no. 3.

FRANK L. DORSEY (Kansas East): I want to speak in opposition to the minority report. I sense a wave of professionalism sweeping the church that would begin to equate ordination with certain privilege. We rule out a whole class when we begin to make that argument. We rule out people who are diaconal ministers. And we rule out the *laos* of the church. Many of the people in our rural communities undergoing such crisis are the lay people there who have a PhD. in life experience and life hardship. Out of their baptism--out of their call, as significant as my call to ordained ministry--they have been on the front lines dealing with the people, caring for them. And I believe they should have the right to be called chaplain.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Does anybody want to speak for the motion? I see a hand microphone 13. This is for . . . ?

SALLY B. GEIS (Rocky Mountain): For the minority.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, thank you. You may proceed.

GEIS: While I affirm the work of the laity, I do think that in chaplain there is a specific place for professionals. My experience is primarily in hospitals, hospices, and prisons. But I think that the perception of chaplaincy prevails among people that when you call a chaplain, it is in a time of crisis. And we have, unfortunately, had some experiences where people have, in an effort to be helpful, overstepped, I think, their lay responsibility and given the impression that they have, for example, administered Sacraments. Now this may not have been intentional, but it is awfully awkward. And I think the clarity of language about who is like me, just a very helpful lay person working, and who is actually a chaplain. We use that word specifically. I would hope we would not dilute the word, so that our laity and our people who need help would not misunderstand what we are doing. I support the minority report.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. By your new rules, now, we have exhausted the speeches on this subject. We will now hear from chair of the leader of the minority report.

DAVID DOLSEN (Rocky Mountain): I think what you hear is that we are still affirming all those persons are working in rural ministry. Because this organization has classified itself as a Methodist organization, we believe that there is confusion over the term. Therefore, in *The Book of Resolutions,* we feel that this resolution shall lift up those areas of need and affirm all of those persons, and not just arise to the confusion that may result. We, again, urge the adoption of the minority report.

BISHOP HANDY: Someone want to speak from the main motion--majority?

ALVORD: Bishop and delegates, I feel that the word "chaplain" belongs to public domain. When I was in college, I was a chaplain in my fraternity. I certainly had no training for that position. We have chaplains in schools without any training. This is not asking for endorsement. Endorsement by the division means that you are under the division and you are trained thoroughly according to their requirements. Certification as a rural chaplain is a program that has been developed in consultation with the division. It is a program where people are selected and trained and interviewed and carefully processed. They are encouraged to take continuing education constantly. These are persons who are in a very special ministry; they are not ordained clergy. They are serving a population in crisis. And I urge the defeat of the minority report in the support of the majority.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Now we know where we are and what we're prepared to vote for. On Calendar Item No. 632, there is a minority report, and if you are . . . Well, I think we're ready to make a decision on this. So please vote when the light appears. What was that? I said majority? Isn't that what we are voting on? I said that we are prepared to vote on the minority report, on Calendar Item 632. And I said, "Now I think we're ready to make a decision."

And so when the light comes on, please vote. The vote is 451, "Yes"; 474, "No." The minority report does not prevail. We now move to the majority report. Do you think you've got enough information to vote? All right.

Please vote when the light appears. No applause, please. The vote is 715, "Yes"; 221, "No." 632 is adopted. All right.

(Calendar Item No. 56; Membership of University Senate)

STEPHENSON: Thank you, friends. The next item will be found on p. 170 in the blue book. Page 170. It is Item 56--Calendar Item 56. This item has been lifted from the consent calendar, on which it was placed by a 65 to nothing vote in the committee. It has to do with membership on the University Senate. There are 4 related petitions connected with this item. The petition as submitted would change the membership of the University Senate. The committee recommends that you nonconcur.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. It's before you now. The committee has recommended nonconcurrence. All right. I think you're ready to vote. No, I

see a hand here microphone 6. Make it 11.

RILEY CASE (North Indiana): I'd like to speak against the committee's recommendation. I'm not sure whether this petition would address the concerns that many of us have with the University Senate. But sometime, and in some way, I think the concerns need to be addressed. Originally, the senate was charged with such things as whether the schools provided for historical, literary study of Bible in the vernacular and religious questions. I believe the senate does not ask many religious questions, such as "How much Christian influence is involved in the phrase 'church related'?" It may be impossible with the present makeup of the committee: 17 of the 25 members are institutional CEOs; 20 of the 25 members are men; not all of the members are even United Methodist. Maybe it's a "good old' boys' club" responsible for evaluating others in the club and their institutions. Their schools are fine schools--intellectually respectable; but, in many ways, our schools, our universities and colleges, are indistinguishable from secular schools. Our seminaries seem to resist all calls to faithfulness to our Wesleyan heritage. The evangelical presence is often under-represented. The new formula may or may not address that, but I urge us to vote against the committee's recommendation.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, does anyone want to speak for the committee? I think maybe the committee chair. I don't . . . where is a hand? All right. Microphone . . . where is the microphone? I can't see it. Turn it this way so I can see it. Yes, sir. Thank you. [Microphone] 5.

LAMBUTH CLARKE (Virginia): I'm speaking for the nonconcurrence.

BISHOP HANDY: You may proceed.

CLARKE: President of one of the United Methodist colleges. I urge you to vote nonconcurrence. I'm on the University Senate; I've served for 4 years. I am convinced the workings of the senate are excellent. I've had the pleasure of being on a number of committees. There's great, conscientious [audio tape is not clear] view of our colleges. I can speak mainly from my own state, where there are 6 of our colleges. And I'm convinced that these institutions have aided the church in a fine way. And I think we should continuously [audio tape is not clear] on its membership. Thank you.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. You think you've got enough information on this? Ready . . .

STEPHENSON: May I speak?

BISHOP HANDY: You certainly may. Proceed.

STEPHENSON: Friends, there has been called into account the feeling that the senate is not willing to call its own members into account. Four years ago, at the St. Louis General Conference, because of the order of election in the Iowa delegation, I was seated next to the president of one of our United Methodist-related colleges in Iowa. He's not here today. His institution is no longer affiliated with The United Methodist Church. Westmar college was de-listed by the University Senate 2 years ago because of problems with the change in governments. Anyone who thinks that the University Senate does not call its own members into account needs to do a reality check because they do. I would urge you to support the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. If you support the committee, you will vote "Yes"; if you do not support the committee, you will vote "No" . Please vote when the light appears.

The vote is "Yes," 755; "No," 165. The committee vote prevails.

STEPHENSON: Thank you.

BISHOP HANDY: Nonconcurrence. All right.

(Calendar Item No. 233; Accountability of Methodist Seminaries)

STEPHENSON: The last item is an item on p. 239 in the blue book. It is Calendar Item No. 233. That's p. 239 in the blue book, Calendar Item 233. You will find the petition on p. 1235 in the white book, 1235 in the white book. The title of the petition is "Accountability of Methodist Seminaries." You may recall, we had a similar discussion about this kind of thing, about dictating what is taught at United Methodist seminaries, in a previous session, and because of all the reasons elucidated then, the committee would recommend that you nonconcur with this item.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. It seems as though you are ready to vote. You see . . . oh, right here. All right, no. 2.

THOMAS O. GARNHART (Wisconsin): I wish to speak in support of the committee's recommendation to nonconcur because I think some of the sisters and brothers, who urge us to be Wesleyan and want to impose standards, are not very familiar with John Wesley, who strongly criticized those who insisted on "right thinking," as he called it, which was his term for doctrinal purity. Wesley was frequently critical of those who wished to impose right thinking on anyone and based the unity of the church, not on right thinking or doctrine, but on "if your heart be with my heart, give me your hand." And so to insist on being Wesleyan, is in fact, not Wesleyan.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Anyone want to speak against the committee. I think you are about ready to vote. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 742; "No," 178. The committee is sustained.

STEPHENSON: Bishop, it is with no small amount of pride and relief that I inform you that this completes the work of the Higher Education and Chaplaincy Subcommittee.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Thank you. I see a hand here, 12. 7, make it 7.

(Broadcasting of Ballot Abstensions)

GOLDSCHMIDT: I abstained in my last 2 votes; yet there was no record of abstaining showing on the screen. Is the electronic adjusted so the abstainings are being counted as negative votes? We have had some very close ballots. I am concerned by that.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Can someone help us with that? All right. It is . . . the understanding of the chair is, that some time ago in our deliberations, it was asked that those would be eliminated from tally. Now, if you want them to appear, I understand they can appear. Do you want them to appear? As many as will want them to appear, lift the hand. Down. Opposed, same sign. They will not appear. All right. Let's move to Financial Administration. I'm going to . . . I'm going to let you make your presentation. Then we will go into the other thing. Microphone No. 7.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I believe that as I talked with some of my colleagues, it was not perceived that the percentages being shown as having passed the motion are based on the "Yes" and "No" votes. It is not based on the totality of the people voting, including those abstaining. So it,

those 2 figures have always added to 100%.

BISHOP HANDY: Yes, that's because when you abstain, they don't count those.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I trust we realize if we have 50 people abstaining, and something passes by 50.1%, it may reflect something that we have to be careful how we interpret.

BISHOP HANDY: Yes, but if they are not voting, you can't count them. All right, let's move. Ms. Lackore.

SANDRA KELLEY LACKORE (Southern New England): Bishop Handy, members of the General Conference. Another one of the several important issues that the Legislative Committee on Financial Administration had before it was the item of the denominational health plan. It is my pleasure to introduce to you this morning Robert Stevens, the vice president of the General Board of Pensions and the chair of the denominational health care plan. Bob Stevens is a layperson who has served this church well in this capacity and in many capacities. Besides putting 4 years of this quadrennium into the work of bringing this report to you, Bob, in his spare time, is treasurer of the Pacific Northwest Conference. I present Bob Stevens to you.

BISHOP HANDY: Mr. Stevens.

(Report from Denominational Health Care Task Force)

ROBERT W. STEVENS (Pacific Northwest): Thank you very much. Bishop Handy, members of the General Conference. It is my pleasure this morning to bring you a report from the denominational health care task force via the General Board of Pensions. The last General Conference adopted a petition from a couple of our faithful constituents who asked the board to look at the possibility of a denomination-wide health-care plan. And out of that, we formed a 22-member task force, made up of persons who were experts in health-care consideration, including a physician. We included in our task force conference treasurers, conference pension officers, other lay and clergy persons, as well as members of staff and of the General Board. The objectives quickly became, in this plan, the work of this task force to try to design a denomination-wide health-care plan that could speak to a genuine need and concern in the church. Most of you have sat in annual conferences and received the cheery news about what's happening to your health insurance premiums. Health insurance premiums are driven by a number of factors, and some of those are within our control, and some are not so close to our control. But in any event, they are becoming a very significant factor in the life of the church.

You recall in the General Conference on Finance and Administration presentation, there was reference to health-care costs and what that's doing to our local churches and annual conferences. So we set about trying to design a health care plan that would meet some objectives, and you have seen those presented to you in premium stability, claims predictability, and benefit uniformity. Trying to design a basic denomination-wide health care program, and just incidentally, we hope, we can save the denomination some money along the way, and we are talking about substantial possibilities. Our plan is before you in the plan document as found on p. 472-487 in the red book, and has been amended by the amendments that are in the Calendar Item 1397 on p. 463 in the blue book.

Now the committee is going to bring those amendments to you, and you will have an opportunity to discuss those, but I simply want to call to your attention this document. I also want to make a statement to you about the process that we are involved with here, which may or may not feel always so comfortable to you. And that process is that we are bringing to you what we call a plan document, and if some of you are involved with employee benefit plans in your organization, your company, your nonprofit organization, you recognize that a plan document is a legal type of document that sets forth the authority of the plan administrator to present and develop a plan. What you have before you is not the details of that plan. It's deliberate. Those details and those needs change from day to day, week to week, and month to month, and that's what we need a plan administrator to take care of for us. In this case, it would be the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits, which is being reorganized to assume this additional significant responsibility. The plan document is not exactly happy bedtime reading for most of you, and it is important however, to understand, however, that it does set forth parameters and limitations and authorities and that those are changeable only by action of this General Conference. Now, there are some other things that we have to take into account when we think about developing a denomination-wide health care plan. One fact of life, and you have heard it referred to perhaps in your legislative committees, is that we now have to conform to certain regulations that are imposed on us as a church.

We no longer can design a benefit plan, an employee benefit plan in a vacuum. Yes, you've heard say we are not subject to ERISA. Well, that's kind of technically true, but it's technically not true. We are subject to some sections of it. We are subject to some sections of the Internal Revenue Code, and what we are proposing to you is a plan that takes advantage of some provisions in those plans that will be to the benefit of the church and to its participants. We have set forth in this plan a mandatory plan for several significant reasons, and there will be more discussion on this by other presenters this morning. But we have mandated in all of our clergy serving local churches, our bishops, and our general agency staff. Why do we do that? Because to make an effective plan, we need a group of 25,000 nondiscriminatory, mandated employees, if you want to use that term. I realize that there are reasons we don't call ourselves employees, but for this purpose it will be descriptive. In addition, we have made access, we've made it possible for people to have a guaranteed right to come in the plan if they wish to do so, and that includes the retired persons, surviving spouses, and the like.

And you have perused that plan; you will find those benefits, and those persons. And then we have the optional. These are optional participants. These are participants that a planned sponsor can bring in. But one of the keys to always want to remember that is included in the plan is that you must not be discriminatory. So you can't decide in your local church to provide this coverage for your full-time youth worker and your full-time music director who are laypersons, and not offer it to your full-time janitor or your full-time secretary. We cannot discriminate. We are not given that privilege. The plan simply will not allow it.

Plan sponsors will be annual conferences, will be the General Council on Finance, but they will also be local churches and institutions related to The United Methodist Church, districts, and any organization that would otherwise qualify, in there set forth. Now, one of the keys of a plan like this if we are going to try to save some money, is to involve some contemporary state-of-the-art provisions, and one of those provisions to save money has to do with networking and pricing of the plan. And I have asked Don Smith, a member of the task force, treasurer of the North Indiana Conference, to come and talk to you for just a moment about networking and costs. Don.

(UMCare Cost Savings)

DON SMITH (North Indiana): Thank you, Bob. Bishop, members of the conference. The specific cost savings of UMCare were determined by first defining the detailed benefits which represent the minimum uniform plan that would be applicable to all conferences and employers. These detailed benefits were then costed for 1992, based on a model of national pooling of claims and consolidated contracted administration. Compared to the 1992 premiums being paid by the conferences and the general agencies, the overall savings would amount to $12.7 million for 1992. These savings were then passed on to the conferences and agencies, based on 7 cost bands which represent the regional cost differences of health care in the different geographical areas. Based on those regional rates, 56 conferences would pay significantly less and 4 would pay the same.

Twelve conferences would pay more, but primarily to enrich the benefits to match the minimum uniform plan. These savings would then be augmented by the emphasis on wellness and healthy lifestyles, including health screening tests at 100% payment. The use of centers of excellence for high-risk procedures, and managed care networks, where they are available, with high standards of quality care. Now the task force recognized the sensitivity regarding use of networks, and has structured the plan to utilize these only where they are available with demonstrated quality. Where networks have not been implemented, the participants would still receive the same benefits as if they were, and participants will not be required to travel unreasonable distances in order to use a network. All of these features of the plan--the benefits, the administration, the networks, the flexible spending account features--will all be put out to bid and negotiation almost immediately if approval is granted. In my own conference, managed care is already saving the former cost of claims processing. Over 5% of total claims volume and electronic claims filing which comes with the network has cut turnaround time in half. Thank you.

BISHOP HANDY: All right.

(Flexible Spending Accounts Flexibility in Benefits)

STEVENS: Thank you, Don. And that would bring us now to a couple of other provisions of the plan that we think are very important to understand and not be afraid of. We are going to introduce some new terms to many of you: flexible spending accounts and flexibility in the benefits. One of the things that we have designed into this plan is a basic coverage plan. And then in addition, we have made it possible through what we call flexible spending accounts, for either a plan sponsor--which could be the annual conference, it could be a local church, or an institution, or the participants--to supplement those plans.

For instance, if your present annual conference has a low deductible, and the basic plan raises that deductible and your conference wants to do something about it, you can do something about it in this plan. It is provided for. It enables it. If your conference offers dental, the plan doesn't include dental--I'm disappointed, Pacific Northwest has had dental since the '70s--but we were going to offer it, and it will be available. So it is available on an optional basis. Participants will be able to take advantage of some of these special coverages without being required of the plan sponsor to offer them. All of this, through flexible-spending accounts, can be done at an income-tax advantage because it is on a tax-preferred basis.

Now, some of you have wondered about funding, and why aren't we proposing a self-insured plan? Aren't we big enough if we have 80,000 participants or insured lives, I should say, in the plan--which we think we would with this group--why aren't we big enough to self-insure? Well, because we don't have the adequate reserves to do that at this point, and state laws become a handicap to us. And, therefore, we can use what we call a modified minimum premium program to the advantage of the denomination. A couple of statements I want to make about costing, and then we will turn to another subject. One thing that I think is a very important concept is that it is intended that the health care plan will stand on its own and will not be dependent upon the assets of the General Board of Pensions to back it up. We are not going to do what some other organizations have done.

We are not going to borrow from our pension funds to pay claims that we didn't expect to incur. We are going to design a plan that protects us from getting into that situation. In a modified minimum premium plan it's to the advantage of the insurance company to pay claims as in keeping with the plan, not to try to not pay claims to make money. That's not the nature of the plan. Start-up costs have been included in our cost savings. Now, I would like to turn to Shirley Parris, a lay person from the New York Conference, who served on our task force also. Shirley is an employee benefits person in a major national corporation. And Shirley would like to talk to you a little.

BISHOP HANDY: Let me, if I may . . .

STEVENS: Yes, sir.

BISHOP HANDY: Mr. Stevens, we are nearing a time for a break, but we also are to take an offering for our pages.

STEVENS: All right.

BISHOP HANDY: And I wonder if this would be a good place where we could pause, and then we will pick up when we come back.

STEVENS: I can do that, bishop, if you wish, I am nearly through. I have about 2 minutes.

BISHOP HANDY: 2 minutes?

STEVENS: 2 minutes.

BISHOP HANDY: Well, let's try.

STEVENS: All right, Shirley.

SHIRLEY PARRIS (New York): Good morning.

BISHOP HANDY: Good morning.

PARRIS: As an assistant vice-president with Bank of America, my specific portfolio is personnel manager of the Eastern Region. As a lay woman in the business arena, therefore, I am very familiar with the method by which corporate business selects its insurance plans. And I am excited about this crea-

tion of UMCare, a plan which has been designed and crafted specifically for United Methodists, with particular and loving concern for the unique needs of our United Methodist clergy and laity. The emphasis is on the good of the whole body, rather than on what is expedient, although we have included cost-containment measures to help stabilize costs. The plan is ours. If adopted, we can fix any bugs [audio-tape not clear], we can perfect it as situations erupt, or circumstances change. I also have a great delight in the affirmation of our connectional system, which is implicit in the plan. I know that the mandatory requirements chafe and annoy some of us, but the maximum effectiveness of the plan can only be achieved if we use our interdependence or interweaving bond as the foundation on which we build equilibrium in the whole body, as we try to subdue and control, for us in our church and church-related organizations, the rising costs of health care. It is with integrity, therefore, and some pride which I hope will be forgivable that I commend UMCare to you from a lay perspective, and I urge your support of it.

BISHOP HANDY: All right.

STEVENS: Bishop, I have about 1 minute.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. You said 2, and now you've got 1 left. Let's try that one.

STEVENS: All right. Let's see if we can do it. The 1 thing I want to talk about, I'm going to say 2 things. One, and I know we are under pressure of time, I am a delegate along with you, I understand. One is that I believe we have tried to transition people into this plan from their present plans and have taken great care to do the very best job possible. Secondly, I don't want to promise savings because I can't control everything, but the opportunity, if we are paying for these people $200 million a year in health care premiums in 1994, if we can save 5% of that, friends; that's $10 million. That's $10 million for mission. This plan has a mission for the church, and I hope that you can help us to implement and share in that mission. Bishop, that concludes my presentation. It's back to the committee.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Thank you. I think now we will pause. We are to take an offering for our pages and marshals who have been very diligent. I know they have been very responsible in their task. They've even tried to keep me out of here because I didn't have my badge. But that's not going to have anything to do with my offering. Let's be generous, friends; they don't get anything for this but rendering service, and what little we can do. I may have used the wrong word, not little, what much we can do. You making checks will make them out to the General Council on Finance and Administration, and I'm sure you don't make checks out for $1. All right, now. I understand the pages are ready. All right. Let's proceed to take the offering. Now, where we are at this time, we have heard the report from the committee. I understand there is a minority report. We will take that into account and proceed from there. I have a couple of privileged motions that we will try to deal with as soon as we return. I see a hand, here at microphone no. 7.

LUCILLE VANZANT (Oklahoma): Bishop will there be a chance for us to give in the offering at a later time? I left my meager amount in my hotel room.

BISHOP HANDY: I'm a Methodist preacher, and we take offerings any time.

VANZANT: Thank you.

(Conference receives offering.)

BISHOP HANDY: Once you have given your offering, you may then be in recess until 10:35.

(break)

(song)

BISHOP HANDY: All right, let us be in order, please. Let us be in order. Take our seats. Let's move with dispatch. All right, we are in order. The chair will recognize no.7.

(DCA Staff and Committee On Journal Recognized)

TED L. AGNEW (Oklahoma): I suspect that this is a personal privilege item, bishop, but I think that in our giving thanks to people this morning, in regard to the persons who had arranged for this General Conference, and so on, that we also have an obligation to thank the people who daily produce our *Daily Christian Advocate* because it is an accurate record as they can make it of what we have done and especially because I, as a professional historian, am interested in its being accurate for the future use of people of my profession.

And, therefore, I think that the persons who are listed on p. 38, no, p. 514, the 2nd page of today's issue; there are 38 of them. I think that those persons headed by Richard Peck are very much in our prayers and gratitude, and also the persons who are on the Journal Committee who produce the corrections that appear on 549, headed by delegate Sharon Howell, and I think that we owe a special debt to these people for giving us the daily work and also the historical record for the future.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, by common consent, will you let the record show that we should express appreciation to the people who are responsible for the *DCA*. Thank you. I recognize Kelly Bender out of the Kansas East Conference. Is she here? All right, we'll move here, then. There was a hand here. Microphone 3.

(Original Rules for Debate and Questions Temporarily Restored)

ROBERT STILLWELL (South Carolina): I would like to make a motion to suspend the rules during the consideration of UMCare only: 1. to remove the limit of 5 questions; and 2. to allow on each side a maximum of 3 speeches of 3 minutes each. This is far too important a matter to limit full consideration by this body.

BISHOP HANDY: Is there a 2nd? All right, you have heard the motion; it is to let us return to our original rules pertaining to debate for this matter only,

UMCare only. Are you ready to vote? All right. Those who will suspend the rules will lift a hand. Down. Oppossed? The rules are suspended. Now, those who will adopt the motion, will you lift your hands? Down. Oppossed? It is sustained. I think I'm a little bit more deliberate there. They tell me I'm going a little bit too fast for the translators with the hand vote, so we will have to be a little bit more deliberate. All right, we will proceed under these special rules for this matter only.

KELLEY LACKORE: General Conference, bishop, I would to call your attention to p. 463, the legislation in the right-hand column of that page, petition no. 1397 in the blue edition, the text of which, as Mr. Stevens has already called our attention to, is in the red *Advance DCA* on p. 472. The legislative committee, in acting on this legislation, recommends concurrence as amended and

printed in your blue addition. The vote was 45-36-2. There is a minority report to this legislation; it is found on p. 464, and it is my understanding, bishop, that the minority report will be presented to the group. Then we will present the majority report, and then you will perfect the majority report. Then I would introduce to the body William Harvey who will present the minority report.

WILLIAM HARVEY (East Ohio): Bishop Handy and members of General Conference, the minority report is found on p. 464 of the blue book, p. 464, blue book, right-hand column, entitled "Minority Report." I was a member of the legislative subcommittee that considered the UMCare plan. Members of the subcommittee included the chair of the task force that created the plan and 4 members of the task force. If you look at article 1601 on p. 486 of the red book, you see the mandatory aspect of the plan. Red book 486, article 1601. When I proposed that article 1601 of the plan be changed to allow voluntary participation by the annual conferences, I learned that the mandatory aspect is essential to the nature of the plan. In order to have the voluntary aspect, a new plan would have to be created. Therefore, the minority report, the substance of which is in the last paragraph: "Be it resolved that the General Board of Pensions be instructed to develop a health care plan which incorporates the aspect of voluntary participation by the annual conferences, and that this plan be presented for approval at the 1996 General Conference." Making the plan voluntary rather then mandatory will allow time to resolve issues around network providers, flexible-spending accounts, and new plan costs and benefits. Making the plan voluntary will allow conference boards of pensions sufficient time to study the plan and present the plan to the respective annual conferences.

Making the plan voluntary will give the General Board of Pensions time to establish the plan on a smaller, more workable scale, and demonstrate that its projective, positive features are as good as advertised.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. The minority report has been presented. We now return to the majority report for perfection.

KELLEY LACKORE: The legislative committee assigned the important work of UMCare to a subcommittee unto itself, and that subcommittee was chaired by Bruce Girton.

BRUCE B. GIRTON (Iowa): Bishop Handy, delegates, I am the conference treasurer and director of administrative services in the Iowa Conference for 48 more days until I retire, but who's counting? A subcommittee was established by the legislative committee, as Sandra has told you. We had only 7 petitions to consider, but, of course, 1 of them was the plan document, which, as you can see if you've perused it, is very lengthy and quite complex.

Our subcommittee met for about 12 hours total meeting time last week. We started at the very beginning and we went through it line by line and virtually word by word. The committee came up with a total of 19, I believe, amendments, which were approved and submitted to the full legislative committee. We had many more amendments and additions which were considered and rejected. The subcommittee gave it a very, very full hearing.

We then went back to the legislative committee; presented it. There was another lengthy discussion and some more amendments--tried, but not added. And, finally, the committee vote was taken, and, as Sandra has told you, the vote was in concurrence: 45 for, 36 against, and 2 non-voting. Bishop, the item is before us.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Calendar Item 1397 is properly before you. I see a hand here at microphone 7. It's for perfection only now; we're not debating the issue. All right.

(Motions to Amend Calendar Item No. 1397 Majority Report)

CAROL GLEASON (California-Nevada): I wish to amend. If you'll turn to p. 464, amendment no. 17. I would like to amend section 3.04B (3A) and section 3.05B (1) by replacing 30 hours with 17 1/2 hours, and restore all other portions of the plan in the same way, as to restore the original language of the petition with respect to this issue.

No. 2: Restore the following language in section 3.04C, which is "but may exclude lay employees who are normally scheduled to work less than 30 hours per week."

And 3: Restore language of section 3.06D (3), which appeared in the original petition. And it is "who is a lay employee who normally is scheduled to work 17 1/2 hours but less than 30 hours per week" becomes "a lay employee who normally is scheduled to work 30 or more hours per week." If I have a second, I will speak to it.

BISHOP HANDY: You may speak.

GLEASON: This language which appeared in the original petition allows those plan sponsors--such as annual conferences, general agencies, local churches, and other church-related institutions--to enroll on an elective basis those employees who do not work 30 or more hours but at least 17 1/2 hours per week. This is permissive legislation. A plan sponsor may enroll, if it wishes, only those employees who work 30 hours or more. In California, and probably other areas, as well, in the country, retail stores are closing and laying off full-time employees. Then they reopen again under another name in order to go non-union and to hire half-time employees only--consequently not providing pension and health benefits. Our church agencies have been providing benefits for their half-time employees. In changing the working hour requirements to 30 hours in order to be eligible for UMCare, we, in essence, are doing the same thing that is happening in the secular world. In the past, we in the church have considered this an economic justice issue. If we are to continue . . .

BISHOP HANDY: I'm sorry, but I think your time is up.

GLEASON: Okay. I urge you to support this amendment.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Now I take it that those who are handling the little monitors here are aware we are under the three-minute rule now. All right. Is there anyone who wants to speak against the amendment? I think you're ready to vote on this. Where? I don't see a hand. Where? Oh, here. All right. Microphone 13. You speaking against the amendment?

JOE N. PEVAHOUSE (Memphis): Yes, Mr. Chairman. I realize it's difficult to see in the back. We're on the very back row, and it is hard to see. And thank you for recognizing me. As we considered this in our annual conferences--we reviewed this plan--we had our group insurance adviser-consultant to read through the plan. He was very affirmative of it, but this was one of the places where he raised that he thought where the plan might be opening the doors,

certainly, to some additional persons who might have health problems--or where there were some things that might impair the plan itself. And he advised . . . and he said he felt like that this was something that where other plans had made mistakes in the past, and it would be better for the total plan if it was open to those persons who were full-time employees. I would note to you that if a person works 17 1/2 hours per week, and the other provision is for six months, that these persons are working somewhere in the neighborhood of 400 hours a year, which is far less than full-time employment. I think we want . . . the conference wants to be compassionate; we want to do what is best. But I think, at the same time, we want to make the plan as fiscally sound as possibly we can. And I would urge that you support the committee report for the 30 hours and that we leave it that way for the benefit of the plan. Thank you.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. I see a hand here at no. 7. Are you for?

DONALD SMITH (North Indiana): For, please.

BISHOP HANDY: For the amendment. All right.

SMITH: Our conference plan, originally, was a 30-hour limit, and we were petitioned by many local churches to drop that to 20 hours so that they could enroll the church secretaries and other personnel who work more on what is a classical half-time basis compared to a 40-hour week. And in doing so, we converted the plan to a much more service to the local church needs. And I think that's been the spirit of this conference. We need to support our local churches, as well as take care of our own.

BISHOP HANDY: Thank you. Anybody want to speak against the amendment? You ready to vote? All right. Make your decision, and please vote when the light appears.

The amendment has 473, "Yes"; 398, "No." The amendment prevails. All right. Microphone no. 3.

WILLIAM S. DEEL (West Virginia): Bishop Handy, am I in order for another amendment?

BISHOP HANDY: You are in order.

DEEL: In the red book, p. 472.

BISHOP HANDY: All right.

DEEL: Article 2.15: definition of a general agency. I'd like to amend the motion to read, "A general agency to The United Methodist Church as defined in par. 801 of *The Book of Discipline* and which participates in the staff retirement benefits program."

BISHOP HANDY: Is there a second? I hear one; you may proceed.

DEEL: I am a member of the Board of Publications and, as you are all aware, the Board of Publications operates as a corporate entity which is required to fund and pay for itself. It is extremely important to the Board of Publications that we have control of this major cost. Otherwise, it is reflected in the cost of the items that we sell. Another area that we are concerned about is that we have a broad variety of employees--from those with minimum skills to those who have extremely high skills, and it is extremely important to us to be able to form a health care plan that can be attractive to the people that we must attract with those varieties of skills. The other reason we think this would benefit us is that we are exempt from the pension plan.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. The amendment is before you. Does anyone want to speak against the amendment? Microphone no. 4. Would you please turn those signs around so I can see them? Thank you.

STEPHEN P. WENDE (Southwest Texas): I speak against that amendment. I too . . . I am a local pastor in San Antonio. Please don't hold that against me; but I rise to speak against this amendment because I, too, am required to pay my own way. I, too, have to control cost. And I do not think we can go into this carving out niches for sisters and brothers in the family who have better health insurance programs at home. I understand what you are saying, and I've got a problem with the majority report. But I think we've got to deal with the issue of mandatory and voluntary participation later on. If we start now, carving out niches, allowing people who have better situations at home, then by the time we get to major majority and minority reports, the issue will be settled. We've got to deal with it once and for all, whether or not this going to apply to all of us or not apply to all of us. And I speak in opposition to this amendment.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Does anyone want to speak for the amendment? Yes. Microphone no. 12.

BELTON F. JOYNER JR. (North Carolina): I support the amendment, because this only brings us in line with what we are already doing with the retirement plan and recognizes the unique nature of the Publishing House within our connectional family. And the health care plan, it seems to me, ought to move along with the same pattern we have already established with the retirement plan.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Anybody want to speak against it? Yes, microphone no. 7.

GRADY KNOWLES (California-Nevada): Point of inquiry, Bishop. Would this amendment exempt the General Board of Pensions from participation in the plan, also?

BISHOP HANDY: I don't know. If somebody can answer that?

WILLIAM HARVEY (East Ohio): Bishop? No, it would not. They are participants in the staff benefit plan.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Are we ready to vote? Do you want to speak on this? They don't want to speak. I think we're ready to vote--ready to make your decision. Please vote when the light appears. The vote is 354, "Yes"; 527, "No." The amendment does not prevail. All right. Microphone no. 7. No, go to 8.

(Motion to Delay Start of Plan)

JOHN BUXTON (Detroit): I move to amend the plan to delay the mandatory start date for annual conferences by 5 years to January 1, 1999.

BISHOP HANDY: Is that anywhere in here? There's a date that you are amending something, or are you adding this to it?

BUXTON: It's an amendment.

BISHOP HANDY: I mean, is it . . . where are you amending it?

BUXTON: Par. 1601. To do this would delete . . . it would delete in the first sentence the letter "B," as in baker, in the reference to par. 2.22A, B, and C, and would add a new sentence 1601 "B," as in baker. The plan sponsors described in section 2.22 "B," as in baker, shall be required to participate in this plan on and after January 1, 1999. This would simply delay the mandatory start date for 5 years, for annual conferences.

BISHOP HANDY: Is this . . . was this seconded? Yes, all right. You may speak to it.

BUXTON: I propose this amendment in order to make the proposed plan more

acceptable to more people. If the plan were adopted with this amendment, it would still allow all those annual conferences that feel they need a new health care plan now to enroll at the earliest possible date. But for those annual conferences that are concerned that the proposed plan still has too many unknowns--that is, details to be added after the close of General Conference--this amendment would give them time to see what those details will be and to learn how their conferences will be affected by these new details before they are forced into the plan. Then, if these analyses of the added details turn up some surprises--put "surprises" in quotes--these things can be fixed at the 1996 General Conference before all conferences are forced to join the UMCare. We've been told that the proposed plan will not work, if this amendment prevails. That's true, but only in the narrowest, theoretical sense. The plan will work if adjusted to fit the spirit of the amendment. You may also hear some buzz words during this debate, such as, "Do you believe in a connectional church or not?" I suggest the question should be, "In a connectional church should a bare majority force its will on a reluctant--on a significant--minority, or should both groups be willing to compromise some in order to make the plan more acceptable and more useful to more annual conferences?" I urge you to adopt this amendment, for it will enhance the proposed plan and make it more acceptable to many more people.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Is there anyone who wants to speak against the amendment? No. 5.

NED WATTS (Southern New England): Excuse me.Bishop, this is really a social justice issue. We are a connectional church. We need to stand together. When I came here, I was concerned, because I grew up in the south and I know delegates from many of the large delegations. I couldn't believe that they would attempt to defeat a program that is as beneficial as this is to so many of us. I serve it in a moderate-size conference in the Northeast, and we need this plan like so many conferences do. But we don't have the votes. We don't have the votes to do it. And then I saw the social justice piece, and thought, "How can they possibly oppose this?" Our General Board of Pensions has supported national health care. Our General Board of Pensions is active in that, and this is an internal social justice issue for our conference. If you, we care for each other, then the richest and strongest may have to give in order to help those of us who need the help so badly.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Anybody want to speak for the amendment? Anybody here? OK, over here, no. 11. You speaking for the amendment?

DENNIS H. SCHEER (Kansas West): Yes, sir. Bishop. I would like to speak for the amendment. A lot of my friends that know me would think that this is very uncharacteristic of me. In that generally, I feel that this church machinery moves too slow. But in this case, having been one that works with this program, I believe that to implement a program of this magnitude, and to do the communication, the interpretation, that it just needs more time. I think this accomplishes what everybody wants to accomplish, that we have a good adequate program. But we don't really serve ourselves when we do not communicate with our constituents, and develop a plan that everybody wants, not one that people feel is forced on them. In terms of being a big and rich against the small, I come from a small conference that's in a rural area. It's not so much an issue of big and small, it's an issue of management and administration. And we are going have to give up some things to have more benefits for everyone. But it's not an issue of just the big against the small.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, anyone want to speak against the amendment? Microphone 3.

DELOS D. CORDERMAN (South Carolina): I wish to speak against the amendment of my friend, John Buxton. John's attempt to delay the implementation of this plan by making it voluntary, has all sorts of implications. In South Carolina, we are for the majority report on UMCare. I'd like to say more later, but I want you to know how we're voting on this issue now.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, anybody want to speak for the amendment? I'm looking, might want to try to move around the house now, I'm closer over here. I'm closer over here, and I don't see them over here, now I'm trying to spread it around. And when I get to you, I'll get to you. Now no. 6.

PAT STROMAN (Central Texas): Bishop, can I try an amendment to the amendment?

BISHOP HANDY: I guess you can.

STROMAN: All right, I would move that the date be 1996, instead of 1999.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Is there a second?

STROMAN: May I speak to that?

BISHOP HANDY: Wait, I didn't hear a second. All right, now you can proceed.

STROMAN: It seems that it is a complicated issue. It needs to be implemented. But it needs to be given time to percolate down through the system, so that the connection can understand what it's doing, and the system that we're implementing can understand what's being done. This is one of those areas that is moving rather rapidly in health care. I've been associated with the field for longer than a lot of you have been around. And I feel that it is time to do this, but to do it on a deliberate basis, and not on a sudden basis, so that you may have some pieces to it that you don't like. And if it's implemented by 1996, the General Conference will meet that year and can make those corrections before anyone's forced into it.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, thank you. Now let's go here. Microphone no. 9. No, come to 9. Are you against the motion?

GREGORY McGARVEY (South Indiana): I'm against the amendment to the amendment.

BISHOP HANDY: Amendment to the amendment.

McGARVEY: Amendment to the amendment.

BISHOP HANDY: All right.

McGARVEY: I'm in favor of the original amendment, so I stand to oppose this amendment to the amendment. There's legislation pending in the federal legislature across the states right now that is going to seriously impact the decisions we make today and tomorrow. And I think it's important that we take our time on moving on this issue. The report that is before us is not fully fleshed out, it's a shell, and they admit that, it's a shell. And we're giving them too much control of where we will be going if we make the decision to continue with the majority report today. And so I stand to support the amendment to speak against the amendment to the amendment.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, anybody for the amendment to the amendment? All right, microphone no. 1.

ROBERT J. McCUNE (North Central New York): Bishop, I have a question.

BISHOP HANDY: Yes.

McCUNE: I'd like to ask the members of the presenting committee what the economic ramifications of the amendment, or the amendment to the amendment, would have, and whether this action would *de facto* doom the success of the plan economically?

BISHOP HANDY: All right, someone can answer that?

STEVENS: Bishop, this plan is ready to go. We have every confidence on 1/1/94. Every year it's delayed is, in effect, avoiding the possibility of savings to the whole church in what might be available. I don't know how much differences the plan's shape would look at that time.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, on microphone 14.

JOHN P. MILES (Little Rock): I move to suspend the rules and take all that's before us that is allowable. We have other butter to churn.

BISHOP HANDY: Is there a second? All right, there's a move to suspend the rules to let us deal with the amendment to the amendment, and the amendment. All right, as many as will suspend the rules will lift the hand. Down. Opposed? The rules are suspended. Now, as many as will call for the question on those 2 items. Will you . . .no, you're getting ahead of me now. I'm trying to wait to let the translators operate. Now, as many as will call for the previous questions lift the hand. I think you really wanted to do this. Down. We are on the previous question. Now, we are on the amendment to the amendment, which changes the date of implementation from 1999 to 1996. Is this a question only? No. 1.

McCUNE: Bishop, I would respectfully request that my former question, or indicate that I don't think it was addressed. My question, specifically was, whether the delaying time, which conceivably could result in the most stressed conferences enrolling, and those others hanging back for a period of time. Whether that dynamic would economically jeopardize the ultimate success of the plan. I don't think that was answered.

BISHOP HANDY: Anyone want to follow up on that?

STEVENS: Well, let me try again. It's really a difficult question to answer, because there so many various factors. But the best number I can give you is that we have a possibility of substantial savings for the whole church in this plan. That's the $10 million a year that we think is out there, that is available for us to take advantage of.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, I think we must have the vote now. You ready to make a decision on the amendment to the amendment? Making it from '99 to '96. As . . . please vote when the light appears. The vote is 367 yes, 557 no. The amendment to the amendment does not prevail. I'm going to ask the secretary to read the amendment.

CAROLYN MARSHALL (General Conference Secretary): The Buxton Amendment: Move to amend the plan to delay the mandatory start date for annual conference, by 5 years to January 1, 1999.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, we're onto the previous question. You can only ask a question. All right, you can come to microphone 7.

PHILIP GRANGER (North Indiana): I need 1 piece of information, and the issue is, is there a minimum number of enrollments with this plan document to make it work?

BISHOP HANDY: Anybody answer that?

STEVENS: Yes, Bishop, please, and members of the house. It's not the minimum number of enrollments that are required within this plan document. This plan document, as it is written, has several presumptions of a denomination-wide uniform plan, i.e. the retirement reallocations and the availability of access upon change of status. If we have a lesser group, especially an adverse selection lesser group possibility, we must rewrite some terms in this plan to protect the plan.

GRANGER: Thank you.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, I think we are ready to vote now. Make your decision, please vote when the light appears. There are 368 yes, 553 no. The amendment does not prevail. We are now back on the main motion of the majority report, Calendar Item 1397. Right here, microphone no. 2.

(Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference Exempted)

THOMAS ROUGHFACE (Oklahoma Indian Missionary): Bishop, I'd like to call the members to p. 464, and this is no. 6, and the heading is "add a new subsection in 3.07H," which I'll read as follows, "earlier in the year," well, I want to amend this by adding these words--and I may need some help--at the end of that paragraph there to say, "or who is a member of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. If I get a second, I'll speak to it.

BISHOP HANDY: You may proceed.

ROUGHFACE: Earlier in the year, after we had went through the plan, and found that it was a mandatory process, we appealed to the persons who were putting this plan before us. Because of our low salaries in the OIMC, the base salary for everyone is $10,000, and we have a real hard time dealing with premiums. So even with the health-care plan we have now in force, we have to allow those who want to be out of this plan to take that option to be out. And there is Indian Health Service Care, federal funds at that are not as good as they used to be, but it does provide health care. And so they provided for that, except that in the provision here, it states like it confines American Indian tribes recognition, but in OIMC we have several non-Native Americans who serve in our conference, and they also are receiving $10,000. So we wanted to be sure that that is specified. Our original appeal was that our conference have access route, that we could have an option.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Does anyone want to speak against the motion, the amendment? All right, you may make a statement.

STEVENS: Thank you. Thank you, Bishop. We were very sensitive to this concern that was brought to us last fall by Alvin Deer who is the treasurer of the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference, and we worked with Alvin and other persons in the Native American community to try to develop a provision in the plan that would be respectful of their unique situation without being particularly addressed to that annual conference. I believe we have addressed the justice issue that we were concerned about. The other side of the coin as to

whether all of an annual conference ought to be exempt, we do not support.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Are you ready to make a decision? Please vote when the light appears. The vote is 454 for, 452 against. The amendment prevails. Microphone No. 3.

JIM C. GILLAND (Western North Carolina): A question for information, Bishop. Under the section on "Enrollment Requirements," there is a statement that says a person may be denied if he or she cannot show proof of insurability. I want to know if this applies to persons with pre-existing conditions. Two examples, a pastor with a heart condition; a local church which might want to bring its staff into the plan, but an employee has a family member, for example, on dialysis. Would these persons be eligible? What's the requirement for proof of insurability?

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Stevens.

STEVENS; Bishop, members of the General Conference, the enrollment requirements reference that he is making is Section 306, the pre-existing conditions provisions is in Section 707. Really, the two are not directly related to each other. The proof of insurability is going to come about when a person who is eligible to enroll without proof of insurability fails to do so within the prescribed length of time. There are other circumstances, but that is basically when a proof of insurability issue comes about, and it's true that if you are coming in, and you fail to come in during your period of opportunity, and you have to come in under what we call "P of I," then all members of the family must qualify for "P of I" in order to get all members of the family in.

However, the case that you cite, where a person is coming in and a member of that family has dialysis, has a serious heart condition, has cancer, has HIV, whatever, those are not going to be preclusions to the person participating in the plan if they just sign up within the 30 days. Now there is a pre-existing condition clause that also can be invoked by the plan. All persons who are presently in an employer-sponsored group plan, that come into the plan on 1/1/94, are exempt from the proof of insurability or the pre-existing conditions clause.

Other persons that come in at some other time, the pre-existing condition clause 707 is applicable, with the exception of those persons who are mandated into the plan, i.e. clergy and their families. We wrote an amendment to the plan that is in the Calendar Item 1397 that takes that out. So it's a technical question, I don't think there is any intention here at this point to do serious injustice to persons. It's simply requiring some deadlines be met, Bishop.

BISHOP HANDY; All right, now I want to remind you, friends, that we are perfecting the majority report or the committee report on 1397. We are not debating it here. So if you've got amendments to this to perfect it, we will entertain it. But if otherwise, we will have to move on. I see a hand back here no. 14.

MAYNARD L. MILLER (Minnesota): And I do understand that anybody coming in as the group will be waived the need for insurability. But how about the new pastors who will be ordained and coming in in the following years? Will they have to prove insurability.

BISHOP HANDY: Let me say, we are not at this point in our deliberation. We're only taking amendments now, to perfect 1397. Later, we'll turn to the minority report; and then we'll get into the debate of the issue. If you've got amendments only. I think we've gotten to the point where you don't have anymore. So with . . . ., yes I think somebody's got one over here. Microphone No. 6.

(Eligibility of Diaconal Ministries Questioned)

CHARLES McCLURE (Central Texas): If you will look to P. 474, *Advance DCA*. This is under the eligibility requirements. It would add subparagraph E, which would be a new subparagraph to section 3.03. It begins, I believe, on the previous page, as follows: Diaconal ministers whose employer may choose not to be a plan sponsor under 3.04B(3). If I have a second I'll speak to it.

BISHOP HANDY: Second? I don't hear it. All right, proceed.

McCLURE: I have a concern, that across the connection, we have many Diaconal ministers who may be in employment situations where their employer chooses not to participate; which is optional for a local church. They choose not to cover their lay persons with coverage. Under this plan, as it is written now, a Diaconal minister who finds him or herself in that situation, has no access to the denominational wide plan at all. This plan does allow a conference to provide access for part-time pastors, student pastors, all kind of folks, but not to these persons who have a very special covenant relationship, except through the local church as a plan sponsor. This amendment would allow another avenue for them to be covered.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Is there anyone who wants to speak against the amendment? I see a hand here at microphone No. 7.

GRADY KNOWLES (California-Nevada): Bishop, Diaconal ministers are cared for under other provisions of the plan; and the amendment that we've just heard would allow them to be enrolled in the plan without being employed. That would be an allowance that's not granted to clergy or other constituents within the church. It is not in keeping with the rest of the plan provision and I would urge that we vote "no" on the amendment.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Do you think you've got enough information on this to vote? I think we are. So you understand what the amendment is? All right. Let's make the decision. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 170; "No," 732. The amendment does not prevail. All right. Anything further? I think you're about at the point where you're going to go with what you've got. So without any further movement, let's go to the minority report. Perfect that. The minority report is before you now for perfection. Microphone No. 4. The minority report is found on p. 464.

RHONDA VANDYKE-COLBY (Virginia): Bishop, I'm in support of the minority report, but would suggest one amendment to hopefully make it more sensitive to the needs of the conference that need the program most. Add to the last paragraph in the minority report on P. 464 the following: Voluntary participation by annual conferences would be permitted should the plan be ready for implementation prior to the 1996 General Conference.

BISHOP HANDY: Is there a second? You may speak to it if you so desire. You don't have to.

COLBY: I think it's self-explanatory.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Does anyone want to speak against the amendment? Microphone No. 5.

PARRIS: As was stated earlier in a previous amendment, any delay in the time of implementation of this plan is

going to seriously impact the effectiveness of it. We need to corral the spiraling costs of the health insurance now. Even a delay of two years can seriously impact this plan of ours.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Anybody want to speak for the amendment? Yes, microphone No. 4.

ELIZABETH SWEET (Southern New England): If I understand that minority report, it asks us to approve this in 1996. I'm not sure how anyone can join a plan that we haven't yet approved. So I guess I'm asking for information, Bishop.

BISHOP HANDY: You sound like you're slipping into a little speech too.

SWEET: Really it was information.

BISHOP HANDY: I'm going to take that as a vote against, for some reason I don't know why. Microphone 4.

SWEET: Could I get an answer?

BISHOP HANDY: We will take it as speech, and if somebody wants to try to answer, we'll go with that too. All right. Will anybody try to answer that?

STEVENS: Bishop, I'm a bit disadvantaged, not having the precise words, but I understand the amendment to perhaps be an enabling action that would allow the general board, or authorize the general board, to develop some kind of a voluntary UMCare Plan in the interim.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, anybody want to speak for it? We've had 2 against, 1 for. Anybody, well, yes I see a hand back here in 15.

NAPOLEON N. ARAGONES (North Mindanao-East Visayas): All right. Under the preliminary statement appearing on P. 472, *DCA*. On this UMCare program, we are made to understand that it is only for conferences, churches, and agencies in the jurisdiction of conferences. I would like to know if the minority report will allow the annual conferences coming from the central conferences to come under a voluntary participation.

BISHOP HANDY: Let me say I think that that might not be dealing with this amendment, so if you just hold it, we'll let you deal with that a little later.

ARAGONES: Thank you.

BISHOP HANDY: I don't think that's speaking right to this moment. Microphone 14.

(Voluntary Participation Assested to Be Constitutional Issue)

TOM A. ABNEY (Little Rock): Thank you Bishop, I speak in relation to article 2 of our Constitution; and in support of the minority report on the basis of that article.

BISHOP HANDY: Are you dealing with this amendment that's before us.

ABNEY: Yes sir.

BISHOP HANDY: All right.

ABNEY: The amendment asks for the voluntary participation of annual conferences. And article 2 of our Constitution asserts that the annual conference is the basic body in the church, and as such, has various powers and authorities that cannot be abrogated. And I want to suggest very strongly, that this is a serious constitutional question before us and not just a matter relating to an UMCare program. Whether or not an annual conference can make its own decisions . . . .

BISHOP HANDY: What is your position on the amendment?

ABNEY: My position is in favor of the amendment, sir.

BISHOP HANDY: All right.

ABNEY: On this basis.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. We have 2 for, 2 against. We don't have to have anymore. And I think that we might proceed. You want to say anything about this? All right, I think we're ready to make a decision on the amendment. You know what it is? No? Well do you want it read? All right. You got it. Secretary please read it.

MARSHALL: This the McCLURE one? McCLURE?

BISHOP HANDY: Yes, the motion made by the person over here. Has that been sent to the Secretary's desk? As I recall, it had to do with allowing annual conferences to . . . , here it comes. It's here now, I think the Secretary can read it.

MARSHALL: Voluntary participation by annual conferences would be permitted should the plan be ready for implementation prior to the 1996 General Conference.

BISHOP HANDY: We're ready for our decision. Please vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 428; "No," 497. The amendment does not prevail. We are on the matter of perfecting the minority report. I see a hand at microphone 15.

DONALD J. JONES (Central Illinois): I would move to amend by deletion, please. I am looking at the last paragraph. I would move to delete the words "by the annual conferences." If I have a second, I will speak to it.

BISHOP HANDY: Second? All right. You may proceed.

JONES: It just seems to me that if we were to delete these words, the conditions would be more inclusive for the participants. In other words, it would include all the participants, and not just some, in this plan.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, anyone want to speak against the amendment? I think you are ready to vote. Let's make a decision. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 247; "No," 656. The amendment does not prevail. I see a hand here at 3.

CHARLES L. JOHNSON (South Carolina): I move to amend the minority report in the last paragraph by placing a period after "conferences" and deleting the remainder of that sentence.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, is there a second? All right. You may proceed.

JOHNSON: And I simply feel that we are talking about voluntary participation by annual conferences, and if this could be incorporated into the plan prior to the next General Conference, conferences could go ahead and begin to participate.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Anyone want to speak against the amendment. Microphone no. 3.

PAUL V. CHAFFEE (Western Pennsylvania): Mr. Chairman. I move to suspend the rules for the purpose of moving the previous question on all that is before us.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Is there a second? The motion is to suspend the rules for the purpose of the previous question on all that is before us, which would mean we would take the minority report, after we have dealt with this amendment, and we would vote on it, and which way we'd go there would depend on how we would move after that, but the Chair is saying that all that is before us is the report.

CHAFFEE: Right.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. The motion is to suspend the rules. If you will so order a suspension of the rules, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 789; "No," 137. We have suspended the rules. We are on the previous question, the only thing you can do is to ask a question. All right. Microphone 7.

GRADY KNOWLES (California-Nevada): Question about moving the previous question. If the next vote sustains the move to call for the previous question, does that mean there is no more debate or amendments on the minority report or the majority report, the plan as a whole?

BISHOP HANDY: As the chair understands it, it said all that is before us and that includes everything. Another question here at 12.

SAM WYNN (North Carolina): Bishop, I have some questions in regards to several sections on p. 479 in the red book. And it's section C that deals with other limitations, and then moving down to 7.04 regarding program benefits.

BISHOP HANDY: I think probably I am going to have to put this motion first. If anybody else has got a question, come on, let's go to microphone 8.

WILLIAM K. QUICK (Detroit): Bishop. I wonder what does this do to the minority report that is on p. 351, which I thought would be dealt with at the same time that we are dealing with this issue? It's a minority report on UMCare, the denominational health care plan. It's Calendar Item 934.

BISHOP HANDY: As the Chair understands it, we are dealing with 1397, and we are not dealing with that one.

QUICK: Bishop, this minority report also came out of the legislative committee on this issue, but was given a different calendar number, was not listed under the calendar number in the business we are dealing with in the business now.

BISHOP HANDY: Well, I think probably that you will deal with that one at a later time. But right now, we are dealing with 1397. We are calling for the previous question. As many as will call for the previous question, please vote when the light appears, and those who don't want it do it also. "Yes," 701; "No," 203. The previous question has been called for. Now, we have an amendment before us, as I remember. Do you know what that amendment is, or it's so far ago that you've forgotten it. You want to hear it? All right. Will the secretary read the amendment?

MARSHALL: I move to amend the minority report by placing a period in the last sentence after the word "conferences" and deleting the remainder of the sentence.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, we are ready to make the decision. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 346; "No," 578. The amendment does not prevail. The minority report is now before you as printed. Do you want to make a statement?

WILLIAM R. HARVEY (East Ohio): . . . May we not force annual conferences to have to abandon health care plans that are working well for them. Let us allow the General Board of Pensions to develop a health care plan with the aspect of voluntary participation. Conferences that are crying for help may choose to participate. As the plan is demonstrated on a smaller scale, let excellence attract the other conferences. If you want to give your annual conference the freedom to choose if and when it wants to participate in a UMCare Plan, you have the opportunity by voting for the minority report.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Mr. Stevens, you may make a statement.

STEVENS: Well, obviously, this greatly hinders our plan. And just to pick up on a comment that my friend has made to you, if we have a plan that is enticing people to come in when they are in trouble, the plan is in trouble. The plan can only work when we work on this together--healthy and unhealthy, all of us in one. Thank you very much.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. We are now ready to make a decision. We are voting on the minority report. Please vote when the light appears. 455, "Yes"; 478, "No." The minority report does not prevail. We are now on the majority report, and we are ready to vote upon it as indicated in Calendar Item 1397. I take it that it includes the entire plan found in the red book. Question back at microphone 12.

SAM WYNN (North Carolina): Bishop, I call your attention to p. 479 in the red book, section 7.03C, other limitations; and also down to 7.04, program benefits. My question is this: How are the centers of excellence selected? Who selects the centers of excellence? What are the implications of taking personal preference away from individuals and putting it into the hands of the church or into the Board of Pensions?

BISHOP HANDY: Are you sure? I am trying to debate here whether or not this is beginning to debate the issue. I'm not sure. See if somebody can . . . we'll try to be as graceful as we can at this time.

WYNN: Thank you.

BISHOP HANDY: But we are not going to let any more of these slip in.

STEVENS: All right. I'll be as quick as I can. This kind of a plan is what we call a managed care plan. That's the state of the art today, and it does depend on us cooperating in a way that can manage care, save money. The centers of excellence are known in the industry; they are known in the hospital and health care professions. And we want to be sure that we provide the very best care possible under a cost-savings approach.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. I think we are ready to vote--ready to make a decision on no. 1397. Please vote when the light appears. 512, "Yes"; 421, "No." [Item] 1397 prevails, and the committee report is concurred with. All right, anything else? I think I heard yes. Microphone 9.

CHARLES E. LIPPSE (Holston): Bishop, I would like to request and appeal to the Judicial Council in regard to 1601: required participation in the plan. I did not have an opportunity to debate. I just want to briefly state the reason why I make the appeal. May I do that?

BISHOP HANDY: Yes, you may appeal.

(Call for Support of Judicial Council Decision)

LIPPSE: In the 1601, the plan prohibits sponsors from . . . excludes, prohibits sponsoring or financing--either directly or indirectly--any medical program other than that offered through the plan. Now I would like for the delegates to hear that. Financing indirectly: that seems too prohibitive. I just don't think even the federal court would allow that. I appeal to the body to support the Judicial Council review of this.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Is there anyone who is opposed to this appeal--or wants speak against it? You are appealing the decision, correct?

LIPPSE: Yes, sir.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Are you ready, there, to vote on this? All right. Please vote when the light appears.

All right. There are 639 say "Yes"; 274 say "No." It is appealed to the Judicial Council. All right.

(Calendar Item No. 936)

KELLEY LACKORE: The next 2 items, which would clear the calendar

items that we had related to this issue, deal partially with the concern of Bill Quick. And I would ask you to turn to p. 351 of the blue *DCA*. Page 351, Calendar Item No. 936. The text of 936 is found in your white *Advanced DCA* on p. 1170 in the left-hand column. In the legislative committee we dealt with the report of the United Methodist Care Program. We took our action as you have taken your action. And then we dealt with 2 other petitions that are before you, the first of which is to table the denominational health care plan, and--as you can see from the action of the legislative committee--because of the previous action, we recommended nonconcurrence. And I would place that before you.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. It's before you. I think we are ready to deal with this. Please vote when the light appears. Wait just a minute. I don't think we can take it now if we are voting. You stopped it? All right. Now you can go to 8.

QUICK: Bishop, this is the issue that I raised a few minutes ago, and I would like to have the chance to speak on behalf of the minority who brings this appeal to the body. It is found on p. 351. Critical questions have been raised, not only in the legislative committee but on the floor of this body today--and questions related to the oversight of this program, the cost containment of this program.

We are voting for a plan, sisters and brothers, for which we do not know the cost. The board estimates cost savings resulting from those cost containment measures, and, indeed, the premiums may be lower initially to entice us into that program. The cost is going to be in the hands of the current insurance market. And so we ask for this extended entry date, with those conferences choosing to go in by January 1, 1994 but giving those conferences that need the time to terminate their existing health insurance contracts and to make a smoother transition the opportunity to go in. We ask you not to concur with the committee.

KELLEY LACKORE: With all due respect, Bishop and members of the General Conference, to Dr. Quick, I place no. 936 before the body. If you would keep Dr. Quick's speech in mind when I move the next item, it would apply to that.

BISHOP HANDY; All right. Is that understandable, Dr. Quick? All right. We'll deal with that later. So 936 was nonconcurrence--the committee is asking for to be sustained. I think we can do this rather quickly. Those who would sustain the committee, lift their hand. Now, opposed? The committee is sustained. All right.

KELLEY LACKORE: Yes, sir. Now, if you would--excuse me--and if you move to no. 934, which is the item to which Bishop--to which . . . excuse me, sir, that was a slip of the tongue--to 934, that is the item to which Dr. Quick was speaking. Now I would ask the chair if, in fact, that item is before us or if, in fact, you can deal with nonconcurrence? Or do you need to deal with that item and the minority report?

BISHOP HANDY: Wait a minute. The chair is going to take the position that we have dealt with this in dealing with the 1397. I think this is basically the same thing. I will hear you, Dr. Quick, at no. 8, but that's the chair's position at this time.

QUICK: Bishop, I feared that it would be declared a moot point if it were not included in the items we were discussing, and this is why I raised the question at that time. I understood your ruling. I did not appeal that ruling. But I do appeal now for the chance for the body to vote on this matter.

BISHOP HANDY: I think the report is before us, and we certainly will vote on it. What you are asking for is that we vote on the minority report as such? All right. I will put it . . . any further . . . yes, I see a hand back here at microphone 15.

BRADLEY WATKINS (Central Illinois): I am a bit confused. If I vote for the minority report, what do I do to the report that has been approved just before it? If I vote against it, what do I do?

BISHOP HANDY: If you vote the minority report, we're in deep trouble. I think we're about ready to deal with it. Microphone 8.

JOY BARRETT (Detroit): Bishop, I don't think it was fair--what you just said.

BISHOP HANDY: If you think that the chair was unfair, the chair respectfully apologizes.

BARRETT: Thank you. Our position is that we will be in deep trouble if we don't support this minority report.

BISHOP HANDY: Wait just a minute; let me say this. Probably I was misunderstood. What I meant by "deep trouble" is we would have conflict to deal with--not the issue itself. I wasn't dealing with that.

BARRETT: I would like to speak in support of the minority report. Annual Conference treasurers from around the denomination have raised strong concerns about this plan. The plan was not released early enough for annual conferences to review and make decisions about the plan. I believe that we are being asked to support a plan that has a lot of questions--too many uncertainties for us to know exactly what we are getting into. And I would encourage you to support the minority report.

BISHOP HANDY: There's a point of order. State your point of order. Rule, please. What rule? No. 1. Yes?

ROBERT McCUNE (North Central New York): The rule that indicates that once a matter has been decided that it must be opened for reconsideration before the body can again act on the identically same matter.

BISHOP HANDY: I really think your point is well taken. I was trying to--in as much as we said we would deal with it later--to try to, at least, be a little open and graceful at this point. I think your point is taken. So if you don't mind, you want to make a statement on this and I'm going to put the vote?

KELLEY LACKORE: Yes, I agree with the gentleman that just spoke. As a conference treasurer of an annual conference that tried to deal with a very complicated issue and to try and hear the items that were before us, we tried to deal with the plan and then with the amendments. And I believe that you should support the committee on this item.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Are you ready for a decision? Point of order. Microphone 3.

RANDOLPH SMITH (Texas): Dr. Quick attempted to speak to this minority report at the time we were dealing with the principal issue, and my recollection is that you told him that we were dealing with a different matter and he would have to deal with this at a subsequent time.

BISHOP HANDY: That's right.

SMITH: If that holds, it seems to me that you disenfranchised the opportunity to speak . . .

BISHOP HANDY: That's why we are letting you vote on it. We are going to vote on it. We are going to vote on 934.

SMITH: Pardon me, I misunderstood.

BISHOP HANDY: Yes. All right. All right, we are ready to vote on the minority report on 934. It's the minority report. I think Dr. Quick explained it, didn't you? All right. Wait a minute.

QUICK: Bishop, we want to be clear that the vote we are about to take is on the minority report, the Calendar Item before us, which grants those conferences a chance to go into it but other conferences the opportunity to take a look at it but must go into it by 1999.

BISHOP HANDY: Do you understand that? Are you ready to vote? Point of order. State your point of order. No. 3.

WILLIAM HINES (West Ohio): This has to be made a motion. It cannot be a minority report on a nonconcurrence vote. Therefore, if Mr. Quick wants to make it a motion, it will be in order.

BISHOP HANDY: Now, we can get into a parliamentary quandary here, but I really think what we are trying to do is to dispense with the business. Now, if the body does not object strenuously or object, if we will just take it that this is properly before us, the minority report, then we can deal with it and move on. But if we want to get into the parliamentary aspect . . . I think the body does want to deal with this situation, and to try to be fair to them I think we would want to do that, too. Yes? Microphone 8.

QUICK: Bishop, I just want the conference to be clear about the vote: what the "yes" vote means, and what the "no" vote means. If the "yes" vote means concurrence with the committee, which is nonconcurrence, the body should understand that. So if you would please explain that to us.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. This has been before--the 1170 in the *DCA* on p. 1170 in the white book--that has been before the committee. The committee voted nonconcurrence. There is a minority report here, which is different from that of the committee. What we are about to vote on now, 934, is: If you want to sustain the committee nonconcurrence, you vote "yes." If you do not . . . If you want to sustain the committee nonconcurrence, you vote "yes." If you want to vote the minority report, you vote "no." All right. I am ready to put the question. I think we are ready to vote. What's the point of order? Microphone 13.

REGINALD PONDER (North Carolina): I would ask you, Sir, if the proper thing before us is not the minority report first and then, if that is sustained . . .

BISHOP HANDY: Your point is taken--well taken, sir--we are voting on the minority report, as such. Your point is well taken. Now we are really confused. Does everybody understand now we are voting on the minority report--to become the majority report if it is adopted?

Does everybody understand that? I think we're ready to vote on that. What have you got there, Brother Parrott? No. 3.

BOB W. PARROTT (TEXAS): Would you explain to us if we vote for Mr. Quick's speech, is that for or is that against? If we vote "yes," is that with Mr. Quick?

BISHOP HANDY: If we are voting on the minority report, you vote "yes" with Mr. Quick and "no" if you're not with Mr. Quick. Yes, you wanted to make a statement? We are getting . . . I thought things were going too nice. Okay, you want to make a statement?

KELLEY LACKORE: The committee recommended nonconcurrence because of the previous action, which is the same previous action that you have taken. The minority report disagreed with the legislative committee.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. We are ready to make a decision. If you are for the minority report of 934, you vote yes. If you are opposed to the minority report, you vote no. Please vote when the light appears. All right. No applause, please. We are not in the win/lose situation. 523, "Yes"; 418, "No." The minority report prevails. It now becomes the majority report, and it is properly before you. I see a hand here at microphone 7.

GRADY KNOWLES (California-Nevada): Bishop, I regret to do this, but we have a real problem, as you pointed out before, because of the wording.

We previously adopted a plan known as UMCare, which has mandatory participation woven through many of the sections of the document. We have now adopted a report which suggests voluntary participation and uses the same plan name, and that won't work. The plan that we adopted a few moments ago has a 7-band premium structure, which won't work with voluntary participation. The funding model for retirees has to be rewritten. There are 5 or 6 other sections that have to be redesigned and rewritten in order for it to be voluntary. So we have acted in 2 cases contradictorily. And, if possible, I would like to make a substitute for the minority report which is before us in order to try to get something on the floor which will work. If that's out of order, someone else can do it.

BISHOP HANDY: No, the minority report has become the majority report, as we understand it now. Let's see what you've got. Yes, microphone no. 9.

DICK HAMILTON (South Indiana): Would not the effect of a negative vote on what is now the majority report sustain the earlier action of the group?

BISHOP HANDY: I think that's correct. All right. The majority report--the minority report now becomes the majority report. If you will sustain it, you vote "yes"; if you will not sustain it, you vote "no." The question is now ready before us. Please vote when the light appears. The vote is 451, "Yes"; 485, "No." The report does not prevail. The majority report is not concurred with. All right, friends, it's 12:00, and I think we have an order of the day.

KELLEY LACKORE: I thank the body very much.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Thank you. We now have an order of the day. Yes?

JORDAN: We have an order of the day with items coming from Bishop Nacpil of the Commission on Central Conferences and Twick Morrison of Global Ministries.

BISHOP HANDY: All right.

(Calendar Item No. 98; Creates Zaire Central Conference)

BISHOP EMERITO P. NACPIL: Bishop and members of the conference, may I ask you to . . .

BISHOP HANDY: Let's be in order, please. Let's be in order.

BISHOP NACPIL: I ask you to refer to p. 227 of the *DCA*.

BISHOP HANDY: Which book?

BISHOP NACPIL: The blue book. And Calendar Item no. 98.

BISHOP HANDY: Just a minute. I think we want to make a motion to suspend the rules.

BISHOP NACPIL: Okay.

JORDAN: We are going to need to distribute some materials to you, and we would ask that we would . . . that I would move suspension of the rules so that we could do that.

BISHOP HANDY: The motion is to suspend the rules in order that we might make a distribution. Will you so order? Lift the hand. Down. Opposed? You may so do.

BISHOP NACPIL: Page 227 of the blue book, Calendar Item no. 98. The subject of the petition: creation of a Zaire Central Conference. The original petition came from the Bishops and Executive Committees of respective annual conferences in Zaire. Its original form appears in the *Advanced DCA* on p. 926.

BISHOP HANDY: Could we get one of those up here, please?

BISHOP NACPIL: Page 926. The Commission on Central Conference Affairs amended the petition at several points, and these amendments are shown as printed on p. 227 of *DCA*, Calendar Item 98.

BISHOP HANDY: All right.

BISHOP NACPIL: Originally this calendar item appeared in the Consent Calendar No. 2, but it was removed from there by your action, and we bring it back to you now for your consideration and action.

BISHOP HANDY: All right.

BISHOP NACPIL: This petition, together with the amendments proposed by the commission, is a response to a crisis situation. The Africa Central Conference is scheduled to be held in August 1992 in Zaire, as traditionally the place where it has been held. For some reason the venue was transferred to Zimbabwe.

This change of venue prevents the Zaire component of the Africa Central Conference, which constitutes more than 1/2 of its composition, from attending. The reasons given are: the political tension within Zaire, and to some extent between Zaire and Zimbabwe, make it very difficult for people of Zaire to come to Zimbabwe.

Two, the cost of travel is enormous, and the Zaire Annual Conferences do not have the resources to shoulder the expenses.

And 3, there is also a language problem involved, since only the Zaire Annual Conferences, use French as the *Lingua Franca*. And faced with these difficulties and the failure to renegotiate the venue, the Zaire bishops and their respective executive committees of their annual conferences put forward this petition to create a Zaire Central Conference. In considering this petition, the Commission on Central Conference Affairs faced a dilemma. On the one hand, it is aware that General Conference has the power to organize the work of our denomination, including outside of the United States. On the other hand, in exercising this power, the General Conference is well-advised by consulting the express will of the parties concerned, especially Central Conferences. In the instant case before us, the Africa Central Conference may not be able to meet and express its will on the matter, because of the difficulties already mentioned. The General Conference therefore is unable to have this advice.

The amendments in the petition are an attempt to be as responsible as possible in this difficult and delicate situation. May we ask you to take note of the following?

First, the amendments, indicated in Calendar Item 98, are permissive in nature. The word "shall" has been changed to "may" at a number of critical points. And the addition of the words, "if approved by the Africa Central Conference" on line 3 of par. 7 of the resolution. This permissive style assumes that it may yet be possible for Africa Central Conference to meet as 1 whole body, and decide the matter.

Two: just in case the Africa Central Conference cannot meet as one whole body, the Commission on Central Conference Affairs proposes an enabling act by adding at the end of the petition, or the resolution, the words printed in the *DCA* in bold face, p. 227. We feel that if you approve the petition, together with these amendments, the General Conference would be exercising its authority, and at the same time respecting the right of the Central Conference to express its will on this issue. We urge the General Conference to vote concurrence on Calendar Item 98.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, it's properly before you. To my left? Oh, yes, here. On microphone no. 2.

YEMBA KEKUMBA (West Zaire): Bishop, I would like to move an amendment to the calendar items.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, let's try it.

KEKUMBA: The amendment will be as follows: Par. 6, line 6, "and that this proposed Central Conference may be called the Zaire Central Conference," and par. 7: "Be it further resolved that the Zaire Central Conference issue be discussed in all Africa Central Conference annual conferences session, and presented to the Africa Central Conference for approval." Add to end of petition, the amendment will be "given the difficult situation existing in Zaire at the moment, the Africa Central Conference may meet in 2 sections, according to the annual conference delegates' travel possibilities. All actions so taken shall be regarded as an action of the Africa Central Conference." If the amendment is approved, Bishop, I will speak to it.

BISHOP HANDY: Let me see if we get a second. Do we have a 2nd? All right, you may speak.

KEKUMBA: The annual conference, Bishop, is the basic body for The United Methodist Church. The issue of creating a new Central Conference is a big issue, and I think it is very important for all annual conferences in Africa to discuss the issue before bringing it to the Central, Africa Central Conference.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Thank you. Anyone want to speak against it? I see a hand here, to the microphone 10.

DJUNDU LUNGE (Central Zaire): Avec? (French.)

BISHOP HANDY: I think this is to be translated. So will you,

INTERPRETER: Can the interpreter be heard?

BISHOP HANDY: Now I think we hear someone, yes.

INTERPRETER: The interpreter is ready.

(delegate speaking in French; English translation)

LUNGE: OK. Bishop, I would like to speak for the recommendation.

BISHOP HANDY: I don't think, I think probably not, we had them running us together. So if you would let him speak, and then you translate, we might understand a little better, please. All right. You may start again, sir. We are back on the 2 minute rule, but 4 minutes with this experience. All right, you may proceed.

LUNGE: I would like to speak for the recommendation of the commission. The reasons that have been put forth are

very valid. We have put this problem in front of the Africa Central Conference since 1980. If some conferences have not handled this problem yet, they have to look into it, but we have put this in front of you since 1980.

BISHOP HANDY: All right, thank you. Anyone want to . . . Yes? Microphone 7, you want to speak for the motion? Or the amendment to the, it's the motion before us, all right. Number 7.

(delegate speaking in French; English translation)

NJITA M. MUTOMBO (North Shaba): Thank you, Bishop. Central Conference in Zaire is a good thing. But I believe and I feel that my motion as a proposal will have a positive outcome. The General Conference must grant sufficient time and the required time for the annual conference in Zaire. These will be able to study in depth and look closely at the problem. Personally, I feel the decision to hold the Central Conference of Zaire must, and I repeat must, come from the grass roots. Thank you.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. I'll take that as a speech for. I want to have a speech against. And this will be the last one. Go to microphone 9.

(delegate speaking in French; English translation)

DISASHI KASONGO (Central Zaire): Thank you, Bishop. I want to come back to the words that were said by the Bishop who put the motion forward. The General Conference can organize a Central Conference if the annual conference can bring together 30 pastor delegates and 30 lay delegates. Even if these figures cannot be obtained, the General Conference can decide that a Central Conference can meet. The situation in which the Zaire people are living in right now is known the world over.

Just a simple example; we were supposed to be 16 here from our diocese, but because of the difficulties to obtain passports and to move around in the country, we were not able to come here with a full membership. For the Central Conference, we need to go with 40 people. We were only able to come here with 10. How on earth are we going to be able to go with 40 where we are supposed to go? And there are visa problems, also. I had to spend the night in Zimbabwe to obtain my visa. I was just by myself. Now, imagine 40 or 50 people having to wait to obtain their visa. The problems are real, and because of this, I don't see why you should hesitate in deferring any further the possibility of a Zaire Central Conference.

I won't bore you with figures about salaries in Zaire. Read the International Press and you will know about this. But we had to spend $7,000 just for passports, so paying so much money again for securing 40 or 50 passports; you can imagine we don't have it.

BISHOP HANDY: I'm afraid, sir, your time is up, and I think we have had 2 for and 2 against, and by the rules we are on the previous question. You, the chair, would you want to make a statement?

BISHOP NACPIL: I think the issues are fairly clear. There is nothing in what is being proposed to be done within Zaire that is contrary to the permissible legislation being proposed by the Commission on Central Conference Affairs.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. We are on the amendment. Do we know what the amendment is? Are you ready to vote on it? I think we need it read. Please, will you read the amendment?

MARSHALL: In par. 6, line 6, add "that this proposed Central Conference may be called the Zaire Central Conference," and par. 7, "Be it further resolved that the Zaire Central Conference issue be discussed in all Africa Central Conference Annual Conferences, and presented to the Africa Central Conference for approval," and add at the end of the petition, "given the difficult situation existing in Zaire at the moment, the Africa Central Conference may meet in 2 sections according to the annual conferences delegates' travel possibilities. All action so taken shall be regarded as actions of the Africa Central Conference."

BISHOP HANDY: All right. We're ready to make a decision. You have a question? Microphone 9. Question only.

CARL L. SCHENCK (Missouri East): Does the Commission on the Central Conferences oppose or support the amendment that is before us?

BISHOP NACPIL: We support it.

BISHOP HANDY: You support the amendment

BISHOP NACPIL: That's all right. No problem.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Yes, microphone no. 2. Question only.

STEPHEN S. FOSTER (Wisconsin): Yes, Bishop, the question is should that last part of the amendment be included, should a decision be made here to decide where the Central Conference would meet? Should that come into . . .

BISHOP HANDY: The only thing that is before us is the amendment as was read. Nothing, no more, no less. All right. I think we are ready for a decision. Please vote when the light appears.

787, "Yes"; 96, "No." The amendment prevails. We are now on item 98, and I'll bring to your attention that we're at the time for adjournment. And will you want to extend the time? Let's vote. All right. Please vote when the light appears. 758, "Yes"; 129, "No." Number 98 as amended is adopted. All right. I think now we've come to the time of adjournment, unless you want to extend it to dispense with this matter.

BISHOP NACPIL: There's one more item, if you please, I will go ahead and present it; if not . . .

(Calendar Item No. 1510 Increases Number of Bishops in West Africa)

BISHOP HANDY: Is there any objection? All right, you may proceed.

BISHOP NACPIL: The next item is to be found in the *DCA*, p. 525. The Calendar Item is No. 1510. The subject: to increase the number of bishops in the West Africa Central Conference from 2 to 3.

BISHOP HANDY: All right.

BISHOP NACPIL: This petition appears on p. 127 of *DCA*, and is now calendar, as I indicated just now. The Commission on Central Conference Affairs voted concurrence with this petition, and we urge the General Conference to do the same. The reasons for this recommendation are as follows: United Methodist work in Northern Nigeria is growing rapidly, with members numbering 60,000 over a period of 8 years. And the potential for growth is there and must be exploited, as it were. Currently, supervision of the work is made by the bishop in Sierra Leone, from a distance of some 2,000 miles. Moreover, mission work in Sierra Leone itself is growing and has great potential--demanding the full attention of the resident bishop there. And furthermore, political difficulties itself within Sierra Leone make it difficult to supervise the work in Northern Nigeria. In order to promote the mission work in Northern

Nigeria, the Commission on Central Conference Affairs concurs with this petition to increase the number of bishops in the West Africa Central Conference from 2 to 3.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. It's before you. Is there any discussion? Yes, microphone 2.

STEVE FOSTER (Wisconsin): I just would like to ask the Bishop if on p.127 it says 3 to 4, and your motion is 2 to 3. Can you tell us why?

BISHOP NACPIL: Well, there was a mistake in our minutes, and we have tried to correct that. The petition is now worded on p. 525 as calendar 1510--take note of that correction.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. I think you're ready to vote. Let's . . . No, I see a hand here. No. 2.

BARBARA WILLIAMS RIDDLE (Florida): Question. Financial implications. Do we have a dollar amount that comes with this yet?

BISHOP NACPIL: The matter has been deferred to the *GCFA*.

BISHOP HANDY: If this passes, then, with dollar implication it automatically goes to . . .

BISHOP NACPIL: Given before it was formulated as a petition, it was already referred to . . .

RIDDLE: The one that came earlier had $500,000 attached to it, so I was wondering if we had a dollar amount with this request.

BISHOP NACPIL: I . . . that depends on *GCFA*.

BISHOP HANDY: It would go to them for that to deal with--come out of the Episcopal fund, I imagine. Are there any further questions? You ready to vote? I think you are. All right. Please vote on Calendar Item 1510 when the light appears. "Yes" 786; "No." 92, 1510 is concurred.

BISHOP NACPIL: Thank you, Bishop. That completes the work of the Commission on Central Conference Affairs.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. Thank you. All right. Charles Jordan.

CHARLES JORDAN (Northern Illinois): Bishop, I would just like to say that following . . . we would ask that following lunch, that we would begin with the item that was passed out to you, the development of the *Shalom Zone*, followed by the Legislative Committee on Faith and Mission.

BISHOP HANDY: All right. We have announcements from the secretary.

(Announcements)

CAROLYN MARSHALL (General Conference Secretary): Even in the press of time, there remain several announcements which will be of import to all of the delegates. And so I would ask that you would bear with this. One has to do with the Consent Calendar. There have been reminders in each of the *DCAs*, as well as from the platform, of the process for submitting them. However, several have come to the platform with several signatures.

It would be helpful if you would be cognizant of the rules and go to room 102 to pick up that form and to complete it--realizing that we did move to taking 10 delegates, the signature of 10 persons, to remove it. There is also 1 that has come up with a signal signature--single signature, sorry.

Reminder has come of a meeting of the General Council on Ministries today in room 212 . . . 217 on the second floor of the convention center. General Council on Ministries at 2:00.

The Northeastern College of Bishops will meet at the close of the morning session in the center of the platform.

The Council of Bishops will meet immediately upon adjournment of the morning session in room 109. Now you can adjust where you go when.

This comes from the General Council on Finance and Administration: This morning the conference took action to request copies of the sermons delivered in the morning worship services be made available for sale. The matter was referred to the General Council on Finance and Administration. Arrangements have been completed. Sermons delivered prior to this morning will be available at the *DCA* booth for purchase at 50 cents each after 3:00 p.m. today. And a second announcement from the General Council on Finance and Administration is that members of *GCFA* for the 1988-92 quadrennium will meet for lunch today at the Hyatt.

And this one of a completely different nature: While we were dealing with UMCare this morning, the first word came that a suspected case of chicken pox has been identified. We sent for information on that, and the doctor here has sent back this word which is being shared with you. Those who have not had chicken pox in their childhood years may want to watch for symptoms, such as rashes. If symptoms come, please check with the doctor at the first-aid station. Thank you.

BISHOP HANDY: Wait. Hold steady, now. Let's hold steady. Hold steady. We're about to conclude. I want to express my appreciation to you for orderly manner in which you done business today, and the manner in which you shared and dealt kindly with the chair. I also want to thank my backups, Bishops Allen and Tuell, who helped me tremendously. And I want to say, as I come to the end of this session and this segment of my ministry, and as we continue . . . As I left home, I had Murphy's calendar, and it said, "Smile, tomorrow will be worse." Thank you very much. And we ask . . . thank you . . . thank you very much. We're going to ask Bishop Paul Duffey, now, to give us our closing prayer.

BISHOP PAUL DUFFEY:

(PRAYER)

Thursday Afternoon
May 14, 1992

Bishop Joesph B. Bethea, presiding

BISHOP JOSEPH B. BETHEA: If you will find your places, please. We're going to begin by standing and singing the hymn that is no. 310, "He Lives."

(hymn)

BISHOP BETHEA: Thank you. Please be seated, and we will be led in prayer by Bishop Woodie White.

(prayer)

BISHOP BETHEA: Thank you, Bishop White. I want to recognize the secretary of the General Conference for a special announcement.

CAROLYN MARSHALL: A correction needs to be made to the announcement that was made just prior to lunch regarding numbers and the Consent Calendar. By the action that we took yesterday, the number was raised to 10 for the number needed, number of "no" votes for something to go on the Consent Calendar. However, the number for removing from the Consent Calendar remains at 5.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. That was an announcement for clarification.

Go to microphone 14, please. Your name and conference.

DORIS RUDY (Northern Illinois): Bishop and delegates of this conference, last night several elected delegates who were on the stage as presenters were disenfranchised because they understood that provisions would be made for them to vote. I'd like to move that we refer the matter of voting rights of presenters to the 1996 committee on the Plan of Organization and Rules of Order, in order that a clear procedure might be provided for presenters to participate fully by voting in the General Conference.

BISHOP BETHEA: You heard the motion, is it seconded? Any discussion of it?

RUDY: May I say something?

BISHOP BETHEA: You may speak to it, yes.

RUDY: As I indicated, we were assured last night that if we were presenting documents before this General Conference that there would be some provision for us to vote. I took the precaution of asking a reserve delegate to sit in my seat, so this does not affect me last night. But I realize that there were 4 or 5 on the platform last night, making presentations, who had a great investment in the process and in the issues, and they were not permitted as duly elected members of this General Conference to vote on the documents. That's the reason I'm making this petition to the 1996 committee.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. You heard the motion. Any discussion of it? If you'll approve it raise, your hand. Thank you. Those who oppose? It's approved, thank you.

ROBERT SWEET (Southern New England): Bishop, I wish to move suspension of the rules in order to make a motion to raise the number of names necessary to remove an item from the Consent Calendar.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. Seconded? Is it? All right. If you will suspend the rules to do what is requested, will you raise your hand? Thank you. Those who oppose? The rules are not suspended for this purpose.

SWEET: Could we have an electronic tally, Bishop?

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. I think this takes the 2/3 vote, all right. Those who will suspend, the question is on the suspension of the rules to do what he has requested. Please vote when the light appears.

BISHOP BETHEA: "Yes," 451; "No," 367. The rules are not suspended. We turn now to the order of the day, Courtesies, the chairperson, Ms. Phyllis Ferguson.

(Courtesies)

PHYLLIS S. FERGUSON (Pacific Northwest): Bishop Bethea, General Delegates, and friends. I have several items of courtesy for this afternoon. The first one comes from a delegation of United Methodists who are attending a workshop on Christian Unity in Denver, CO, and their greetings read as follows: "To 1992 General Conference Delegates: the 57 United Methodists from the 29th National Workshop on Christian Unity, representing annual conferences nationwide, meeting in Denver, CO this week, send you greetings and prayers for a productive and spirit-filled conference." I would like at this time to recognize at microphone 4, Richard Nicodemus.

RICHARD NICODEMUS (New York): Bishop, we are privileged to have a delegation from India to attend this 1992 General Conference, which includes a pastor, a laywoman and a layman. They bring us greetings from their churches and their bishops, and tell us that The United Methodist Church in India continues to present a bold witness to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. In addition, Bishop, a number of Indian immigrants who are active as clergy or laypersons have been elected by their respective annual conferences to this General Conference as delegates, reserve delegates, and pages. With your permission, Bishop, it is my pleasure to ask all of these persons to stand wherever they are, so that we may greet them and affirm our love for them. Thank you, Bishop.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, where are you? Will you please stand? We are pleased that you are here.

FERGUSON (Pacific Northwest): Is Tom Matheny here from the Judicial Council? No. Bishop Forrest Stith?

BISHOP FORREST C. STITH (North New York West): Bishop Bethea and members of the conference, 100 years ago we had the act of covenanting on this state, it seems like that long, and during that time we introduced to you 7 persons representing their churches around the world. You need to know that our United Methodist Church is global even beyond that. Through the concordant relationships, autonomous and affiliated autonomous churches, we have in our bodies, within and outside the bar, persons around the world, some who are voting, some who are non-voting delegates, but all here in love. I would like the privilege of the conference to at least let them stand and be recognized, even as we have those from India. And as I name their names, I would ask them to stand at their, at a microphone. They might even wave or say hello. First from the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

BISHOP BETHEA: Where are they?

BISHOP STITH: Thank you. And then the United Protestant Church in Belgium. Then the Methodist Church of Ghana, as you see they are spread all over.

BISHOP BETHEA: Yes.

BISHOP STITH: The Methodist Church of Nigeria. His Eminence Mbang, the Patriarch, gave us the prayer the other day. The Methodist Church of Indonesia, back here. The Methodist Church of Singapore, here. The Methodist Church of Hong Kong. The Methodist Church in Malaysia. The Church of Cuba, the Methodist Church of Cuba, Bishop Joel Allol is here. Would they stand? The Methodist Church of Mexico. The Methodist Church of Guatemala. Of Panama and Costa Rica, the chairman of the Methodist Church is here, right here. The Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas. And the Methodist Church . . . well, not the Methodist Church, but delegates from the Council of Methodist Churches in Latin America, or otherwise known as CIEMAL. And delegations from Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, and at microphone 14, Rev. Brian Beck is asking for permission to speak.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, microphone 14.

BRIAN BECK (Great Britain): Bishop and members of conference, I bring you the greetings of the British Conference. Brian Beck is the name, I am secretary of the British Conference, and from what you courteously call the Mother Church of Methodism, I bring you the greetings of our church. One of the things that has struck the 3 of us who are here from Britain this time, has been the considerable similarity between the issues which are being faced in this con-

ference, and the issues which we are facing in Britain. Again and again, we find ourselves confronting the same questions and the same deep differences of opinion within the church over issues about church life, about the status of the ministry, about the use of all our varied gifts, and the same questions in society as a whole. It seems to me that there are 2 things which all of us have to keep hold of as we wrestle with these problems. The first is the calling to mission and society which must surely take precedence over all our more domestic concerns. And the second is that if we cannot, in the midst of all our differences of convictions, keep hold of one another in fellowship, then we have nothing to say to the world at large. That is what we are seeking to keep hold of in Britain, as I believe you are here, and I bring you the warmest greetings.

BISHOP STITH: Thank you, Rev. Beck.

BISHOP BETHEA: Thank you very much, Dr. Beck, you do represent our mother, and we will keep hold of you.

BISHOP STITH: And one more, if I may? If Bishop Thu En Yu is present, he would like to make a special presentation to the General Conference. He is the Bishop of the Bazel Christian Church in Malaysia. Is he still here? Oh, come.

BISHOP DATUK THU EN YU: Bishops, brothers and sisters in Christ, on behalf of the Christian community in Malaysia and the Bazel Christian Church of Malaysia in particular, I want to congratulate The United Methodist Church, and also to bring you the warmest greetings. In order to express our deep appreciation for your partnership in our mission for the poor, I am now on behalf of the unprivileged group of people in Sabah, and the Bazel Christian Church in Malaysia in particular, to present this book on Sabah as a gift of appreciation, as well as a symbol of the partnership between the 2 churches, The United Methodist Church and the Bazel Christian Church of Malaysia. Thank you very much.

BISHOP STITH: So we are grateful to have all these our friends who share with us in mutual ministry. Isn't it wonderful to be a global church?

FERGUSON: Bishop Bethea, this ends our Courtesies for today, thank you.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. Thank you very much. Microphone 10, please.

LAMBUTH M. CLARKE (Virginia): Thank you, Bishop. This word of personal privilege, please. Several of us in our family had the opportunity to visit the beautiful country of Burma 4 years ago, a restricted travel, country. I had hoped to meet the 2 delegates from that country at this conference. I have checked several times and learned that they were not able to get here. Would it be possible to send an official word expressing our concern that those delegates were not allowed to come to this conference? Is that in order, or not?

BISHOP BETHEA: Well, I would . . . do you want to try a motion?

CLARKE: I will move that an official message be sent to the government of Burma expressing our concern that our 2 Methodist delegates could not come to this conference.

BISHOP BETHEA: Is it seconded? Any discussion? You will approve it, will you show the hand? Thank you. Those who opposed? It's approved, and the secretary will take care of that. Go to microphone 7, here, please.

VICTOR W. GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): In respect to our colleagues from Great Britain, I have a concern to bring that is a *Disciplinary* wording, which I think needs updating. If I could refer you to this, it's in Section 2, Article 22, Par. 22, I'm sorry, Article 1, Subset 3. And this came up at the General Conference in 1988. It was . . . it went through the bounce into various committees, and I think the last bounce was in the Council of Bishops. So maybe it's a question to you, sir, in behalf of the Council of Bishops. The wording there says right now, "in the case of the Methodist Church in Great Britain, mother church of Methodism, upon mutual approval of the concordant now pending, provision shall be made for the reciprocal election seating of 4 delegates 2 clergy and 2 lay." And this wording, I believe, according to our colleague, Rev. Beck, has been in that way since 1968. And the Council of Bishops was commissioned to tell us by 1992 whether that concordant was still pending, and if it's not, can we delete those words?

BISHOP BETHEA: I am advised that that would require a Constitutional amendment.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Mr. Bishop, I would encourage then to have this item addressed by the Council of Bishops. It was addressed in 1988, it was referred back to the Council, and it's indeed a fact, it's like common law marriage. We've been doing this now, and it's a shame to keep those words in the *Discipline*. How shall we proceed, Mr. Bishop?

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. Secretary of the Council.

BISHOP MELVIN G. TALBERT: Bishop Bethea, and members of the conference, I think it would be appropriate for us to allow the language to remain. There's an intentional conversation beginning between our Methodist Church in Great Britain and our church right now, and we think by 1996, we will have the appropriate recommendation to deal with that.

BISHOP BETHEA: Yes?

GOLDSCHMIDT: Does this mean that the concordant is still pending?

BISHOP TALBERT: No, the concordant is official, and what's happening now is some further conversation, and rather than changing it now, I think it would be appropriate to just leave the language. But the concordant is not pending, you took action and that was affirmed, as I think, by vote.

GOLDSCHMIDT: May I pursue this? I am sorry. The wording of the *Discipline* says the concordant is still pending. Do I have to call for a motion to suspend the rules so we can delete those words from the Constitution which are apparently in error?

BISHOP TALBERT: It is in error, and you did take action, and that was approved by the conferences, and so it's no longer pending. There is a concordant relationship.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Than I move that we suspend the rules and make the *Discipline* agree with the act of the concordance no longer pending.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. The . . . I am told that that can simply go to the committee that publishes the *Book of Discipline*, because it has been changed by the action of both churches. And if you will allow that, so be it. I recognize now, Dr. Charles Jordan to lead us in calendar items.

CHARLES W. JORDAN (Northern Illinois): Bishop and members of the conference, these are the items that we would consider this afternoon. We will begin with the Shalom Zone, which is the item that, the material that was

passed out to you before lunch. Twick Morrison from Global Ministries legislative committee will present that, followed by Faith and Mission, Charlene Kammerer. Independent Commissions will follow that with Gil Caldwell as chair, and then items from the Local Church legislative committee with Janice Huie, and then following that with items from Discipleship with Rex Bevins. I would ask that the legislative chairpersons be prepared to present their items at the designated time, and I would also ask that God's grace would be upon us that we might finish these items this afternoon.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right.

(Resolution on Creation of a Shalom Zone)

TWICK C. MORRISON (Mississippi): I move to suspend the rules, to deal with the petition that was referred to the Global Ministries legislative committee, and not yet printed in the *DCA*. It deals with the creation of a Shalom Zone in Los Angeles. The petition was passed out before lunch.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. If you will suspend the rules to consider this petition, will you raise your hand? Thank you. Those who oppose? The rules are suspended.

MORRISON: With a great deal of hope that the actions taken by this General Conference can address not only the immediate needs coming from the Los Angeles tragedy but also address long term systemic change and community development. The legislative committee recommends concurrence with the committee item GM80, it has not received a calendar item. You will see, in the left hand column on the sheet that was passed to you, the enabling motion, creating, asking the Global Ministries committee to deal with this. You overwhelming approved it on the 6th of May.

It says that "in solidarity and consultation with indigenous persons and local churches in a selected neighborhood, The United Methodist Church commit itself to the creation in Los Angeles of a Shalom Zone." I read to you the first sentence in the text, so you will understand the meaning of Shalom Zone. A Shalom Zone would be one strategically-located city block, or its equivalent, rebuilt with the necessary buildings, businesses, and social services needed for life, liberty, and the pursuit of meaning." We've included the full text of the motion so that you can be a part of the vision, with the same fervor and passion with which it was brought to you. There are some suggested guidelines, you see them in the middle column, the recommended action is, and it's in the bold print at the bottom of the middle column, "that the General Conference refer the development and implementation of Shalom Zone ministries to the General Board of Global Ministries, to be coordinated by the National Division, and that the General Conference authorize the Council of Bishops to appoint a Shalom Zone Committee to assist the General Board of Global Ministries in identifying and mobilizing assets and resources available for creating Shalom Zones." There are some adjuncts to that recommendation. They're in the 3rd column. The committee to be no less than 8, no more than 12, to be convened by the president of National Division, no later than the 15th of June. This deals with funding, so you will . . . the 2nd adjunct. "The expense of persons serving on the Shalom Zone Committee to be borne by the institution or agency from which they come." The 3rd, at the appropriate time, the Bishop of the Los Angeles area, to make an urgent appeal across the church for volunteers in mission. A new Advance for Christ in His Church category be designated for Shalom Zones. The United Methodist Church to invite the ecumenical and interfaith communities to duplicate our effort by creating similar Zones of hope. Bishop, I move approval of the petition.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. The petition is before you. Microphone No. 9.

CHRIS RICKS (MISSOURI EAST): I just have a question on where it says the expense a person serving on the "Shalom Zone" committee to be born by the institution or agency from which they come: Does that mean they have to come from an institution or agency or there will be no expenses paid; or if they don't, how do expenses get paid?

MORRISON: Any agency from conference or general level--any level up and down.

RICKS: Well, a lot of lay people could serve on this that don't serve on agencies or our institutions.

MORRISON: Well, a local church is an institution--or an annual conference. The attempt was not to burden any one agency or institution with the cost of this task force but to spread it out. For instance, if the Board of Pensions had someone there, that board would then bear the expense of that person.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. Microphone no. 10.

BEVERLY SHAMANA (California-Pacific): I wonder if we might offer a word of appreciation to the delegate who caught the vision from the original presentation and created this resolution so that we might respond in a significant way?

MORRISON: That delegate is on the podium: Joe Sprague, from West Ohio.

SHAMANA: Thank you. I think we owe a vote of confidence.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. Are you ready? If you will approve...well, all right. Microphone 9, please.

BRANDON CHO (California-Pacific): I am very excited about this proposal, and I know this delegation is ready to affirm the proposal; but I would like to make one very small minor amendment to your suggested guideline. And if you will bear with me to it. If you turn to suggested guideline no. 2, fourth line. I would like to make an amendment by adding these words following "committee": "and other affected districts of California-Pacific Annual Conference." If there is a second, I would like to speak to that.

BISHOP BETHEA: Proceed.

CHO: I know the Los Angeles district will be the primary carrier of this plan. In many ways I would like to support as much as I can as a district designator of one of the districts there. But I want to bring to your attention that other churches of different districts, such as Jacumba and Van Nuys and Compton and Long Beach, also have been devastated by this terrible, terrible ordeal. And I would like to make sure that their needs are also reflected in this process.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right.

MORRISON: Bishop, the maker of the motion had pointed that out to me, and the committee accepts that.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. The committee accepts the amendment. So it's a part of the main motion. Are you ready? All right. Come to microphone no. 4.

JOHN COLLINS (NEW YORK): I also would like to propose an amendment, that the following language be added to

the last guideline, no. 6. After the words "become a prototype for pro-active ministry in other places" [add] "and a model for a massive commitment to rebuilding our cities by state, local, and federal governments." If there is a second, I would like to speak to it--unless they accept it.

MORRISON: That would be accepted.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. Thank you. Go to microphone 5, is it? Two of you going there.

ULISES TORRES (Southern New England): I just want to offer a small amendment that has to do with wording. On the left column, after the darker writing, I would say the fifth line down, you are still using the asterisked word, "pursuit of meaning." Why don't we use "pursuit of peace with justice," which is just a richer expression?

MARSHALL: Bishop, I need to comment that that is a direct quote from the *DCA* and is not before us. It is just a quote that was within the motion. Now if the...it's there for information, but it is not before us.

BISHOP BETHEA: This is not before us?

MARSHALL: No, only from suggested guidelines down.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. Thank you. Yes. Microphone 5.

RICHARD FARIS (VIRGINIA): Bishop, I have a question. The offering we took yesterday for the Los Angeles situation: I'm wondering, is designated for some other cause, or could that be seed money for this Advance Special so we can get on the way right away?

BISHOP BETHEA: Who can answer that?

MARSHALL: I would think that would have to be negotiated with UMCOR. National Division. This would be a National Division of...the one listed here would be a national division in response to others--UMCOR. And I'm sure they would be glad to try to negotiate that.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. Are you ready? All right. If you will approve G.M. 80, this petition, raise your hands. Thank you. Those who are opposed? It's approved.

MARSHALL: We hope you have caught the vision that Joe Sprague gave to us.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. We move to Calendar Items from Faith and Mission. Yes? Microphone no. 9.

CHARLES LIPPSE (HOLSTON): Bishop, may I have a personal privilege?

BISHOP BETHEA: Well, yes. We'll give it a try.

LIPPSE: Thank you, sir. Bishop, I will be up front to say what I am intending. Over lunch I thought a great deal about the vote we took this morning in regard to UMCare, and--I'll be quite honest with the house--I voted with the group that failed. Therefore, I just want to speak to the house for just a moment, if I may. The vote, the essential vote, was really...

BISHOP BETHEA: I think we better ask the house if they would want this.

LIPPSE: I'll be very brief, if they will let me speak.

BISHOP BETHEA: Do you hear what he wants to speak about? Those who would let him speak, raise your hand. Thank you. Those who are opposed? I think you can speak.

LIPPSE: I appreciate it. Thank the house. The vote was less than 51 %, and yet this mandates UMCare to all of our churches and agencies. Not only does it mandate it, but it prohibits any other type of care. The way the debate went closed off the opportunity for some of us to speak to the issue. I'm not faulting anyone; that's just the way it happened. But constitutional amendments of our church require a 2/3 vote of the General Conference, and 2/3 aggregate vote within the annual conferences. I just don't see how we can demand all of our people to go into a program with less than 51 % vote. I cannot make a motion for reconsideration. I'm not a political strategist. I just feel for fairness and ask the house if they would please address it. Thank you, sir.

All right. I'm advised, and I do recall, that this has been referred to the Judicial Council--to clarify the constitutionality of the action taken this morning.

LIPPSE: Well, I appealed to the Judicial Council, and I hope they'll sustain my appeal, but if they didn't, bishop, what would I do?

(Calendar Item No. 575 Baptism Study Committee)

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, then. Going to the Calendar Items: Faith in Mission.

CHARLENE P. KAMMERER (Florida): Bishop Bethea and members of the conference, please turn to p. 282 in the blue book for Calendar Item 515. Also, you might want to turn to the report of the Baptism Study Committee, pp. 253-263 in the red book. And you will note that the recommendations following that report are on pp. 262-263. The Faith and Mission Legislative Committee had the rare privilege of theological dialogue which the baptism study invited. We decided again to work as a committee of the whole to respond to this report.

At this time, I would like to invite all of the members of the Faith and Mission Legislative Committee to stand so that you might express your gratitude for their faithful efforts during this General Conference. Would they stand? This is how we will proceed to Calendar Item 515. First, the chair of the Baptism Study Committee, Dr. Mark Trotter, will present a brief overview of the committee's work during the quadrennium. After the overview of the study, Dr. Ken Carder, member of the legislative committee and one of the framers of the amendment, will present Faith and Mission's action on the Baptism study report recommendation. At that time, Calendar Item 515 will be before you. Dr. Trotter, will you, please, come and present the overview?

MARK TROTTER (California-Pacific): The 1988 General Conference charged the General Board of Discipleship, along with the Board of Higher Education of Ministry and the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, to conduct a study of the United Methodists understanding of baptism and its relation to confirmation and other rites of the church. They put together a committee inclusive of our church's diversity in race and gender and geography and theology. The study was prompted by curriculum writers who recognized a difference between the rituals adopted in 1984, now included in the 1989 *Hymnal,* and the rituals that proceeded them. They were asking for guidance with some theological guidelines in how to present baptism and confirmation in curriculum materials. The committee began its work by writing position papers on a variety of issues agreed upon as important to our work. Then 2 members were asked to write on each topic.

That is when we discovered that we had at least 2 opinions to every topic. At

the next meeting, we agreed on what topics the paper would cover. And we asked Dale Dunlap, professor of theology at St. Paul School of Theology and a member of the committee, to attempt a 1st draft, using the position papers as a starting point. Dr. Dunlap, over the next 3 years, wrote 4 more drafts with the help of Sharon Hels, the editor of the *Quarterly Review*.

At each meeting of the committee, the paper was rewritten paragraph by paragraph, line by line, and sometimes word by word. We tried mightily to reach a consensus, and I believe that we came impressively close--but not close enough to allow all the members to endorse all that was in the paper.

At that point, we stepped back and asked, "If we don't have unanimous agreement, what do we have?" The first conclusion was, "We have the church's attention." I didn't share the committee's joy over this, since most of the mail was addressed to me. But, in fact, United Methodists for the first time were talking about baptism theologically. William James was asked if he believed in baptizing infants. He said, "Believe it? I've seen it." We can testify, not only do we believe that United Methodists hold strong opinions about baptism, we have actually seen it.

Secondly, it is our diagnosis that the division of opinion and practice among us is genetic--passed on to us by our father in the Methodist movement, John Wesley, who had a Catholic spirituality and an evangelical passion. In Wesley's day, the 2 had not yet been split asunder, and they were held in vital tension in his own life. And they are the legacy that he left the American church. Ours is a heritage that both treasures the Sacraments as a means of grace and insists on personal conversion. Theologically, that translates into emphases both on God's initiating grace and the human response in faith.

It is a position of the paper that the United Methodist understanding of baptism must reflect this tension between the 2 poles of God's grace and our response.

Third, we discovered that when we talked about baptism, we were talking about the charter of the church. Baptism is the right of initiation into the body of Christ. We assume sometimes, especially at General Conferences, that membership in the church is defined by paragraphs in the *Discipline*. And that is true. But we also suggest that church membership, especially for the person in the local church, is defined by what is said and done in the ritual for baptism. And since the ritual is read in church, and not the *Discipline*, we feel the church ought to pay attention to what is being said in the ritual. And we tried to do that.

Fourthly, we discovered that many of the concerns the United Methodists have about their church were drawn to this paper. We asked for response, and we got it. Each draft of the paper, incidentally, was been made available to whomever wanted it; and it was the right thing for us to do that. But since the paper was an evolving document, there are several interpretations of what the committee was saying.

The final draft, which is printed in the *DCA*--as many of you have already commented to us--is different than the previous drafts. This communication with the church revealed to us that United Methodists care deeply about youth and how they are incorporated into the community of faith. They care deeply about children and how they are nurtured. They care deeply about the meaning of membership and how it is defined with theological integrity.

Carl Barth said that the publication of his *Commentary on Romans* was as if he had been climbing the steps of the bell tower in the dark and stumbled and slipped and fell and reached out in desperation, grasped the bell rope; and the result was a call to his generation of Christians to reexamine their faith. Similarly, the committee felt that while trying to accomplish 1 goal, we may have enabled the church to achieve another.

For our experience as a committee wrestling with these issues over 3 years and the testimonies of those who have communicated with us indicate that the use of the document as a basis for study could be the means that God uses to revive and recommission the church. For that reason, we recommend its use as a study document--and for another reason. At this point, we could not yet agree on the meaning of baptism for all United Methodists. But we believe that the experience of the faithful is an indispensable part of doing any theology, especially what we are talking about is what happens in a local church. Sacramental theologies should be field-tested. So we are proposing that this paper be remanded to the General Board of Discipleship for denominational-wide study--prepared with a study guide, along with an instrument for response, so that a revised paper and possible legislation can be presented to the 1996 General Conference. I would like now to introduce the principal writer of the paper, Dr. Dale Dunlap, who will take us very briefly through the document itself.

DALE DUNLAP: Bishop...

BISHOP BETHEA: Yes.

DUNLAP: ...and members of the conference. Obviously, in the time that we have I can do nothing other than a quick overview of the document--as I trust you have all read and studied and have some evidence in the case. John Wesley held the sacramental and evangelical aspects of baptism in a creative balance. In its development in the United States, Methodism failed to maintain this Wesleyan synthesis. It is the recovery of this Wesleyan balance that this paper seeks to accomplish by offering a theological and functional understanding of this balanced understanding of baptism that have already embodied in our official ritual. The essence of both authentic sacramentalism and authentic evangelicalism is really the same--

namely, the divine initiative of grace and the human response of faith. This is the informing theme of this paper. If you'll turn in the *Advance Edition*--that's the red; you may be already there--p. 245..254, the top of the right-hand column, beginning with A1, the divine initiative of grace. I'm not going to read it; I'm just telling you, that's where this is focused. Salvation is by grace--the work of God which we experience as the personal influence of God's saving presence in our lives--a grace that is always working preveniently; that is, is always at work before we are aware of it. And that's the basic meaning of prevenience.

Clearly, the divine initiative of grace comes 1st, and that priority defines and energizes the divine-human relationship. Now on the top of the left-hand column, p. 255, A3: We articulate understanding of the human response of faith. God does not save us apart from ourselves. The divine initiative of grace requires our human response of faith for the completion of the divine-human relationship. But faith is trust--a way of life in which one trusts one's whole self

to God, which shows itself in a willing acceptance of God's directing and empowering presence in our lives. Now if you'll turn to p. 256, right-hand column, the top, B1, Baptism. God calls and relates to God's people through covenant. And through baptism we are initiated into a saving covenant of grace with God. We do not choose God; God chooses us. And we respond to God's choosing of us as manifested in our baptism.

There is only one baptism. God's initiating, enabling, and empowering grace is the same for all persons. The baptism of adults and infants differs only in that the Christian faith is consciously professed by the adult at the time of baptism, but is personally professed later by an infant-now-become-youth who has been nurtured in the faith by the community of faith.

Section C, immediately below: baptism is unrepeatable. In our God-given freedom, we may ignore or defy God's covenant claims upon us in baptism, but we do not thereby negate God's love for us or God's covenant with us. God continues faithful, even if we do not. And God's promises given in the covenant of baptism need not be repeated. To repeat baptism is really to impugn the faithfulness of God. If there is occasion that calls for recognizing subsequent life-changing experiences for such a reaffirmation of the faith into which we were baptized is appropriate, but not re-baptism. And that paragraph which I'll not do more with at this point, will be found on p. 258, the left-hand column, section 8. Now, look at Section D on 257: the baptism of infants and others unable to answer for themselves, incorporation into the Body of Christ and baptism. That latter, pardon me--trifocals do odd things when you're doing at a distance--you would also turn to p. 260, the left-hand column, section D, which is the section on incorporation into the Body of Christ at baptism. Those 2 belong together in this issue. Christ constitutes the church, an empirical community of faith in time and space, as his body. And he does so by the power of the Holy Spirit. Baptism is Christ's act in the church, the sacrament of initiation and incorporation into the body of Christ. A child or adult incorporated into the body of Christ through baptism is thereby an integral part of the body of Christ, of the universal catholic church, of the denomination, and a member of the local congregation, which is the concrete embodiment of the body of Christ. And the theological rationale for baptism constituting initiation of the infant into the body of Christ and membership into the local congregation is the same as it is for infant baptism. The prevenience of God's grace. And, theologically, logically, to deny church membership to the baptized infant would require the denial of infant baptism. Now, continue on p. 258, the left-hand column, Section G, the profession of faith into which we were baptized. In the case of both infant baptism and infant membership into the church, there comes a time when, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the nurture, grace, and love from God through the community of faith as an essential nurturing means of God's grace, the infant-now-become-youth must make a public confession of faith in Jesus Christ and commit herself or himself to responsible discipleship. This is the profession of faith into which we were baptized. And at some point in the growth process leading this profession, there must be a special and intensive preparation focusing on one's understanding of one's self, one's appropriation of the Christian faith, the development and practice of spiritual disciplines, and of active participation in discipleship. You will find the historical and theological rationale for why we call this "professing the faith into which we were baptized" instead of confirmation. That's in the right-hand column, p. 258, beginning with the first full paragraph. At the heart of this paper, "By Water and the Spirit," is the maintaining of the creative and redemptive tension in the Christian faith, illustrated in our Wesleyan tradition, between God's gracious initiative and the human response of faith. Thank you.

CHARLENE KAMMERER (Florida): I would like for the house to hear the recommendation of our study committee as you then hear Dr. Carter present the amendment. And please be clear that the recommendations from the study itself, and those of our legislative committee, is that the whole report be recommended for further study across the church during the next quadrennium. We have only 1 amendment on Recommendation No. 2. That is what you will find in Calendar Item 515, and that will be before you. But we do concur, with amendment, to the entirety of the report.

KENNETH L. CARDER (Holston): Bishop Bethea, members of the conference, I do call your attention to Calendar Item 515, but if you would also keep before you the red book, p. 262-263, the recommendations from the General Board of Discipleship. The study of baptism had the effect of binding the Legislative Committee on Faith and Mission into a community, as we seriously grappled with the multiple and complex issues raised by what is the most comprehensive and explicit statement on baptism that Methodism has produced.

There is ambiguity regarding baptism in our Wesleyan heritage, and this report reflects that ambiguity. While we struggled with Baptism, the struggle itself became a means of grace to the committee. We want the congregation to experience something of that same dynamic.

We affirm the importance of the study. It is bedrock. It is central to our identity and our life together. Historically, renewal has come when the church has been willing to engage honestly and humbly in serious theological reflection, as illustrated by the Reformation, and by the Wesleyan Revival. It just may be that this study document along with our doctrinal standards and theological task and our mission statement, that those studied in concert may move us from our institutional preoccupation to theological reflection and renewal. We affirm the values of this study. It makes explicit the importance of baptism. We have all experienced something of the lack of understanding of baptism that exists in the church.

The mail that I received on this issue, even from my colleagues in ministry, indicates that we need to study the document seriously. For very often, Baptism is viewed as simply something the congregation observes, or it is viewed as a dedication service. It is indeed a sacrament.

The study also identifies the tensions in our understanding of the sacrament. The tension between God's grace and human response. The tension between Baptism as incorporation into community, and baptism as God's claiming and cleansing of the individual. Tension

between the church as a fellowship brought into being by God's initiative, and the church as an institution which we join in conscious response to God's initiative. Another value of the study is its incompleteness. Unlike so much of what we do at General Conference, this study report does not rush us to legislation.

It is an imperfect document which needs improvement. Rather than it being presented to the General Conference for adoption as the law of the church, it is presented as an invitation to dialogue, and to respond out of the results of that dialogue. So one of its great values is its incompleteness and its invitation for us to participate. And this is where the recommendations before you become crucial. The recommendations are offered by the legislative committee as ways of strengthening the study in the local church and involving the grass roots in forging our church's statement on baptism.

The recommendations on pp. 262-263 are accepted by the legislative committee without change, with 1 exception. That exception is an amendment to Recommendation No. 2. Recommendation No. 2 reads, "To receive the document 'By Water and the Spirit: A Study of the Proposed United Methodist Understanding of baptism,' and submit it to the 1992 General Conference, and to request that the General Conference receive it as a document for denomination-wide study in the coming quadrennium. The legislative committee adds this sentence, "the study will include consideration of such questions and concerns as the following." Then we list 11 questions and concerns. Now these questions and concerns are not to be definitive or exhaustive, but they are issues raised by the legislative committee which we feel that in the preparation of the study document, that if the study document incorporates these concerns and questions within its body, it will enable the local churches and the grass roots to respond to the critical areas of tension, and to be involved in that which will lead us to some conclusions that will be productive. Now there are some questions, for example, like questions 2, 8, and 9, where the . . . for example then No. 2. "Does the paper teach that baptism is necessary for salvation. If so, what are the implications of this teaching?" You can certainly legitimately add, "if so" or "if not so." We just want these kinds of issues to be discussed and available to the local church. So, Bishop Bethea, we move the adoption of Calendar Item No. 515.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, thank you. 515 is before us. Go to microphone 14, please.

MARK L. HORST (Minnesota): I encourage us to support this amendment, and that we not simply vote our approval of the document, but evaluate it carefully. The document speaks of a balance between Wesley's sacramental and evangelical emphasis, but it, I think, fails to explain why Wesley balances these. See, Wesley never doubts God's faithfulness. His sacramental emphasis maintains that objective truth, but we are not, thus Wesley's evangelical critique of sacramentalism. Wesley treats our faithlessness with maximal seriousness. God will be faithful, that's true, but God can part the Red Sea waters, and if we don't walk through, we are still in Egypt. The document fails to emphasize this fundamental Wesleyan concern, and by doing so, I think it may confuse our evangelistic duty as a church, which is to call sinners, baptized and unbaptized, to the gospel feast.

Finally, there's a tendency in the document to speak of baptismal grace or God's grace, apart from the grace of Jesus Christ. Now this is a matter of emphasis. There are surely many passages for which this is not true, but I find a consistent and troubling tendency to speak of grace in abstract terms. Seems to me that for Christian theology, grace is always personal, that grace is always the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that grace always has a face and hands and a wounded side. That baptism is above all and before all, baptism into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, not simply the application of some generic substance that brings about some kind of abstract improvement. Grace is the life of Christ given to make us Christ-like, so I commend this document and the amended questions.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, the motion . . . state again the motion, so we'll be clear.

CARTER: The motion is that we accept Calendar Item No. 515.

BISHOP BETHEA: We accept, and what does that do?

CARTER: It approves the recommendations on p. 262-263, . . .

BISHOP BETHEA: Yes.

CARTER: . . . with the addition of the questions under item 2. The questions as printed in the *DCA* in Calendar Item 515.

BISHOP BETHEA: And it's referred to the church for study?

CARTER: That'a correct.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right.

CARTER: As the other recommendations indicate, it goes to the publishing house, the present committee continues to receive response, and the Board of Discipleship will also be involved in that process.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. Yes. Go to microphone 2.

CHARLES SAYRE (Southern New Jersey): It may be that the committee will accept this amendment as part of the report, but I'd like to amend the document by adding to item 2 at the bottom of 262, that the reference petitioned to General Conference also go to our Committee on Christian . . . Commission on Christian Unity and Religious Affairs. If I may have a second, I would like to speak to that referral.

BISHOP BETHEA: It's seconded.

SAYRE: The reason for this is that we have produced here, I think, the most exciting ecumenical document that I have read in a long time. I've read the work of our commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns and their dialogue with the Lutheran Church, and the World Methodist dialogue with the World Lutheran body on baptism. We have moved the Methodist part of ecumenical dialogue a whole mile, many miles further along. And this document has an ecumenical movement that's trying to make the church truly catholic, truly evangelical, and truly reformed. This document has profound significance for our ecumenical dialogue. It's an ecumenical dialogue. I'd like to see the referral to the Commission on Interreligious Concerns, please.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, the amendment is to refer to the Commission on Interreligious Concerns. Yes, sir? No. 1.

OSWALD BRONSON SR. (Florida): I'd like to ask the chair to clarify the parliamentary situation of which we are now working. Earlier, we had a motion to suspend the rules; then we suspended the suspension. Just where are we now? Are we still having 2 speeches for?

BISHOP BETHEA: We are under the rules that have been adopted. We have 2

speeches for, 2 against; and what's the time limit? 2 minutes. We need somebody to speak against. Go to microphone no. 9. Against the amendment.

MARY ELIZABETH MOORE (California-Pacific): I'd like to make a substitute amendment, please, may I do that?

BISHOP BETHEA: Try it.

MOORE: I move a substitute amendment that the study committee be delegated with the responsibility to create a list of questions that invite our local churches to engage with the document and with what it means to them. If I have a 2nd, I'll speak to it.

BISHOP BETHEA: Well, I'm not sure that's a substitute amendment. I'll let you make that, once we dispense with this 1. You want to speak to this amendment? A point of inquiry, go to microphone 4.

KIRBYJON CALDWELL (Texas): Thank you, bishop. Bishop and my fellow Methodists, I'd like to call your attention to p. 257, 1st paragraph on the right-hand side, 1st full paragraph on the right-hand side. The baptism of infants is properly understood and valued if the child is loved and accepted by the family, and worship in church, and their own family. Question no. 1 is: What if the child does not have a "family" as we know it? That should probably read "and/or," but it's just a question.

Secondly, if a parent or surrogate parents cannot or will not nurture the child in the faith, or if a godparent cannot be found who will provide such guidance, then baptism is to be postponed until such nurture is available. Postponed? Why penalize the child for not having parents? Why penalize the child for having unfaithful parents?

BISHOP BETHEA: Doctor, doctor, we are on the amendment at this point.

CALDWELL: Yes, sir.

BISHOP BETHEA: Thank you.

CALDWELL: Thank you, sir.

BISHOP BETHEA: Yes. The Sayre amendment is that this document be referred also to the Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. That's, yes, that's the amendment.

KAMMERER: Bishop Bethea, may I speak to the amendment on behalf of the committee?

BISHOP BETHEA: Yes, you'll have the last speech, won't you?

KAMMERER: Well, I hope this will be the last speech.

BISHOP BETHEA: Well, somebody back here wants to speak. Over here. Are you going to speak against the amendment? No. 10, please.

HARRIETT OLSON (Northern New Jersey): Bishop, I need some clarification and then I may need to speak against it. Could you inform the body what it would mean to refer the document? Would that be contrary to the other recommendations that are before us?

BISHOP BETHEA: I would think not. That is not contrary. It's an addition.

OLSON: The question. I'm not clear on how the document can be referred and then how it can also be published for study. It's not a referral for action?

BISHOP BETHEA: Yes, speak, answer.

KAMMERER: We are clear that this is not an official document of The United Methodist Church. If it is referred to CUIC, I assume they are not mandated by this amendment to take any action on it. I think the concern was simply to make sure that particular agency gave serious input into the denomination-wide study.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. Go to microphone 14, is it?

MILES: I move to suspend the rules and call it everything before us. We got other peaches to pick.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, is it seconded? You will suspend the rules and call for everything before us. Will you raise your hand? Thank you. Those who oppose? Well, you've suspended the rules. Now, if you will call for everything before us, will you raise your hand? Thank you; those who oppose? Well, you've done it. We are back on the Sayre amendment, which refers the document also to the Commission to Interreligious Concerns. You ready? That's right, excuse me.

KAMMERER: I wanted to say that the committee would accept the amendment.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, well, it's a part of it. Is this an inquiry? Go to no. 11, please. No. 11, please.

CASE: I have a question about what it means to move on everything that is before us. I've been wanting very much to make an amendment. Does this disallow any further discussion or any further amendments? If so...

BISHOP BETHEA: I'm afraid the house has said it wants to conclude discussion of this matter.

RILEY CASE: Bishop, may I raise some objection? We were told when this particular baptism study was being formulated that we would have opportunity for some input. There was no input that was allowed, that is, in terms of amendments when it came before the Board of Discipleship. When it came before our legislative group, the legislative group made a determination that there would be no amendments allowed to the study document, and now it's coming before this body without, not only without any amendments being allowed to the study document, but without any further discussion or amendments even made to the recommendations. This is a very important document, and I'm very disappointed if we're letting it slip through so quickly when we have spent so much time on things that are of much less importance. I would move reconsideration so that we might have more discussion on this document.

BISHOP BETHEA: Did you vote in the affirmative on the call for the...?

CASE: I was confused about what the vote was. No, I did not vote with the affirmative.

BISHOP BETHEA: I'll have to say that we cannot consider that. Inquiry? Microphone 1, please.

RAMON A. EVANGELISTA (Southern New Jersey): Is this that document to be translated to other languages?

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. Will the document be translated into...?

KAMMERER: It would be up to the publishing house to make that determination, but we are assuming it would be.

BISHOP BETHEA: Thank you. Yes? Microphone 5, please.

JAMES W. HOLSINGER (Virginia): I did vote against the motion, and I think Riley Case has a pretty pertinent question to raise, and so, therefore, I would move reconsideration.

BISHOP BETHEA: Well, I'm sorry. We need somebody who voted for it to make the motion to reconsider. Thank you.

HOLSINGER: I think you're right, bishop; thank you.

BISHOP BETHEA: Go to microphone 3, please.

SCOTT A. WILLIAMS (Central Pennsylvania): Mr. bishop, I voted to suspend the rules, and I would request reconsideration. I voted to suspend the rules to end debate, not realizing that this important item should be discussed. So, I move for reconsideration.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. This is reconsideration of the action you took on the previous question; is that right? And does it need this reconsideration?

EVANGELISTA: Not debatable.

BISHOP BETHEA: Not debatable. Just a simple majority. If you will reconsider the action on the previous question, will you raise your hand? Well, those who opposed. Well, we'd better take a count on that. Question is on the reconsideration of the house's call for the previous question on this matter of the baptism study. Vote when the light appears.

BISHOP BETHEA: Question? "Yes," 374; "No," 504. You have not reconsidered it. I am afraid that I am going have to put...the house is asking to vote on this matter. The house is asking the vote on this matter. If you will approve Item 515...Well, you've accepted the amendment, did you not?

KAMMERER: Yes.

BISHOP BETHEA: Are we not on the approval of 515? Vote when the light appears, please. "Yes," 840; "No," 89. You have approved 515. All right.

KAMMERER: Bishop Bethea...

BISHOP BETHEA: Question? Yes.

RONALD BRETSCH (North Central New York): Bishop, in reference to languages, my question is--we usually publish in Spanish and Korean, would it be possible for this to be in French for Africa, a fast-growing area of our denomination?

KAMMERER: I don't know any way that we can respond to that, except knowing the Board of Discipleship will hear that request.

BRETSCH: Thank you.

BISHOP BETHEA: Thank you. All right.

KAMMERER: Bishop Bethea, Dr. Mark Trotter would like a moment of special privilege.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right.

TROTTER: Thank you, Bishop. This has been a wonderful experience for me and for all members of this committee--not only the high privilege serving the church we love, but also the rich experience we have had together as a fellowship of Christians. We've asked the committee to come onto the stage; half of them are so modest that they wouldn't do that--they're out there someplace. But I would like to have all the committee stand at this time to receive your appreciation.

KAMMERER: And now, Bishop Bethea, we have only 3 remaining calendar items related to the work of our legislative committee, and we would request to care for them at this time. Jim Harnish, the vice chair of our committee will direct us in these petitions.

(Calendar Item No. 542)

JIM HARNISH (Florida): Thank you. Bishop and members of the conference, if you'll join us on Calendar Item no. 542. You'll find it on p. 284, and you'll find the original petition on p. 1126. And the committee recommends nonconcurrence based on the work that has been commended to you and approved by you on the baptism document.

BISHOP BETHEA: This is 542?

HARNISH: Yes.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. 542 is before you. Vote when the light appears, please. You have supported the action of the committee. "Yes," 759; "No," 67.

(Calendar Item No. 543)

HARNISH: Thank you, Bishop. I should say that these 2 items are before you because they could not fit on the Consent Calendar; the rest of these items you've already covered on the Consent Calendar. Immediately below that, on p. 284, you'll find no. 543. You'll find the original petition on p. 1255. Again, the committee recommends nonconcurrence based on the work of the baptismal study.

BISHOP BETHEA: Question is on your support of the committee's recommendation. Yes. Go to microphone 4, is it?

BILL HINSON (Texas): Bishop, members of the conference, we need to realize we have a basic inconsistency here in that our *Discipline* has a section, 216.4, it talks about the category of preparatory membership. The child is baptized and becomes a preparatory member. Now the study, which is continuing for the next 4 years, has that child as a full member of the church. I was a member of the committee, and I wrote letters before we came to the legislative committee. The committee has not yet answered the question, What if the child does not claim the faith into which he or she was baptized? Are they still a full member of the church? And if, of course, they are still a full member of the church, no matter whether or not they claim that faith, if they are still saved, then we better start sprinkling people on the street. Wesley talked about baptized pagans and baptized infidels.

I want the conference to realize that we have a basic contradiction here in the provision of our *Discipline* and what this paper, the study, is now proposing. We have had a reformation. We talk about salvation by faith. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you'll be saved. Those who believe not are condemned already. The decision God makes for us, we proclaim at baptism. But we must also make a personal decision for Jesus Christ. Without that baptism--I mean without that personal decision--baptism becomes not a sign or symbol but some kind of magic.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. The question is on...the committee recommends nonconcurrence. You will vote when the light appears, please. You have sustained the committee. "Yes," 649; "No," 255.

(Calendar Item No. 534 Doctrinal Statement)

HARNISH: Thank you, Bishop. I might say on behalf of the committee I think what Bill has raised is exactly the kind of dialogue and discussion that the baptismal paper is requesting in the life of the church. But at this point there are no changes in any disciplinary passages, and that's why we recommended nonconcurrence. Now to item 534. This is not related to the baptism study. Item 534; you'll find it on p. 284. You'll find the petition on p. 1170. The title is "Reaffirm Our United Methodist Doctrinal Position." The legislative committee gave serious consideration to this petition, particularly in light of some of the background concerns that were shared with us in the legislative committee. We recommend nonconcurrence, basically for 2 reasons. One, because the committee sensed that this petition, while it dealt with what many persons believe is a very serious concern, dealt with a very specific concern that

did not need to be addressed at this point in this way; and the second being that we believed that the present doctrinal standards of the *Discipline* are adequate and provide the guidance that we need. And so the committee recommends nonconcurrence.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. You have heard the recommendation of the committee. Please vote when the light appears.

BISHOP BETHEA: You have sustained the committee. "Yes," 774; "No," 122.

HARNISH: Thank you, Bishop, I would add my word that this committee has represented the kind of theological discussion and insight that is at the very best of our church, thank you.

KAMMERER: Bishop Bethea, and members of the conference, we joyfully report to you that we have completed the work you have given us to do, and we will now dance off the stage. Thank you very much.

BISHOP BETHEA: Yes? Go to microphone no. 9, please.

HAROLD D. KUEHLE (Missouri East): Point of information is that I'm assuming that the committee will make the addresses available for individuals to respond to the document once it's published and circulated. And that we'll take each 1 of those letters personally from the heart of each individual Methodist. Is that correct?

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. I would certainly assume so, and suggest that if they had not planned to do that, that they will now. Yes? Microphone no. 3, please.

(Calendar Item No. 1655 Oppose Worship of Sophia)

W. RANDOLPH SMITH (Texas): Bishop, I'm curious, was the announcement that the work was completed a declaration that all the items from Faith and Mission have been completed? There is 1 item which is in today's *DCA* that has not been addressed, and is not on the Consent Calendar, and it's one to which I want to speak, and I just want to make sure that . . .

BISHOP BETHEA: Charlene? Where is the chairperson? What is the item?

SMITH: No, they're dancing back up. Here they come.

BISHOP BETHEA: What is the item?

SMITH: The item is 1655. It's on p. 542 of the blue book.

BISHOP BETHEA: 542 of the blue book. 16 . . .

SMITH: 55. And I . . .

BISHOP BETHEA: 1655.

SMITH: I just heard someone behind me say they thought we had already voted on it, but I was not aware of that if we have.

BISHOP BETHEA: Do you have a quick response?

HARNISH: Bishop? Forgive us or forgive the computer, one or the other. You are correct. We had received the report that we had had the records of everything that had gone on to the Consent Calendar, and that must have been in error, Bishop. This would be appropriately before you, and as you see in the *DCA*, the committee also recommended nonconcurrence on the same basis as the last that I presented to you.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. You want to speak to that? All right, yes.

SMITH: I would like to speak to that, Bishop.

BISHOP BETHEA: Come to microphone 3.

SMITH: Bishop, I am a member of the Faith and Mission committee. I feel that this matter on its face looks like a rather innocuous petition, but I feel like it deals with a matter of real substance. Those . . . you have it in front of you, and you can see that what it does is ask for a reaffirmation that the doctrinal standards are within the orthodox teachings, and it opposes the practice of worshiping Sophia. Now, I'm not well-versed in this controversy that surrounds Sophia, but I am concerned at our letting slip through here something which says it opposes the practice of the worship of anything but Jesus Christ, in whose name we are gathered here. And I want to speak against this petition, and against the position of the committee on the basis that to permit this to go through is an action by this body which permits, to use the words of the petition, "the practice of worshiping Sophia."

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. Did you make a motion? You spoke against the motion. You spoke against nonconcurrence.

SMITH: Yes, sir, I'm speaking against the nonconcurrence.

BISHOP BETHEA: Got you, all right. Is there anyone who would like to speak for nonconcurrence? Go to microphone 4.

JOHN COLLINS (New York): I think this kind of a petition shows the futility of trying to legislate things we oppose worshiping. I think if we're going to do that we ought to adopt resolutions opposing the worship of the real idols that do endanger the church today, such as racism, militarism, and materialism. But that's a futile effort, and I think we should recognize this also as one and we should support the recommendation of the committee for nonconcurrence.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, is there someone who wishes to speak against nonconcurrence? Over here, what's that microphone? 11.

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Delegates Race Clock, Attack 600 Calendar Items

As the General conference delegates started their final day of meeting, they faced the near impossible - 600 more calendar items to go and only nine hours left before the 10 p.m. adjournment. They failed the impossible; adjournment came at 11:45.

Continued participation by The United Methodist Church in the controversial Religious Coalition on Abortion Rights (RCAR) was affirmed by a vote of 485-448. The General Board of Church and Society and the Board of Global Ministries' Women's Division are members of RCAR, begun in 1973 after the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision.

Neither agency has contributed financially to RCAR since about 1986, officials of the two agencies said. The coalition rents office space in the United Methodist Building on Capitol Hill in Washington.

The RCAR action was appealed to the Judicial Council to rule on whether support of the coalition violates church law. The church's highest court will hear the case at its Oct. 28-31 session.

In 1990, the Judicial Council unanimously upheld a ruling by Bishop David Lawson in Wisconsin that nothing in the written statement of purpose of RCAR violated the Social Principles' statement on abortion.

A series of other votes upheld the denomination's current stance on abortion. Margins in these votes ranged generally from approximately 70 percent to 85 percent.

The church's Social Principles now "recognize tragic conflicts of life with life that may justify abortion, and in such cases support the legal option of abortion under proper medical procedures." Abortion as a form of birth control or gender selection is specifically rejected.

Acting on a consent calendar item, the delegates approved a proposed plan to address sexual harassment. The resolution calls for the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW) to work with other church bodies to develop educational resources dealing with the issue.

A resolution on environmental racism, also adopted on consent, calls for a moratorium on situating commercial hazardous waste facilities in communities of low-income families or racial and ethnic minorities and calls on the U.S. government to study, monitor, and clean up these communities.

A task force to examine racism in the nation's rural population was authorized by delegates and directed to examine specific strategies to address the manifestations of racism in rural areas, both on personal and institutional levels. The General Commission on Religion and Race will coordinate the effort.



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Issues required the careful attention of each delegate. Pictured above: (right to left) Harriett Olson, Ernest Light, Beth Mitchell, Vivian Bull, and Hae-Jong Kim of the Northern New Jersey Conference.

It was announced during the day that two delegations from the General Conference will visit Washington, D.C., May 16 and Los Angeles June 1-2 to carry the message of peace and justice adopted earlier in the sessions in Louisville. The Washington and Los Angeles delegations will be headed by Bishop Felton E. May and Bishop Melvin G. Talbert respectively.

A series of resolutions on international concerns, ranging from the rebuilding of El Salvador to apartheid in South Africa, were approved in consent calendar action.

United Methodists were called to continue to advocate for sanctions against South Africa until the creation of an interim government. Reinvestment is encouraged once the proper conditions have been met.

Despite grass-roots appeals to pare costs, the delegates rejected a move to reduce the number of directors of general agencies. By a 464-429 vote, an attempt to restrict the number of voting members on the 13 general agencies to one person from each of the annual con-

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United Methodist Rural Fellowship Shines

A first-time United Methodist Rural Fellowship (UMRF) volunteer said it best: "I was amazed at the organization and technology the UMRF brings to bear on the legislative process at General Conference. I had no idea we were so organized—or so effective!"

The UMRF has traditionally seen about 85 percent of the legislation it has sponsored or endorsed passed successfully by General Conference delegates.

A national organization of some 37 chapters, the UMRF depends heavily on its network of rural-sensitive clergy and laity.

Three years before the General Conference meets, planning is in place for legislative consultations which focus the UMRF's attention on issues. Two years before General Conference, the UMRF convenes a national gathering to determine specific issues, petitions, and the modes of advocacy it will endorse. About one year before the General Conference convenes, the site for the next UMRF headquarters is determined and reservations in area hotels are secured for the UMRF volunteers who will work on behalf of rural and small-membership churches.

Volunteers come from across the country to serve as legislative interpreters, hospitality suite hosts, computer and radio operators, and rural church advocates. These volunteers are students, parents, laity, clergy, educators, musicians, farmers, chaplains, church and community workers, and others. Most come at their own expense to work from one to 10 days. They bring "in-kind" gifts of all sorts-computer paper, office supplies, computers and printers, copiers and fax machines and shortwave radios for communicating with volunteers when they meet with their General Conference committees.

Every morning the UMRF volunteers are sent out, as informed advocates, trained for the specific petitions and resolutions the UMRF has identified for its focus. UMRF volunteers are acquainted with the General Conference site arrangement, legislative processes, and UMRF goals, and they stand ready to speak, advise, and interpret.

Legislative committee changes are entered into the UMRF computers. This keeps the UMRF abreast of changes and ready to provide interpretation when needed.

As many as 60 volunteers may be involved in some facet of the support for this effort at any one time, including cooking, typing, answering the telephone, running documents to committees, monitoring committee processes and plans, and talking with delegates.

Because 67 percent of all United Methodist congregations have 200 or fewer members, UMRF members believe the results are worth the effort.

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Information Streams Through *DCA*

Like a mighty ocean, waves of information splashed across the gathering of God's people in Louisville for General Conference 1992.

In speeches, sermons, reports, petitions, motions, amendments, seconds, rulings, statistics, and handouts, information came to delegates and visitors from all directions.

Sometimes in gentle swells of cool, sweet water that touched sensitive chords in their hearts, General Conference participants gained new insight and appreciation for one another.

At other times, like a giant comber breaking upon a placid beach, rearranging its sand and changing it forever, huge waves of new, unfamiliar information engulfed delegates and visitors.

They may have felt like the old sailor who said, "It's been a heck of a day at sea."

And, like a colony of ants, scurrying around—caucusing here, meeting there, carrying bits and pieces of information to and fro—General Conference participants tried to sort it all out.

To their rescue came the *Daily Christian Advocate*, otherwise known as the *DCA*.

Every morning, like magic, a fresh copy of the *DCA* appeared on delegate's desks, and the confusion of the previous day was ended, at least briefly. "This is what happened; here is where we are; this is what we have yet to do," the *DCA* pages said.

J. Richard Peck, *DCA* editor, explained that the "magic trick" was performed daily (and nightly) by a dedicated staff of information-gatherers, word processors, writers, transcribers, editors, and managers, all assisted by "modern technology."

Information-gatherers on the conference floor recorded and documented every word spoken during daily proceedings. The tapes were delivered to Bob Lowdermilk, coordinator of verbatim transcribers and checkers, who got the information into the computer system almost as it happened.

Meanwhile, writers covered legislative committee meetings, recording progress of legislative items and their eventual appearance as calendar items. Unofficial reports went to Keith Pohl, coordinator of news reports from legislative sections. Official information was also fed into the computer system by Mike Cunningham, computer manager, calendar editor, and coordinator of legislative section secretaries.

And while all this went on, writers ferreted out interesting facts, features, activities, and behind-the-scenes stories that gave meaning and purpose to General Conference issues. This information was fed into the system through a team of features editors—Barbara Dunlap-Berg, Keith Kendall, and Brad Motta.

Composition editors Gayl Hinton and Richard Street then brought together all the information and laid out each edition using desk-top publishing capabilities.

When those steps were completed, production manager Camilla Jones delivered the day's copy to the printer, "putting it to bed," as they say in the trade, and sending a weary *DCA* staff—some 38 people in all—to bed.

The *DCA* is published only during General Conference and does not have a permanent staff. Editorial and managerial staff were all volunteers from The United Methodist Publishing House, Cokesbury, United Methodist Communications, Church School Publications, and annual conference communications offices.

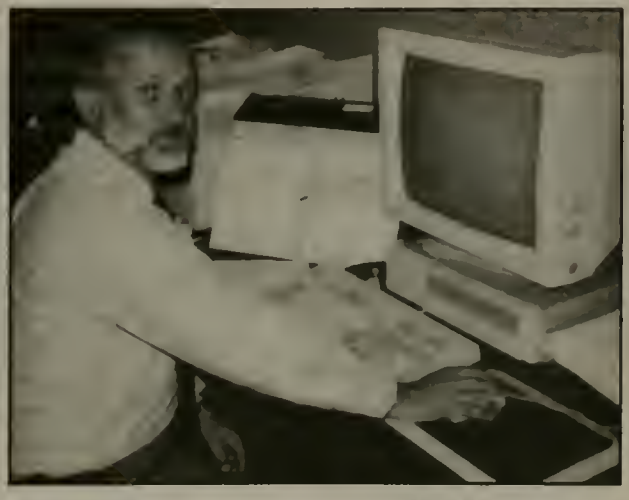
"There isn't a weak link in the chain," Peck said. "We do things more by tradition than by *Discipline*," referring to the fact that the *DCA*'s existence, while not well-documented in the *Book of Discipline*, is, nevertheless, a strong tradition of the General Conference.

—Wallace Bennett



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Desktop publishing sometimes requires a lot of "heads" working together: (left to right) Bob Lowdermilk, Marv Cropsey, Vern Bigler, Mike Cunningham.



KEITH KENDALL PHOTO

Richard Street, a computer, copy, and several cups of coffee work together to produce news and feature articles for each daily edition.

How Technology Speeds Process

For the 1992 General Conference, *DCA* editor J. Richard Peck and Carolyn Marshall, secretary of the General Conference, were anxious to computerize the whole *DCA* operation. They invited John Brawn, who prepared a computer program to handle the petition process for the 1988 General Conference, to develop a system for the committee and calendar phases of the process as well. He also worked with the *DCA* to insure the design included their requirements.

The resulting system was nicknamed PETS, short for PEtition Tracking System.

How It Works

The bulk of the 1992 petitions work is done by Odell Thompson in her home, prior to the beginning of General Conference. She sorts each petition by paragraph number, financial considerations, constitutional implications, title, and so forth. PETS assigns a petition number and forwards the original petition to the *DCA* for entry and printing in the *Advance Daily Christian Advocate*. The *ADCA* copy is reprocessed to provide the petition text in PETS.

Recorders work with legislative committee officers to input legislative committee actions. They assign petitions to committee numbers and enter legislative committee action, including amendments; changes in financial considerations; and, in some cases, minority reports. PETS keeps track of the changes made.

When the committee completes an item, it sends a proof to the *DCA*. When this hard copy is correct, the *DCA* releases the committee item and provides a printed copy of the committee item, exactly as it will appear. The committee leaders sign the document and turn it in to the agenda coordinator, and it is no longer available to the committee.

Calendar Phase

The released committee item is scanned for proper signatures. The processing includes verifying the version number. The signed sheet must agree with the PETS version number. If a minority report is included, it must be noted in the processing. If everything is OK, the committee item is accepted as a calendar item.

Each evening, accepted calendar items are processed by batches. They are sorted and assigned calendar item numbers. The text is forwarded to the *DCA* for printing in the next edition.

Once a calendar item number is assigned, the matter is the property of the plenary session and cannot be changed, except by the plenary session.

Subsequent Action

The actions of plenary sessions of the General Conference are recorded. Calendar items may be changes to the *Discipline*, *Book of Resolutions*, the Constitution, and references. When all items are resolved, The United Methodist Publishing House prints the new *Discipline* and *Book of Resolutions*.

Other Computer Systems

The conference voting system uses three computers. Straight votes are counted and the results displayed via the United Methodist Communications (UMCom) video van and stage monitor system. Special votes such as the Judicial Council election are scanned and processed for invalid votes, with the results computed in a Lotus spreadsheet in a third computer. The results are displayed via character generator and the stage monitor.

—Mel Brawn



The actions of General Conference are viewed from a variety of "angles."

JOHN GOODWIN PHOTO

General Conference Takes to the Airwaves

Issues facing General Conference delegates during plenary sessions were also dealt with in public forums as conference representatives shared in media programs, interviews, and news segments.

During the evening of May 12, for example, four United Methodists shared their insights and answered phoned-in questions on the "Metz Here!" radio program. Hosted by local radio and TV personality Milton Metz, "Metz Here!" is broadcast on the 50,000-watt Radio WHAS AM stereo 840. Though a local show, it regularly receives calls from the Midwest to the East Coast, from the Great Lakes region to the Gulf Shores.

Thalia F. Matherson, North Texas Conference delegate; Bishop Roy C. Nichols, Oakland, Calif.; Gerald K. Richardson, Western New York Conference reserve delegate; and Barbara P. Sheldon, Kansas West Conference delegate, fielded questions on topics ranging from homosexuality and abortion to inner-city violence and biblical inerrancy. Calls came in throughout the evening and were backed up waiting during most of the night.

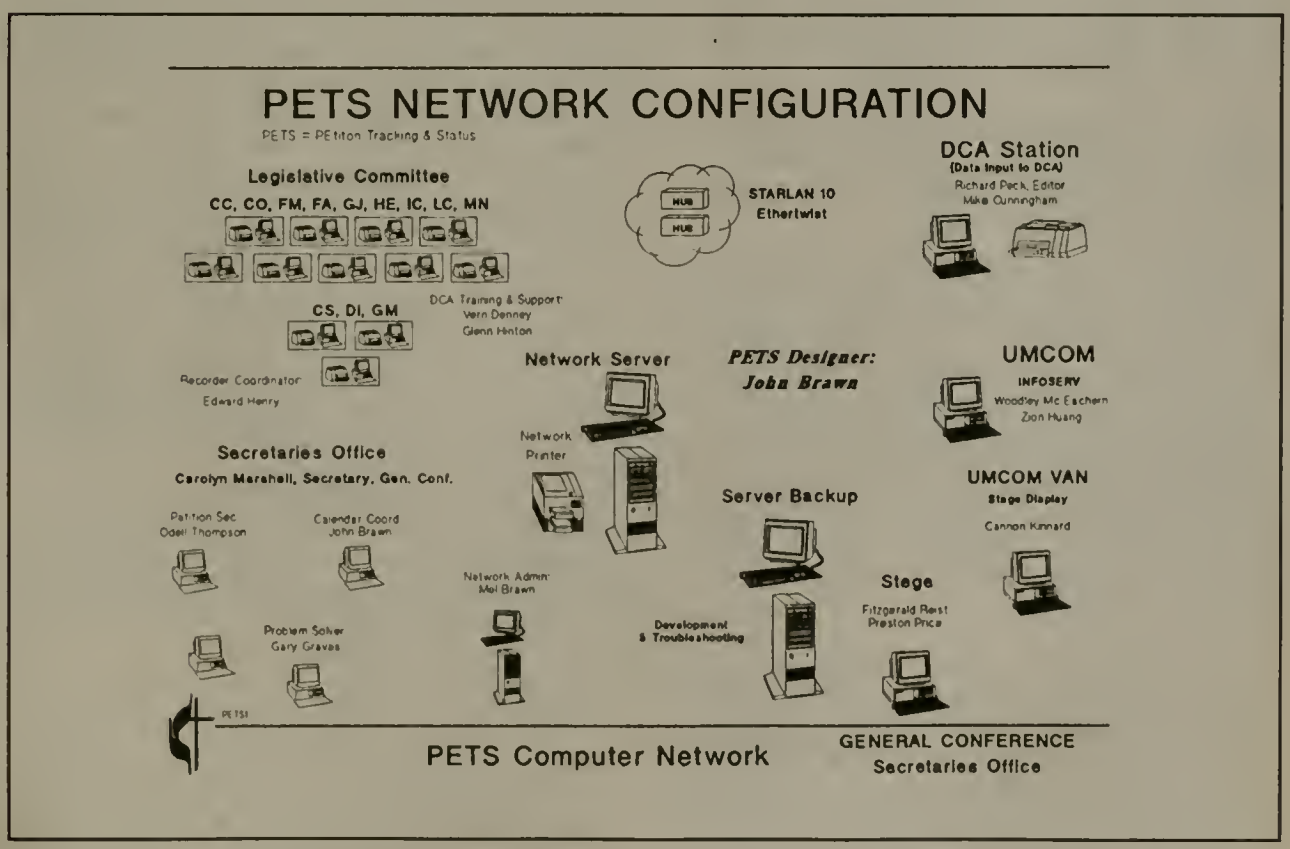
The positions of the callers were varied and diverse. Panel members challenged callers to deal with the people related to the issues as well as to the issues themselves. The church's stance on issues was stated and restated by the panel. One of the most important results of the program was to reinforce the fact that The United Methodist Church is not afraid to confront and discuss tough issues.

Throughout General Conference, a small, dedicated team of media professionals got the word out about conference actions. The radio news desk, a service of United Methodist Communications, provided more than 40 news stories to radio stations through an "800" number telephone hot line. Telephone feeds were updated twice daily.

Live radio interviews were furnished for the ABC radio network, KCBS in San Francisco, and KMOX in St. Louis. Spanish-language stories were given to more than 300 Hispanic radio stations. A 10-minute program featuring Oklahoma Area Bishop Dan E. Solomon was produced and duplicated for distribution to 10 Oklahoma radio stations.

Through the medium of radio, the story of The United Methodist Church at work was reported from coast to coast.

—Dan Moore and R. Gregory Tate



This drawing shows the distributed computer network that was installed in the Commonwealth Convention Center specifically for the PETS system. Almost two miles of wire connected the system.

Bits 'n Pieces

Marshals Betty and Gilbert Solley reported on the General Conference to members of their congregation, Trinity United Methodist Church, Bradenton, Fla., Wednesday evening, May 13. The Solleys telephoned the congregation, and members attending a church dinner heard a "Live From the Conference" report via speaker phone.

Have you noticed the "SIN" Delegation in our midst? SIN stands for South Indiana Conference, whose delegates are seated in Section B, Row 14, Seats 1-6, and Row 15, Seats 1-10.

Two members of the Western New York Conference delegation belong to Kenmore [N.Y.] United Methodist Church: Barbara A. Hora and Patricia A. Bigler.

Also hailing from the Western New York Conference is the Rev. William E. "Bill" Burdick, Akron [N.Y.] United Methodist Church, who has covered radio news for four of the five past General Conferences.

When Perry R. "Rick" Newbury was a teen-ager, he lived at the Mount Vernon [Ill.] United Methodist Children's Home, where the Rev. Joseph Evers served as chair of the board. Today Newbury, Red Bird Missionary Conference clergy delegate, is a district superintendent, overseeing Evers' ministry as pastor of the Beverly [Ky.] United Methodist Church. Evers, who was a General Conference delegate in 1964, 1966, 1968, and 1970, is a page at this year's conference.

Both reserve delegates from the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference are from Angie Smith Memorial United Methodist Church, Oklahoma City. They are the Rev. Lois Neal and Noah Long.

"We believe women should be making decisions about women's issues." To prove they meant what they said, the male delegates of Kansas East Conference asked seven women in their delegation to sit in Friday morning's session to vote on women's issues during the Church and Society Legislative Committee report. The women included Minnie M. Finger (reserve), the Rev. Marilyn D. Gregory (reserve), the Rev. H. Sharon Howell, Marie L. Krestine (reserve), Darlene M. Montgomery, Betty J. Nelson, and the Rev. Janet R. Rhind (reserve). The delegation normally seats three women in the eight-member group.

If you are suffering from shivering arms, a cold or wet head, an outfit that's not quite complete without the proper accessories, or books and papers all askew, the answer to your dilemma may be lurking in the Lost and Found, formerly located in the Commonwealth Convention Center information booth. As of noon yesterday, the "found" box contained a jacket, a cap, four umbrellas, two necklaces, a bracelet, four *DCA*s in binders, a folder marked "Drugs," a *Book of Discipline*, a *Hymnal*, and another folder. While the *DCA* was tallying this earthshaking information, satisfied Lost and Found customer Alma L. Fields (Northern Illinois Conference) appeared to claim her pearl necklace. "I feel great!" she exclaimed. "The necklace wasn't expensive, but it was a memento."

If your last image of the male Cokesbury staff members was of a bunch of necktie-less men, it's no wonder. The United Methodist neckties sold so well that, toward the end of General Conference, Cokesbury sales personnel gave up their own ties to be sold.

In addition to the schools mentioned in the May 15 *DCA* article, "Seminarians Gain Fresh Insights," Boston [Mass.] University School of Theology also had a group of students attending General Conference with the hope of gaining a new perspective of the church at work. We're sorry we omitted you from the article!

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ferences in the United States was rejected. Agencies currently have approximately 30 to 200 members.

In another action related to numbers, the delegates defeated a proposal that would have redistributed the number of General Conference delegates from various sections of the church. The proposal would have reduced the number from the North Central Jurisdiction by 14, Northeastern by 4, and Western by 16. The South Central Jurisdiction would have gained 16, Southeastern 16, and Central Conferences 4.

After repeated discussions, a revised total for general fund apportionments was approved late Friday. The new total is $475,070,000 for the 1993-96 quadrennium, compared to $417,167,334 for 1989-92.

The final major action was acceptance of a groundbreaking genetic science report developed by a task force under auspices of the General Board of Church and Society. "The urgent task of interpreting the faith in light of the biotechnology revolution and evaluating the rapidly emerging genetic science and technology has only begun," the report asserts.

As the debate wore on, time was extended three times. Bishop Jack M. Tuell declared the 200th anniversary General Conference adjourned at 11:45 p.m. and the delegates filed out into the May midnight believing, in the words of the closing liturgy, "we face the future with an unshakable hope."

—Robert Lear

Judicial Council Decisions

Decision No. 674

IN RE: Legality of Mandatory Participation in the Health Care Plan (UMCare).

Digest

The General Conference possesses the authority to adopt a health care plan which mandates participation by various members of Annual, Provisional and Missionary Conferences and others employed by United Methodist salary-paying units.

Statement of Facts

The 1992 General Conference adopted a health care plan known as "UMCare." The complete text of the plan can be found in the *Advance Daily Christian Advocate*, pages 472-487, with amendments in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, pages 463-464.

In addition to the mandatory category participation, the plan provides for voluntary and optional participation. It also excludes certain persons from participation in the plan.

The General Conference requested the Judicial Council to determine the legality of only one aspect of the plan, i.e., the mandatory participation of certain persons in the plan.

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Par. 2615 of the *1988 Discipline.*

Analysis

The issue raised here is similar to the question that we addressed in Decision No. 481. There, we said:

> *Par. 15 of the Constitution gives the General Conference full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional. The enactment of provisions relating to pensions which apply uniformly to all ministers, or to lay employees of constituent units of The United Methodist Church, is a distinctively connectional matter. Such General Conference legislation has repeatedly been held binding upon the Annual Conferences. See, for example, Decisions No. 304 and 360.*

We know of no constitutional or disciplinary provision which prohibits the General Conference from determining the classes or persons which must be included within the health care plan of the The United Methodist Church.

Decision

The General Conference possesses the authority to adopt a health care plan which mandates participation by various members of Annual, Provisional and Missionary Conferences and others employed by United Methodist salary-paying units.

May 14, 1992

Tom Matheny, President

Wayne Coffin, Secretary

Concurring Opinion

We concur with the majority opinion.

However, the questions voiced about the content of the report make it difficult to determine legislative intent.

Therefore, we would urge a careful review of the legislation by the appropriate agencies.

Contradictions in language, improper restrictions and limitations should be adjusted as soon as possible.

Tom Matheny

John G. Corry

Gene E. Sease

Sally Curtis AsKew

Decision No. 673
Concurring Opinion

The undersigned concur.

However, it might be helpful to explainthe thought process that required the decision reached.

Several facts about legislative process should be noted.

The General Conference is the basic body of the church. It can do what it wishes as long as the Constitution is not contradicted.

However, in so doing it must follow its own rules and legislative requirements. See 608, for example.

Rules may be suspended. Laws, statutes--"the language" of the *Discipline* may not.

If the General Conference wishes to place a budgeting ceiling or take any other action not spelled out in the *Discipline*, it must amend the *Discipline* first. It did not in this instance.

The General Conference is a plenary body. It must follow the language it has established for itself. If it doesn't like it, it must change it in lawful, orderly fashion.

The United Methodist Church is the most democratic religious institution in the world. Democracy, by nature, is slow and cumbersome. There is a reason for this. Everyone must have a chance to be heard, all aspects considered, all questions answered before action is taken. All persons' rights must be protected.

Tom Matheny

Elizabeth B. Gundlach

Albert W. Sweazy

John G. Corry

Sally Curtis AsKew

Calendar Items

Consent Calendar No. 8
Rule 27.3-4
Advance DCA, page 98

1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934

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Removal from Consent Calendar

Delegates have requested these calendar items to be removed from Consent Calendar No. 7: 1629, 1788.

Corrections to Calendar

P. 274 Vol. 4 No. 5

Calendar No. 428 should read, "Committee recommends noncurrence."

End of Corrections

1927* GJ151

Subject: Mandatory Quotas on Boards and Agencies.
Petition: GJ-11089-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 1204
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/15

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1928* GJ158

Subject: Program Board basic membership.
Petition: GJ-10061-0805-D
Page in Advance DCA: 653
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/15

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1929* GJ205

Subject: Study composition and number of members of Governing Boards of Program and Other Agencies.
Petition: GJ-11966-1005-D
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 80; Present: 67;
For: 64; Against: 0; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/15

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1930* GJ309

Subject: The Response of the Appeals Court.
Petitions: GJ-11333-2625-D, GJ-11972-2625-D.
Pages in Advance DCA: 1195, 1195.
Membership: 80; Present: 59;
For: 57; Against: 0; Not Voting: 2;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1931* HE016

Subject: Peace studies scholarships.
Petition: HE-10991-3000-R
Page in Advance DCA: 752
Membership: 78; Present: 73;
For: 64; Against: 6; Not Voting: 3;
Date: 5/7

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1932* LC190

Subject: Membership of charge conference.
Petition: LC-11442-0246-D
Page in Advance DCA: 1260
Membership: 89; Present: 66;
For: 65; Against: 0; Not Voting: 1;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1933* LC194

Subject: Tenure of Pastor-Parish Committee Members. Amend Para. 269.2a.
Petition: LC-10011-0269-D
Page in Advance DCA: 845
Membership: 89; Present: 64;
For: 63; Against: 1; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/9

Committee recommends concurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

1934* LC207

Subject: Housing not to be considered as part of compensation or remuneration
Petition: LC-12463-0256-D
Page in Advance DCA:
Membership: 89; Present: 71;
For: 71; Against: 0; Not Voting: 0;
Date: 5/8

Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

( )Concurrence ( )Nonconcurrence Date /

Proceedings of the 1992 General Conference of The United Methodist Church

Committee on Journal Report

The Comiittee on Journal hereby certifies as accurate, with the following corrections, the proceedings as printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate* for May 15, 1992.

Daily Edition, p. 629, col. 1, par. 6, line 1--Insert "Philip Wogaman, Baltimore Conference." immediately after "WOGAMAN:.'"

Daily Edition, p. 631, col. 3, par. 4, line 13--Substitute "there" for "their"and insert in brackets "[world]" immediately before "services."

Daily Edition, p. 632. col. 1, 2 lines up from the bottom--Substitute "Scheer" for "Sheer."

Daily Edition, p. 632, col. 2, lines 1, 23, and 25--Substitute "Scheer" for "Sheer."

Daily Edition, p. 32, col. 2, par. 8--Insert "LACKORE" immediately after "KELLEY."

Daily Edition, p. 632, col. 3, 1 line up from the bottom--Insert "(" at beginning of line.

Daily Edition, p. 636, col 2, par. 9--Substitute "OMBAKU O. LOMOTO" for "MBUKULA."

Daily Edition, p. 643, col. 1, par. 4--Substitute "CRUMP" for "UNKNOWN SPEAKER."

Daily Edition, p. 644, col. 3, par. 14--Insert "KELLEY" immediately before "LACKORE."

Daily Edition, p. 646, col. 3, par 1, line 8--Substitute "That" for "At."

Daily Edition, p. 670, col. 2, par. 8--Substitute "ALEC M. ALVORD (Western North Carolina):" for "ALVORD."

Daily Edition, p. 674, col. 3, par. 2, line 7--Insert in brackets "[he]"immediately after "she."

Daily Edition, p. 676, par. 5--Substitute "ROBERT W. STEVENS (Pacific Northwest):" for "WILLIAM HARVEY (East Ohio):."

Daily Edition, p. 685, col. 1, par. 4--Substitute "OMBAKU O. LOMOTO" for "DISASHI KASONGO."

Daily Edition, p. 691, col. 2, par. 3, line 1--Substitute "Karl" for "Carl."

Daily Edition, p. 691, col. 3, par. 2, line 1--Capitalize and place within quotation marks "The Divine Iniative of Grace and the Human Response of Faith."

Daily Edition, p. 692, col. 1, line 5--Substitute "B. "One Baptism"" for "B1,Baptism."

Daily Edition, p. 692, col. 1, par. 2, lines 1-2--Capitalize and place within quotation marks "Baptism Is Unrepeatable."

Daily Edition, p. 692, col. 1, par. 2, lines 19-20--Capitalize and place within quotation marks "The Baptism of Infants and Others Unable to Answer for Themselves."

Daily Edition, p. 692, col. 1, par. 2, lines 27-28--Capitalize and place within quotation marks "Incorporation into the Body of Christ and Baptism."

Daily Edition, p. 692, col. 2, line 14--Capitalize and place within quotation marks "The Profession of the Faith Into Which We Were Baptized."

H. Sharon Howell
Chair Committee on Journal
Section C, Row 8

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RILEY CASE (North Indiana): I didn't get to make my speech on baptism, so I'll make one on this one. I'm not sure why there's a reluctance to a affirm our Doctrinal Standards. If we have Doctrinal Standards, I think that it is appropriate that we refer to them, that we use them. This is resolution that would be placed in the *Book of Resolutions*, and I think it's entirely appropriate. I think that we have Doctrinal Standards for just occasions such as the rise of the strange new teachings such as Sophia, so I speak against the committee's recommendation for the petition, which was as, I understand it, is an annual conference petition.

BISHOP JOSEPH B. BETHEA: All right. Microphone 13. This is . . . this should be a speech sustaining the committee.

PHILIP J. WOGAMAN (Baltimore): That's correct. Why the answer to this is that there is so reluctance to reaffirm our Doctrinal Principles--we do that every time we publish them, which is every four years. We're solidly behind them. The issue here is whether or not we feel the need to address every issue of this sort that develops around the country. There are many issues that one could cite in the legislative committee, of which I also was a part. Among other things we felt we didn't have the kind of knowledge, the kind of data on this, that would permit an informed judgment. Even if we did, there was a reluctance there to use a sledge hammer of the General Conference to swat out every little fly that might develop across the face of the church.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. It's . . . we've had the two speeches for and two against. I believe the . . . by the rules we move to vote. All right. Vote when the light appears, please. You have sustained the committee--"Yes," 621; "No," 290.

HARNISH: Thank you, Bishop.

BISHOP BETHEA: Now you can dance.

HARNISH: We will walk humbly off the stage.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. We are going to . . . let me read to you this note that's been handed to me: "Friends and supporters of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women gathered contributions in order to pro-

vide cake in celebration of 20 years of the commission's ministry. This is available in the area of the regular cookie break. Everyone is welcome." Ten minutes.

(hymn)

BISHOP BETHEA: That sounded good. You'll find your seats, please. You will find your seats, please. I want us to now to hear a word from the Committee on Agenda.

(Committee on Agenda)

DONALD OTT (Wisconsin): During the break time a number of persons have suggested an altered agenda for this afternoon and evening.

BISHOP BETHEA: Please be in order.

OTT: Since it seemed wise to the officers of your Agenda Committee, we thought we would test you. The suggestion is that we go this afternoon until 5:30 and begin tonight, not at 7, but at 7:30. The same number of hours, but because of the way in which lunch and dinner are falling, it seemed wise to do that. So, Bishop, I would move an alteration to extend this time until 5:30 and begin the evening at 7:30.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. If you will approve it, will you raise you hand. Thank you. Those who oppose. It's approved, thank you.

We move to consideration of independent Calendar Items from the Legislative Commission on Independent Commissions. G., Caldwell, he likes to be known as Gil Caldwell, but he's Junior, junior to this father, who was my teacher, G. Haven Caldwell.

GILBERT H. CALDWELL (Eastern Pennsylvania): Bishop Bethea and members of the General Conference...

BISHOP BETHEA: Your name and conference please.

CALDWELL: Oh, I have been giving my name as Gilbert H. Caldwell, but now you have pulled the covers off the "H", and so the "H" stand for Haven, something that the members of my Eastern Pennsylvania delegation have discovered and they kid me about that. Bishop Bethea, there is a gospel song that I think is appropriate on this last day, or next to the last day, of General Conference. And I would suggest that we as delegates remember it when we get tired, and depressed, and frustrated, and angry. The song goes something like this, in terms of words, "I don't believe God brought me this far to leave me."

BISHOP BETHEA: All right.

CALDWELL: On this platform with me are the officers of our legislative committee. I would simply like to give their names, for we have had a marvelous time working together. The officers are Becky Haase and Edna Williams. If they would stand. And the chairs of our subcommittee are these: Maxine Allen, Jing Chow, Hector Navas, Beverly Shamana, and Patricia Toschak. And then if I may, Bishop Bethea, I would like to ask members of this outstanding legislative committee, this superb legislative committee, this magnificent Legislative Committee on Independent Commissions, may they stand please, Bishop Bethea? Would you stand, members?

CALDWELL: We begin our reporting, Bishop Bethea. Becky Haase, who has served as vice-chair of our committee, will make the first presentation.

BISHOP JOSEPH B. BETHEA: All right.

BECKY HAASE (California-Pacific): Bishop, members and friends of the General Conference.

(Calendar Item No. 688; Commission on Status and Role of Women)

I would like to refer you to p. 297 in the blue book, Calendar Item No. 668. Earlier in this General Conference, I think it was last week, we adopted a quadrennial theme, "Celebrate and Witness: Celebrate God's Grace, Witness for Jesus Christ." In the spirit of that theme, I invite you to join me in celebrating God's grace as it has been poured out through 20 years of ministry of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women, and also to witness for Jesus Christ as we acknowledge the need for this arm of our church to continue to advocate for women who still need a voice. I can personally testify to the way that the commission has enabled me to grow and to develop my ministry as a lay woman. And I'm sure many of you have stories that you could tell about how COSROW has touched your lives.

But we've been touched not only as individuals but as a denomination. That is represented by the way that women are sharing more equitably in the business of the General Conference in 1992 than was true in 1972. It's demonstrated by increased participation of women in key leadership roles in local churches and annual conferences, as illustrated in the charts in your *Advance DCA* on pp. 785-787. It was also illustrated by new images of episcopacy, as we saw Bishop Judith Craig flying kites with a group of preschoolers earlier this week. However, perhaps less visible are those women who are still in need of our support: victims of domestic violence and sexual harassment, even within our own church family; women who still find that their gifts and graces are discounted, and their full participation within the church is denied. And so I invite you, as we look at this resolution that is put before us, to celebrate and witness. Celebrate God's grace; witness for Jesus Christ as we celebrate the 20 years of ministry of COSROW and witness to the ongoing ministry which is theirs. On p. 297 we have Calendar Item 668. We have before us a substitute motion which puts before us a resolution which is something of a composite of several resolutions that were under our consideration. And that is before you for your consideration.

BISHOP BETHEA: 668.

HAASE: Yes, sir.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. It comes to the conference from the committee, and you recommend concurrence?

HAASE: We do.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. It's before us. Microphone 9.

UNIDENTIFIED: Which one, Bishop?

BISHOP BETHEA: Well, I was looking at the gentleman in the sweater.

UNIDENTIFIED: All right.

WARREN URBOM (Nebraska): I've had the pleasure of serving on the Commission on the Status and Role of Women at the general level this past quadrennium. It has been a growing and a learning experience for me in working with women and men, clergy and laity--trying to discover what it means to be an inclusive church and to help the church in all its levels become truly inclusive. I want to raise 2 matters in support of this resolution. One, I think our work is not over in terms of inclusiveness. We have a long way to go yet in getting true equity in so far as the women are concerned in our church. But I know now, particularly now, that it's not just a woman's issue. This is a female-male issue. The males are as affected as females. And the only way we'll really accomplish it is for men,

as well as women, to become involved in the struggle.

Number 2, I want you to know that there is a strong, heavy issue in sexual harassment in our churches at all levels. In my professional life I'm a United States district judge, and one of my jobs is to preside over cases in which there is a request for monetary damages for sexual harassment.

It is not only a moral problem--sexual harassment--but also a legal one. It is unlawful under federal law for there to be sexual harassment. Of particular interest to churches, with local church conference . . . I mean annual conference . . . and General Conference, is the fact that as employers, every level can be liable for sexual harassment, allowing sexual harassment to go on at any level in a workplace, and the church is a workplace. If we retreat in the slightest bit--in terms of the General Conference moving toward having there be a working group, such as the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, in trying to avoid sexual harassment as well as monitoring and mediating disputes to keep them out of the courts, which are terribly expensive things, we will have taken a step backward and are putting the church at all levels at considerable risk. I urge you . . .

BISHOP BETHEA: Thank you. A speech against the recommendation of the committee. All right. Go to microphone . . . either 7 or 12. Twelve.

REBECCA K. BARGER (Baltimore): I did not see anyone who rose to speak against the petition, so I would like to speak in favor of it, if I could, please.

BISHOP BETHEA: Well, let's see if there is someone who would like to speak against it, first. Speak, no. 12.

BARGER: Thank you, sir. I speak in support of this petition to celebrate the ministry of COSROW. I have been serving as a pastor in local churches for 21 years now. I guess you might say I'm a veteran by now. I've not been a participant, an active participant, in COSROW efforts, either on the General Conference level or on an annual conference level. That has been my choice, because I choose to make my witness on behalf of equality and equal rights of women in our church quietly and rather independently. But I stand before you this afternoon to make a plea for us to celebrate and to join with the thousands of others to celebrate the efforts and the work of COSROW over the years.

From my perspective, over the years COSROW has been instrumental in holding before the church the need for equality of women, both clergy and lay. We have a lot of work yet to do. We know that not everything is equal. I long for the day when clergy women serving local churches will be just as much accepted--an accepted norm--across the denomination as clergy men. I long for the day when the announcement is made of a clergy woman's appointment that we no longer hear or feel the response, "Well, we'd rather have a man." I long for the day when my gifts and graces will be celebrated on their own merit, and not in comparison to male clergy. I long for the day when I am no longer told, even jokingly, "You're pretty good, for a woman." Will I see my dreams come true in my remaining active ministry? God only knows. But I do know that if we're going to continue to make progress toward these dreams, we need such agencies as COSROW to challenge, and to prod, and to lead us. Thank you.

BISHOP BETHEA: Thank you. All right. If you will sustain the committee or not, vote when the light appears.

You have sustained the committee. "Yes," 706; "No," 182.

HAASE: Thank you, bishop.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. You're continuing?

(Calendar Item No. 662; Our Muslim Neighbors)

CALDWELL: Thank you, Bishop Bethea. The next item is found in the blue book, p. 297. It is Calendar Item 662. For those who are interested in the *Advance* text, it is found in the *Advance DCA*, p. 819. The committee, the legislative committee, voted concurrence on this item, and, therefore, we would move concurrence.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, 662 is before us. Come to microphone 3.

WILLIAMS: I rise to make an amendment of addition to this resolution, and the amendment comes after the 3rd par. in the recommendations section, and there are 2 paragraphs which I have printed here and will attach.

BISHOP BETHEA: Direct us to where you are.

WILLIAMS: Item 662, p. 297 in the 3rd par., the recommendations section. The *DCA*, p. 819, I'm sorry.

BISHOP BETHEA: *DCA*, 819.

WILLIAMS: Right. At the 3rd par., recommendations on pp. 819-820, I'm sorry.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, the resolution begins on 819, and you are on page?

WILLIAMS: 820.

BISHOP BETHEA: 820.

WILLIAMS: After the 3rd par. in the recommendations section.

BISHOP BETHEA: 3rd par. in the recommendation section. After the, "we urge the General Board of Church and Society"?

WILLIAMS: Yes.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, proceed.

WILLIAMS: "We urge that both the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Church and Society, to develop advocacy programs on behalf of religious freedom and minority rights, particularly nations which are experiencing crisis in the Christian-Muslim conflicts, such as Sudan, Nigeria, and Egypt; and in nations in which the religious minorities are harassed or persecuted, such as Iran and Saudi Arabia. These advocacy programs should be directed toward, among other things, the U.S. Department of State and the United Nations Human Relations Commission. We recommend that the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, as it initiates and engages in dialogue with representatives of Islam, remain mindful of the evangelistic imperative of the gospel, and the gospel mandate to seek justice for those who are oppressed. If I can have a 2nd, I would speak to that.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, is it seconded? All right.

WILLIAMS: I believe that this is a very important resolution calling for study and dialogue because Islam is growing rapidly around the world. This resolution is also correct to condemn all forms of Islam-bashing and persecution, and harassment of Muslims in societies in which they are a minority.

However, this resolution lacks reciprocity. For example, U.M. Communications is to monitor discrimination of Muslims in the media, presumably in the West. But who is to

monitor the discrimination against Christians in the media in northern Nigeria? My amendment is really very simple. We want to ask the Church and Society and Global Ministries to add the rights of minorities in Islamic-dominated countries to their ongoing work for justice around the world.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, your time is . . . that's the speech for your amendment, is there a speech against it? Yes, go to microphone 13, please.

FRANK E. TROTTER (Baltimore): Bishop, I would like to speak against the amendment.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right.

TROTTER: While Scott's concerns are legitimate, I feel they may have a better place in a petition before either Church and Society or Global Ministries. This agenda is interreligious concerns, and it does not seem to me that, while we're trying to promote good neighbors, in the way the petitions are before us that this concern can be raised. I think it is a good 1, but it ought to be in another place than this 1.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, is there a speech in favor of the amendment? Go to microphone 7.

PHILIP GRANGER (North Indiana): I would like to speak in favor of this. I do not believe that it is properly referred to Board of Global Ministries. I think that it's proper place is in dialogue between the Islam areas, the Christian areas, as well as the other faiths of our country. This is not an issue of Islam-bashing. I think this is an issue of being an effective dialogue and protecting the rights of minorities in all countries. I particularly would like to see whatever we do here to be directed to the State Department and to our President. I think our President is more concerned in issues of security and national economy than he is in areas of justice and protection of rights, particularly in these dialogues. We have examples in Sudan and in Nigeria of minorities: Muslims, Animists, as well as Christians being persecuted. And I think all of these issues must be brought together in an effective dialogue, and that the Interreligious Concerns area is the effective place to put that.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, thank you. Is there a speech against? Microphone 9. Do we have the translation?

TRANSLATOR: 1-2-3, yes we're ready.

BISHOP BETHEA: Are we ready?

TRANSLATOR: We're ready.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right.

TRANSLATOR: I am not sure if I have understood the translation correctly. You are talking about our relationships with the Muslims. In some countries, I can be Christian, but the brother that follows me can be a Muslim. We belong to a unique global family. And so, the question that I have to ask myself is, if I have received the grace from God and I believe in Christ my Savior, I will be saved, but will my brother be saved? I have received the gift of Christ, and I will be saved. But my life is my life. and his life is his, and I believe this as a Methodist. We must clarify this option because your interpretation might lead people to believe that the Muslims will be saved. Thank you for listening.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, we've had 2 speeches for and 2 against. Are you ready to vote?

CALDWELL: Bishop Bethea, could we have a closing comment from the committee? And there is a person designated to do that.

BISHOP BETHEA: Well, all right. Yes, sir.

CALDWELL: Thank you very much, Bishop Bethea. Mrs. Ethel Born, a member of our subcommittee, wants to make a statement on our behalf in response to that that is before us.

ETHEL W. BORN (Virginia): Bishop Bethea, I would respond to the amendment by saying that since 1980, we have had a General Conference resolution on "Called to be Neighbors." We have initiated dialogue to gain understanding with many groups, but this is the 1st time that we have presented a resolution calling for dialogue with our Muslim neighbors. The amendment, I think, is very acceptable and enlarges the scope of the resolution because it calls us in the words of the amendment, to "remember the evangelistic imperative of the gospel that is ours as we dialogue with others, and to be concerned for people who are oppressed." And so, I find this amendment very acceptable and would urge your support of it.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, thank you. The question is on the amendment on p. 820 under Recommendations under the 3rd par. Do you have the amendment? The secretary will read the amendment, so you will know what you are voting.

MARSHALL: Add this amendment after the 3rd par. in the Recommendations section. "We urge that both the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Church and Society develop advocacy programs on behalf of religious freedom and minority rights, particularly regarding nations which are experiencing crises in Christian-Muslim conflicts, such as Sudan, Nigeria, and Egypt; and in nations in which the religious minorities are harassed or persecuted, such as Iran and Saudi Arabia. These advocacy programs should be directed toward, among others, the U.S. Department of State and the United Nations Human Rights Commission. We recommend that the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, as it initiates and engages in dialogue with representatives of Islam, remain mindful of the evangelistic imperative of the gospel, the gospel mandate to seek justice for those who are oppressed."

BISHOP BETHEA: Yes?

All right. Go to microphone 2.

CAROL COLLEY (Oregon-Idaho): I accept that the committee accepts that this is an appropriate addition; however, I move that we delete the names of the countries. This is a document that will stand, hopefully, for a long time. I think it's inappropriate in a document on dialogue to include the names of specific countries. I request that be taken out.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. What is the point of order? Yes, microphone 6.

GEORGE CARUSO (North Indiana): Bishop, I believe that we had had the last presentation for this question, and we were ready to vote, according to your call upon the committee. This seems to be totally out of order.

BISHOP BETHEA: Well, I think you are right. We had the 2 speeches in favor and the 2 against. And I think we, of our rules, we move to vote, is that right? On the amendment, yes. All right. Yes, yes, no. 1.

THEO SCHAAD (Switzerland/France): I move to suspend the rules to come back to this point.

BISHOP BETHEA: No, I'm going to suggest that we clear the amendment, and then I'll recognize her. Yes, for another amendment. Yes. All right.

SCHAAD: I would like to move an amendment to the amendment. Is that possible?

BISHOP BETHEA: No, we are going to vote on this amendment, and then I'm going to hear what she wants to do.

CALDWELL: Bishop Bethea, could I just ask a question, sir?

BISHOP BETHEA: Yes.

CALDWELL: Matter of, I guess, parliamentary inquiry. If the committee were willing to accept the designation, though it came out of order, would that be all right?

BISHOP BETHEA: No, we're going to vote. Question is on the adoption of the amendment. Please vote when the light appears. You have adopted the amendment. "Yes," 613; "No," 295. Microphone 2.

(Motion to Delete Nations' Names)

COLLEY: I move that we delete the names of the countries, however it best fits the writing of that sentence. I don't have the document in front of me.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. Is it seconded? You want to speak to it?

COLLEY: I just think it's inappropriate. This document should stand over time, and things may change. I thinks it's very bad to put specific countries listed by name in a human rights section.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. The motion is to edit out the names of whatever is necessary to make it proper. Any discussion? Yes. Microphone 14. Is that . . . ? Yes.

UNIDENTIFIED: I would like to offer an amendment to this amendment.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right.

UNIDENTIFIED: That is, that on future resolutions coming before us, that named countries--like South Africa, Mozambique, or other countries--also be deleted if this one is deleted.

BISHOP BETHEA: The chair is of the opinion that it's not relevant. Over here, all the way in the back--all the way in the back over here. No. 12. Are you close to 12?

DAVID B. QUEE (Sierra Leone): My lord, bishop.

BISHOP BETHEA: Yes.

QUEE: I make to correct the issue of the point of order raised was out of order because he introduced a new issue when there was an issue on the floor for discussion.

BISHOP BETHEA: Thank you. Well taken. Yes, go to microphone no. 4.

JUDITH HILL (Central Pennsylvania): Bishop, may we hear the amendment without the names of the countries? Could you read it, please?

BISHOP BETHEA: Are you able to do that? All right.

CAROLYN MARSHALL: We urge that both the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of . . .

BISHOP BETHEA: Can we get the microphone, please? Start again.

MARSHALL: "We urge that both the General Board of Global Ministries and the General Board of Church and Society develop advocacy programs on behalf of religious freedom and minority rights, particularly regarding nations which are experiencing crises in Christian-Moslem conflicts, and in nations in which the religious minorities are harassed or persecuted. These advocacy programs should be directed toward, among others, the U.S. Department of State and the United Nations Human Rights Commission."

BISHOP BETHEA: That's it?

MARSHALL: The second paragraph, do you want it read? It doesn't edit out of that.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. I think that's it. Yes, sir. Go to microphone 3.

JIM GILLAND (Western North Carolina): Bishop, in the body of the paper itself, there are certain countries named; and I am wondering if the maker of the motion intends to delete those as well so that there will be consistency?

BISHOP BETHEA: We were dealing specifically with the amendment. Yes, sir. Go to microphone 3.

WILLIAMS: I was the maker of the main motion that was voted on, and since the motion--or the resolution--contains names of countries, I would be concerned about the deletion of these names because it might be implied that other countries, other than the ones I was focusing on, would be the subject of the alleged harassment. The countries I specifically included were Iran and Saudi Arabia. It was last year during the Gulf War that I became aware of the situation in Saudi Arabia, and I know several troops that have returned home--and also Iran; I think we also know the situation there. The first 3 countries where there are conflicts, and well-documented, are Sadan, Nigeria, and Egypt. And I would not be in favor of deleting these names any more than I would South Africa from other resolutions. Thank you.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. That's a speech against the amendment. Microphone 7.

GRADY KNOWLES (California Nevada): Students of John Miles from Little Rock: I move to suspend the rules so that we might call for the question on all amendments before us. We have more mules to load.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. The motion is on the suspension of the rules, so we can call for the question. You will suspend the rules; raise your hand. Thank you. Those who oppose? The rules are suspended, and the question is called for. If you will call for the question on all that's before us, raise your hand. Thank you. Those who are opposed? The question is called. We are on the amendment which was recently read by the secretary. To delete that amendment calls for the deletion of the names of the countries in the amendment that was passed earlier. If you will support . . .

CALDWELL: Bishop Bethea, could the committee make its final statement?

BISHOP BETHEA: Well, I'm not . . . well, all right.

CALDWELL: Bishop Bethea, I think this will facilitate matters. The committee very deliberately tried to work with persons who saw the matter somewhat differently, and, therefore, that is why Ms. Born spoke. And on behalf of the committee, we would like the body to know that we would accept the deletion of the specific names.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. The question is on the deletion of the names--the amendment to delete the names. Vote when the light appears. You have adopted the amendment to delete the names. "Yes," 739 [639]; "No," 263. Now we are on 662--Calendar Item 662 as you have now amended it. Question is on the adoption of it. Please vote when then the light appears.

You have adopted 662. "Yes," 830; "No," 86.

CALDWELL: Bishop Bethea, we have 1 other item that we are hopeful we can get in before the break. It is an item that has a minority report. We'd indicated earlier that we would not be doing that, but I wonder if the persons who are responsible for presenting the minority report, if they would come to the platform.

(Calendar Item No. 639; Standing Commission on Alcohol and Drugs)

We're talking about Calendar Item 639, p. 295, in the blue book. It is a matter related to the establishment of a standing commission on alcohol and drugs. The committee as it considered this voted nonconcurrence, believing that our Board of Church and Society as it increases its expression of concern for this area is moving more deeply into this area programmatically, and, therefore, the committee voted nonconcurrence. The person presenting the minority report, I believe, is the Rev. Garza, and whatever our proceedings are, he is ready to make that presentation.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, we hear the minority report at this time.

VIRGILIO GARZA (Southwest Texas): Call your attention to p. 295 of the blue book 639, or you can go to p. 87 also the blue book, where the petition is in full.

Sisters and brothers, I stand before you as a child who was born in the ghettos or the barrios of Mexico. I grew up with drugs, alcohol, prostitutes, and pimps all around me. My father was the only 1 that showed up at night to be with the family. My church was the 1 value that helped me get out of that situation because of the values, because of the commitment it had to no drinking. My sisters and brothers, I was so proud of a United Methodist church that stood clearly against alcohol and drug abuse, and now here we stand.

Here we stand with a Board of Church and Society that has not responded to the calls of the United Methodist Church to do something about Native Americans killing Native Americans because they are drunk. Do you hear me? Native Americans killing Native Americans, Hispanic Americans killing Hispanic Americans, Black or African Americans killing African Americans, and the blood of our young people of our children is on the floor, on the streets of our cities.

Here we have the petitions that have come to this General Conference from 34 states, more than 1,500 petitions asking us to do something. The Board of Church and Society has given us creative reporting while the young people die in the ghettos and in the barrios. It is about time we do something. It is about time we try to save the lives of my people. It is about time we try to save the lives of the children.

About a month ago, my wife and I stood there helplessly watching a woman having contractions and contractions and turning all over because her 2 sons were there dead, 3 blocks from my house shot to death in the gang wars of my city. I live in a border town, lost in the middle of nowhere, but found by the companies that sell alcohol, found by the drug pushers, found there by those who make money with the suffering and the addiction of others. I live in a city that has struggled with the tremendous problem of alcohol and drug abuse.

This petition before you is to do something. It will not cost you. It will not be a problem. It will be a problem for the Board of Church and Society that, up to now, has not responded to the needs of our nation. The Hispanic kids, the Native American kids, the African American kids are dying in the streets. Our Board of Church and Society did not start really going until the bishops had an initiative about drug and alcohol. I stand before you and I ask what are we going to do. Perhaps we're going to have a nice funeral inserted in our *Book of Worship*for those who die in the streets because of alcohol and drug abuse. But what are we going to do? Are we going to do something?

I ask you, my sisters and brothers, to be against nonconcurrence and to really look at the reality of our people dying in the streets. And next time you see a funeral where the gang stand there, think about it. What did I do about it? What did I do about it? Are we going to let our children continue dying in the streets? Are we going to do something about it? Let us bring back our commission of temperance. Let us do something about it. Let us stand for something. Let us be somebody when it comes to fighting the drugs and the alcohol that are going to finish with this nation. It is up to you and to me to do something. Please, don't let our children die. Please, are you listening? Are you listening to me? Do you hear me? Well, do something about it.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, the chair will understand that the committee, the legislative committee is recommending nonconcurrence. That's the majority report, and since it's nonconcurrence, there is nothing there to perfect. Is that right? So we turn to the perfection of the minority report if the house wishes to do so. I think that's where we are parliamentarily. Is that correct? All right, yes, sir? Amendments to the minority report. No. 8 please, microphone 8.

CHRISTIAN RICKS (Missouri East): Bishop, can we speak against the minority report yet?

BISHOP BETHEA: No, we're perfecting it at this time. But, you will be able to speak against it later on. Is there . . . yes, sir? Go to microphone 6, yes.

V.L. DAUGHTERY (South Georgia): Bishop, according to the standing rules adopted on the opening day, any item or petition calling for the establishment of a standing commission is suppose to have with it the amount of money it is going to cost, and I do not . . . even before it goes to the Council on Finance, and I do not see such an item here.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, is there an answer to this inquiry?

CALDWELL: We wanted to, of course, have an opportunity to speak against the minority report. I think there is a principle here, and our stats would simply circumvent the matter of finances. For we have, in fact, I have some words to say at the appropriate time in terms of our belief that there are some new things happening at United Methodism in terms of alcohol and drug concerns, but this is not the appropriate time.

BISHOP BETHEA: That's right. Is there an answer to the question regarding funding? Minority person should . . . all right, you have microphone no. 4.

RAYMOND WILLIAMS (North Texas): The way that the minority report is written certainly does not reflect a request for funds, simply because the Church and Society Board has said that 25% of their budget is currently allocated for alcohol and drugs. And so, what this minority report will request is that that 25% simply be shifted to that commission. Therefore, there would be no request for additional funds from anywhere. The CFA recommendation for Church and Society would remain the same. If it's $100,000, $25,000 goes for alcohol and drugs, and I think that's very easy for us to accomplish.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. Right here . . . .

Go to microphone 4. Yes, we'll get to it.

ROBERT SWEET (Southern New England): Bishop, did I understand you to say we're currently perfecting, and you're looking for amendments on the minority report?

BISHOP BETHEA: Minority report, yes.

SWEET: In the blue book, p. 87, I move to amend by deleting the two paragraphs following the word "funding." if there's a 2nd, I'd like to speak to it.

BISHOP BETHEA: Page 87.

SWEET: Page 87 in the blue book. The word "funding." The property owned by the . . . held by the Board of Church and Society on behalf of the denomination. It is the one that is referred to here in Washington, D.C., near the Supreme Court building.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, what is it you wish to do?

SWEET: I want to delete the 2 paragraphs following the word "funding" in the right-hand column, near the bottom.

BISHOP BETHEA: Following the word "funding" in capital?

SWEET: Correct.

BISHOP BETHEA: You want to delete?

SWEET: Yes, sir.

BISHOP BETHEA: The 2 paragraphs.

SWEET: Yes, sir.

BISHOP BETHEA: You want to delete that whole funding section, then?

SWEET: Yes, sir.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. Is it seconded? All right.

SWEET: The reason being that the funding paragraphs call for the return of that property to a new commission to be established, and that would be part of the income that is . . . provides the operation and outreach of the Board of Church and Society, and it comes from significant income from that building. Twenty-five percent of the budget of Church and Society, as we've already heard, is going to this project already, and it would essentially serve to gut a major portion of the Church and Society funding.

BISHOP BETHEA: Point of order, I hear. Yes, state your point of order at . . . microphone 1, is it?

JAMES HULETT (Oregon-Idaho): Isn't this out of order? Aren't we dealing with the minority report under the Item 690? And we're not to be going back to the full report of the original petition? . . . that we should be dealing with the minority report that is on our agenda.

BISHOP BETHEA: The question is whether or not the material on p. 87 is a part of the minority report.

HULETT: That's right.

BISHOP BETHEA: The chair is of the opinion that it is because that's what . . . this is the document that the minority report refers to. And if you adopt the minority report, it seems to me you are adopting the material on p. 87. Is that right, Mr. Chairman?

CALDWELL: A matter of privilege, Bishop Bethea. It seems to me that someone who offered or is in support of the minority report ought to speak to that.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. Yes sir, state it at 14.

JERRY G. BREWSTER (Memphis): The minority report cannot be just the opposite of a majority report. The majority report is nonconcurrence with this item. The only thing the minority report request is that we call for this General Conference to consider this matter as a Calendar Item. How can that be a minority report when it's basically the opposite of the majority report?

BISHOP BETHEA: Well . . .

WILLIAM McCARTNEY (East Ohio): Point of order?

BISHOP BETHEA: Yes? State it at 13.

McCARTNEY: The minority report is not the opposite, although it deals with the same material. The original item on p. 87 calls for the implementation of a whole commission. The minority report simply calls for an open discussion. The action . . . the verb parts of the 2 are quite different.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. Go to microphone 3.

DONALD W. HAYNES (Western North Carolina): Bishop, is a motion to refer in order?

BISHOP BETHEA: I would think so.

HAYNES: My Hispanic brother gave, in what I would refer to as my revival language, an altar call. And I was ready to go to the altar, but I wasn't sure the proposition he'd given. And I think that's clarified on p. 87; however, I move to refer this to the General Council on Ministries to the study of substance abuse and related violence, which has already been adopted by this conference.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right. The motion is on reference. This is debatable. All right. Is it seconded? Come right here to no. 7, please.

DE FUENTES (Mexico): [Delegate is speaking in Spanish.]

BISHOP BETHEA: Now, let see if we have . . . let's . . . pardon me, please, let's see if we have the translation in place.

TRANSLATOR: Translation is in place.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right.

MARIA ELENA SILVA DE FUENTES: I don't know whether this is a case of funds or a lack of funds, this report from the minority. In the Mexican church, we have as an integral and fundamental part of the church, that the people that are members of the church not drink alcohol and not smoke. To the children that are in my Sunday School class, when I try to explain to them what sin is all about, I share with them where in the Scriptures it says that we are the temples . . . our bodies are the temple of the Lord, and all that damages our body. Be it physical, or mental, or spiritual, it is sinful. We see in general advertising, we see advertising against smoking because this is damaging to our bodies. Now, more and more, in restaurants, in planes--that before there were barely areas where there were no-smoking sections, rather now less and less is there an area where smoking is permitted. For this reason I certainly favor and recommend the adoption of the minority report. Thank you very much, Mr. bishop.

BISHOP BETHEA: Thank you. Now you will need to take action or extend the time.

I have a motion to refer. If you want to continue to discuss that motion, you'll have to extend the time. Are you ready to vote? The question is on the referral.

CALDWELL: Bishop Bethea, do I have the right to speak on that matter?

DELEGATES: No!

BISHOP BETHEA: You heard what they said. Did you hear what they said? The question is on the referral. Vote when the light appears. Well, you have referred it. "Yes," 599; "No," 226. Thank you. We are going to move toward recess. We'll hear first the . . . is there a report from Calendar . . . Dr. Jordon.

CHARLES W. JORDAN (Northern Illinois): Bishop and the members of the conference, we accomplished a little less than half of what we were expecting to do. But we're moving right along. This evening, following dinner, we will begin with matters from the legislative committee on Local Church with Janice Huie; followed by Discipleship with Rex Bevins, and then the legislative committee on Conferences; and hopefully there may be time for something else.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, the Committee on Agenda . . . that was Calender. Is there a report from the Committee on Agenda? No report? Is there a report from the Committee on Presiding Officers? It's time for adjournment. The chair has been instructed by the house; and I will turn for announcements.

MARSHALL: There are 2.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, there is a problem. Yes, 2. Yes, at microphone 2, please.

(Call to Reschedule Reproduction Rights Deliberations)

ELIZABETH BURLEW (North Central New York): Yesterday we were promised that the items relating to a woman's reproductive rights would be on the agenda today. I would like to call the Agenda Committee to replace those, so we can consider them this evening after the evening meal.

BISHOP BETHEA: All right, Mr. Ott. They are conferring.

DONALD A. OTT: We announced tentatively, in conjunction with the Calendar Committee, that consideration. The progress that we have made has not allowed us to get to that point.

JORDAN: And also, it's not only the progress, but it's also the preparation of the legislative committee in terms of those documents that are relating, those Calendar Items relating to that, all being in place. And at this time, the projected time for that item of which you are referring to, will be tomorrow morning. Everything will be in place, and we will be able to present all the items related to it; and that's why. But it will be on the calendar, it will be our first Calendar Item in the morning.

BISHOP BETHEA: Hear the announcements, please.

MARSHALL: Word has reached us, that Archbishop Joshua DeBogie, of the Methodist Church in Nigeria, was admitted to the hospital last night with chest pains. He is stable, blood pressure has returned to normal, and the chest pains have subsided. I'm sure that we are grateful for that good news, but you will want to remember him in your prayers, and your concern for others who are here from that area. And one more word: several persons have asked about an updated total on the offering which taken for UMCOR in the Los Angeles crisis. The total to date is $23,882.77.

BISHOP BETHEA: Let me express my profound appreciation to you for your graciousness, your kindness to this rookie bishop sitting here in the chair today. It's been a real pleasure; I've enjoyed every minute of it. I hope I haven't embarrassed my friends from the Columbia area, South Carolina, and my friends from North Carolina in the process. Now I'm going to ask Bishop C.P. Minnick to lead us in our closing benediction. But before that, I wonder if you will allow my friend, Bishop Scott Allen, the privilege of saying just a brief word. Will you do that? Bishop Allen? And I express appreciation to both of you for your help.

BISHOP L. SCOTT ALLEN: Mr. Chairman and members of the conference, thank you for allowing a worn-out bishop to say a word to this conference. I think this conference would want to take knowledge of and recognize the fact that this man has presided here with expertise in a very remarkable manner. While laboring under the tension of a sick spouse who is at home, this has certainly been an unusual performance under such conditions. Mr. Chairman, I would ask that as Bishop Minnick comes to give the closing prayer, that we will remember Mrs. Joseph B. Bethea.

BISHOP C.P. MINNICK: Will you stand?

(prayer)

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(song)

BISHOP MELVIN G. TALBERT: Would the conference please be in order, and let us pause for a word of prayer. The conference please be in order and let us pause for a word of prayer. Shall we pray? Shall we pray?

(prayer)

I look to the order of the day, the calendar. Let me remind you, all privileges go to courtesy. All business items not on the agenda take it to the agenda calendar.

CHARLES W. JORDAN (Northern Illinois): Bishop and members of the conference. We would begin our Calendar Items with items from local church legislative committee with Janice Huie, followed by discipleship with Rex Bevins, conferences with Vance Summers, and hopefully general and judicial administration with Walter Kimbrough as the chair. We would ask that the chairpersons be prepared at their designated times.

JANICE RIGGLE HUIE (Southwest Texas): Good evening. Now, my friends, since you are getting so good at dealing with issues about which there is some disagreement, and the local church committee wouldn't want to deny you that opportunity to practice how good you are one more time, the first item we bring before you has a minority report.

(Calendar Item No. 1449 Committee on Nominations and Personnel)

The United Methodist Church has a long history of empowering pastoral leadership by mandating that the pastor shall chair the nominating committee. Those of you who have been delegates to General Conference before know that every quadrennium we decide this matter afresh, anew. And tonight we decide this matter afresh, anew, one more time.

Would you please turn in your *DCA*, p. 470--that's the blue book--Calendar Item No. 1449. *DCA* 470, Calendar Item 1449. It's in the right hand column, the second item. If you will look down there you will notice that we had only 13 petitions recommending a change, and I would suggest to you that if you want to look at a petition in the red book that you use the one on p. 846, Petition No. 10143. That just gives a point of reference for this discussion.

Now, the local church committee knows that there's a lot of emotion associated with these issues, and we would want you to know that the members of the committee handled this both with charity toward one another as well as deeply held conviction, and I know that you'll want to do no less. We did have a lengthy and spirited debate. You will notice that the committee, the local church committee, is recommending

nonconcurrence with all those Calendar Items, which means the discipline would stay as it is, by a vote that is almost 5 to 3. We do have a minority report. It will be presented by Mr. Eddie Self from Mississippi . . . North Alabama, excuse me, and we look to him now.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Will the conference be in order.

EDDIE SELF (North Alabama): Bishop Talbert and members of the conference, I've been misidentified already.

BISHOP TALBERT: Give your name, please.

SELF: Eddie Self from North Alabama. I'm a lay-person. In our committee we did have a spirited discussion on this item. We get along in the church, lay people and ministers. It's not quite as bad as a few years ago. One of our more colorful ministers in our conference sent in a resolution to the resolutions committee, and it was resolved that all Methodist preachers quit lying. I voted for it . . . but it didn't pass. It didn't pass, but of course we do have a lot of interesting things like that happen in our conference. But, as I say, we get along real well with one another.

I came to this conference unconvinced, as I have in the past 4, that this job should be held by a minister exclusively. I told my wife when I left home to come to my fifth General Conference in a row, and I said, "Honey, there are some things that we're going to talk about when we get there, that if we don't come out with the right answers it could affect the Methodist Church for 100 years, perhaps." But this is not one of them. This is not one of them. Just to go back and get a little history on this committee that I've served on--when I came out of World War II as an Air Force pilot long enough to finish my college degree, I went to a liberal arts college, Birmingham Southern College, in Birmingham, Alabama. It's a great academic school.

When I got there I found 93 ministerial students, 93 Methodist ministerial students. And I got to know them. One of the great pleasures of my life was the association with these people. And we graduated. They went on to seminary; and I went on about my business of in and out of the Air Force, and becoming a Certified Public Accountant, and serving in that capacity when I was not doing something with the Air Force. And we met these fellows along the way. Sometimes they were my minister; sometimes they were my superintendent. We had agreed on a lot of things when they went off to seminary, but when they came back we still agreed on most things. I wouldn't perform wedding ceremonies and I wouldn't do the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and there were a lot of things I wouldn't do, and they agreed. But we never did agree on this thing about who would be chairman of the nominating committee.

When I came to my first General Conference, 5 times ago, we went to Portland, Oregon. And I went into that, you know, new, and I tried to learn all I could about it, and I soon found out that I had an opportunity to change this thing that I felt so strongly about. But there was one fellow there by the name of Talbert, who was an adviser to our group. He was one of the general board people and he convinced the group, you know, that it should stay like it was, and I felt a little bit out-maneuvered. And the next time I went there was another fellow by the name of Bishop Solomon who out-maneuvered us on it that time. Then the next time there was another fellow by the name of Bishop Solomon who out-maneuvered us again on it. And you know, you look back and see. The last time, though, we had a very enlightened local church committee, and they voted in favor of changing this to either pastor or lay person, and I was, you know, real up in the air about that. That was . . . If I had been successful in convincing, you know, some of our clergy as well as some of the lay people, you know, that that was the way to go. But then a fellow by the name of Bishop Hancock came along with a minority report and got on to the conference floor and convinced just a few of the people to vote the other way and defeated us again. You see, what happened to all of them? They had to all leave the pastoral ministry.

. . . a recommendation. If anybody wants to get up, you know, on the clergy side and really push this thing, you might be in line for a new job. But I think it's time to get into the meat of this thing. I think it's time to trust your lay people. I think it's time to trust your lay people.

You know, I've talked to several people, ministers have said through the years, and, particularly down here when at one of our meetings where one of the candidates for bishops talked to us, he said, "I went to this one church and I had been accustomed to being the chairperson, chairman of the nominating committee and they told me, preacher, you do the ministry and we'll run the church," and says, "I let them." And said, "I had one of my greatest successes in the ministry that I have ever had."

And we have another fellow down in our conference that told me that one of our large churches, he said, "I really don't want this job, but it's conferred on me by the General Conference rules and the *Discipline*" and said, "but I'll get the nominating committee together, we'll elect a vice chairperson, and then I'll turn it over to him. He said, "y'all do it, I want to do the ministry." And he's been very successful. The last church he stayed many years, and he has had very successful ministry where ever he was.

You know, we may know something about these people that you people don't know. That the preachers don't know. And I've been told the same thing the other way, you know, sometimes the minister knows things about people we don't know, and that's true also. But, sometimes I've seen some disastrous things both ways.

I remember one young man, the pastor of our church, put in the position of chairman of our pastor-parish relations committee. And he heard that I was gonna be ringing the Salvation Army bells, and I went to ring the Salvation Army bells, and he came to be with me. He said, "I just came out of the Lutheran Church, and I want to know about the Methodist Church." So, for 2 hours I told him all I knew about the Methodist Church from beginning to end; from the local church down through the end of the, all the way up to the General Conference.

Anyway, I don't think there's really anything sacred about being the chairman of the nominating committee. It's worked very well the way it has, but I think it could work even better the other way. And I recommend to you this time, this time to trust your lay people. I really believe that. It's time to trust your lay people. And I'm asking you, the delegates to General Conference, to vote with the minority report and help us to regain this feeling of, move out this feeling of mistrust we might have between one another. Thank you very much.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, thank you, Eddie. We have now heard from the minority report. And let me just remind you. I think some of you thought we were on a 2 minute. The presentations are 10 minutes, and then when we get into the debate on the floor, it's 2 minutes. And so, that's where we are. Now let's hear from the chair.

HUIE: Bishop, we would ask that Bob Pierson, who chaired the subcommittee that dealt with this for approximately 2 hours, if he would be allowed to be the first speaker against the minority report.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, now, where we are since the minority report is simply a move to change the *Discipline*, and majority report is simply to leave the *Discipline* the way it is. We can assume that the majority report is perfected. Right? All right, we move immediately to the minority report, and I do recognize the person that you indicate as the first speech against a minority report.

ROBERT PIERSON (Oklahoma): Bishop, members of the Conference, I am a member of the Oklahoma Conference, and I am not looking for a new job. Appreciate Eddie's remarks, and want to share with you that the subcommittee spent a great deal of time discussing this, more time than we have tonight to discuss it. Everyone on the committee was heard, lay and clergy alike. And when the vote was taken, there were both lay and clergy on both sides of the vote. The concerns that all of you have were lifted up and the feelings that were shared openly. I think, to just share with you our feelings that, and the ideals that were shared in the summary fashion, I would focus it in terms of ordination. I believe the feelings of the subcommittee were that clergy are set apart for the task of the Word, Sacrament, and Order. And a part of fulfilling that responsibility of order is that task of chairing the nominating committee.

The laity, or the members of the nominating committee, they make the nominations. The laity elect the persons in the charge conference, but it, in terms of the responsibility of empowering the laity, it's not a question about who gets to do this job, but it's a question about whose responsibility it is. It was our feelings that it is the responsibility of the clergy to do this particular job. It's the only one of all the offices that is assigned to the clergy, and therefore, it is a part of that function of ordination, particularly under the heading of "taking care of the order."

Now, I would just mention there are disappointments. There have been times that clergy have not done it well, and some of the stories that we heard grieved us. However, we understand that many of us in sharing various committees . . .

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, your time, your time's up, you need to finish.

PIERSON: All right, let me finish. We understand that all of us have made some mistakes, and we hope that you will support the clergy continuing in this which is their responsibility. Thank you.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, we take, now for someone who's supporting it. All right, over here. Microphone 11.

CARLEN BLACKSTONE (Eastern Pennsylvania): Unfortunately, I wasn't here for the last 5 General Conferences when this issue was addressed. But if it comes up every 4 years, then I think it's about time that we decide to do something about it. And I really don't think that if we change this in the *Discipline*, that there will be as many petitions next time, 4 years from now to change it back.

In addition to that, we already took some action earlier in this conference, that now administrative board persons and members will be encouraged to tithe, participate in church-going Bible study, and have regular worship attendance. And my feeling is that maybe the pastors don't want the job of chairing the nominating committee anymore.

I happen to go to a church where it is a problem of leadership. And where the fact that the pastor is chairperson of the nominating committee has a direct impact on lay involvement in that church. Many of you might not have that problem in your church, and I acknowledge that and the motion of the minority report sustains the fact that the pastor can choose to be the chairperson of that nominating committee. But if all of us, lay and clergy, are serious about lay ministry, then this is an important step to take.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, need somebody against. Over here, microphone 10, right here. Is that where you are going? Okay.

JIM BRANSCOME (Virginia): Regardless of how great the leadership of the laity may be, we look to the minister as the leader of our church. We need to give them the opportunity to build the leadership team. We say there's a problem sometimes with the ministers as the head of the nominating committee. I guarantee you that if we go to a lay chairperson, there'll also be some that will be problems. So I speak against the minority report.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, gentleman right here, microphone 2.

You are for it, I assume? All right.

CHARLES W. EUREY (Western North Carolina): Bishop, I am definitely for it. This has been a concern of mine for many years. I've been to several conferences, too, where it's come up, and I hoped that it would pass, but unfortunately it hasn't. It seems to me that it only stands to reason that the nominating committee deals with nominating lay people, so why should there be such a bias against having a lay person as chairman? Now, it says that the pastor may be the chair, so we're willing to share that, if the committee so desires.

My second point is that if the committee is composed of lay people, then certainly they are responsible people. And suppose a pastor comes in, for instance, and it's his first year. He has no real knowledge of the people who are capable of doing the job. The laity of that board has that knowledge, and to think that a lay person can't serve in this capacity to me just seems to be ridiculous. I urge you, pastor and clergy, to support this minority report. Thank you, Bishop.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, that's 2 speeches for and 2 speeches against. We must now move to any questions or anything like that, but we're ready to put it to motion. Yes? Microphone 5.

JEROME K. DELPINO (Southern New England): Bishop, I have a question for the committee, and that is whether the committee discussed this question in relationship to what it means to be "pastor in charge."

BISHOP TALBERT: All right?

ROBERT D. PIERSON (Oklahoma): Yes, the committee did, and that was the position I presented in terms of understanding what ordination meant and the responsibility for order.

DELPINO: All right.

PIERSON: And we discussed that fully, at the same time . . . it was enabling the laity in order to be in the role of being pastor in charge.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, no more questions like that. That's debate. Let's see if there is any inquiry. Is there a word now from the committee? Closing arguments?

HUIE: How does one say this delicately? Yes, there have been instances in which less than capable pastors have chaired a nominating committee. I would also say that I have great confidence in the laity of the United Methodist Church and that 3 to 9 strong, capable lay persons plus the lay leader can deal with a pastor who is less than effective in that role. I also want to say that over and over again we are hearing laity say, "We want our pastors to lead. We want our pastors to lead." We are asking that you let your pastors lead through continuing to chair the committee on nominations. We urge that you support the committee.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is there any other? All right, you're ready now to vote on this? You understand what you're doing? What's before us is the minority report, and if you are supporting . . . all right, if you are supporting the minority report you will vote "yes." If you are not supporting the minority report you will vote "no." Please vote when the light appears. All right, "Yes," 424; "No," 489, you do not support the minority report. The support fails. What's before us now is the report of the majority, and they vote non-concurrence. Any closing word? Any comments?

HUIE: No.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, if you will support the majority, will you say yes. And if you support the minority . . . against the majority, you will vote "no." Vote when the light appears. Are you clear? All right, what's before us now is the majority report, which is nonconcurrence. If you support that you will vote "yes," if you are against that you will vote "no." You ready? Will you vote when the light appears. All right, "Yes," 589; "No," 327. You have sustained the majority report.

(Calendar Item No. 734; Study of Local Church Potential)

HUIE: Thank you very much. On page . . . I have 6 petitions remaining from the committee, and I'll try to move through them as expeditiously as I can. If you'll begin on the *DCA*, p. 303, the blue book, p. 303, Calendar Item No. 734. It's in the right-hand column, the second item down. The Petition No. is 1146. It is found on p. 1275 in the *DCA*. This is an item which was lifted from the Consent Calendar. It goes in the section on property, and it indicates that in a population that is static, declining or changing, it adds 2 additional options. It spells those out as relocation, merger, or discontinuance. Those are options which are open as available to the district superintendent and the District Board of Church Location. The committee recommended concurrence by a vote of 78-0-0.

BISHOP TALBERT: Call the Calendar Item again, p. no. and Calendar Item.

HUIE: Page no. 303 in the *DCA*, Calendar Item 734, right-hand column, second down, Petition 11446.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it's before you. Yes? Microphone no. 3.

THOMAS H. IRWIN (Central Pennsylvania): I'd like to amend by substitution . . . substitution of the word "merger" as follows, "union with another congregation."

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is that seconded? It's seconded. You may speak to it.

IRWIN: Sir, in the Central Pennsylvania . . .

BISHOP TALBERT: Now, let me just . . . tell us where you are. You're in the red book, right?

IRWIN: No sir. In the blue book.

BISHOP TALBERT: Oh, in the white book, okay?

IRWIN: In the white book, yes, sir, 1275.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, go ahead.

IRWIN: In the Central Pennsylvania area, and I'm sure this is true of other areas throughout the General Conference, the word "merger" generally means the smaller being swallowed up by the larger. In many attempts at merger, that's precisely what happens. The identity of the smaller congregation is lost, and I would prefer the word "union", and I would urge the body to adopt this amendment.

HUIE: Sir? Bishop? That would be acceptable to the committee. We would take that as a friendly amendment.

BISHOP TALBERT: Any objection to this? All right, we let it go that way. Are you ready on this one? Yes. Microphone no. 5.

AUSTIN FREDERICK JR. (Southwest Texas): I'd like a definition of the word changing population area." What do you mean by that?

HUIE: We had the maker . . . the writer of the petition was in the local church committee, and our understanding of what he intended by that is simply a transitional area of a wide variety of kinds. It was not intended to be a limiting term in any way.

FREDERICK: Okay, I would like to make a motion that we delete "changing population," delete the word, "or changing population." If I may have a second I'd like to speak to that.

BISHOP TALBERT: Is that seconded? All right.

FREDERICK: My concern, Bishop, is that the understanding that as we experience white flight, the churches will be more apt to move in this direction as opposed to staying in the neighborhood and being in ministry to that neighborhood. There are instances within the life of the local church in which those churches stayed there, and with a change of pastors have flourished and have been in ministry to thousands of people as a result of that. And I speak for deletion of this word to make sure that we stay in those changing neighborhoods and be in ministry.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Someone wants to speak against it? Yes?

Microphone no. 9.

ROBERT SMITH (California): This petition has come from the commission on religion and race of our annual conference. We are confronted constantly with churches in changing communities, and we do have to face realistically the issue of changing populations. We have to make some decisions. Very often we find that there is flight on the part of certain groups to certain areas. But what we are calling for is to have certain decisions made about the future ministry of that church in that particular area. There is a tendency to want to sell that church, close that church, abandon the community. We are asking that we stay in the community, but find some other configuration for continuing viable ministry in the area, even though it's changing. I would be against the motion to delete.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is there someone for the motion? All right, microphone no. 7.

JOHN E. CORSON (California-Nevada): This is really a point of information. I believe a few moments ago a friendly amendment was made to change the word "merger" to "union" and I believe that was accepted. Is that true?

BISHOP TALBERT: That's correct.

CORSON: My concern is that I want to be sure that legally, "union" and "merger" are synonymous terms because I think of one situation where we had a merger, we used that under California law because if we did not, we would end up paying higher real estate taxes on a parsonage. Where merger continued . . .

BISHOP TALBERT: All right.

CORSON: . . . an entity, and so I just need some clarification.

BISHOP TALBERT: Well, John, that's not what's before us now. What's before us is the amendment dealing with the change in population. So, if you will catch that after we deal with this amendment, you'll be appropriate.

CORSON: Thank you.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right? All right, over here. Microphone no. 5.

WALTER L. KIMBROUGH (North Georgia): Bishop, I rise to at least make a suggestion to the maker of the amendment, and if he would accept this, it would be fine with me. I think he's at the wrong place to accomplish what he wants. Changing is not the issue. The issue is the word "relocation." The need is not for communities to discontinue changing; they do change, but once . . .

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, but what's before us now is this changing population. What are you suggesting?

KIMBROUGH: I want to suggest to the maker of the motion to see whether or not he would accept moving his amendment from deleting the word "changing" to deleting the word "relocation." And if not, I'd be willing to make an amendment to the motion.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. What we have before us now is this amendment. I hear you then speaking against this, right?

KIMBROUGH: Absolutely.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Do we have someone for it? All right, right here, you for it. Microphone no. 3.

THELMA L. JOHNSON (West Ohio): I speak for the amendment. There is nothing wrong with a changing population, if the population is working in the church. It's when the population changes and the membership declines. So if we're going to talk about membership declining, which could make the membership 50 or less, and make a need for something to be done, I can see it. But just because a population changes does not necessarily mean that there has to be something done about the church because in some places changing populations flourish and the church grows with a mixture of people coming together. So I would say remove the word "changing population."

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. 2 and 2. It's before us now. Any word from you?

HUIE: Let the house . . . let the house decide.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Do you understand the situation? What's before us now is the amendment which is the . . . which will result in deleting the words "our changing population." That's what I heard. All right, what's before us then is that amendment, and if you support the amendment, you will vote "yes," and if you do not, you will vote "no." Vote when the light appears. All right, the motion fails 678 "No"; 222, "Yes." What's before us now is the motion from the committee. All right, John. Microphone no. 7.

CORSON: I have no difficulty with the word "union." My question is, legally is there, are these terms synonymous: merger and union, or could we say "merger-union" as another option?

BISHOP TALBERT: You want to try that as an amendment?

CORSON: I will move that we insert the word "merger" in that last sentence.

BISHOP TALBERT: So that it would be "merger, union or discontinuance"?

CORSON: Yes.

BISHOP TALBERT: Is that seconded? All right. There's some support for that. Any discussion. Do you want to speak to it?

CORSON: If I could speak to that. Under California law, sometimes merger is a creative way to use church property missionally at less expense than if we created a new corporation.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, over here, are you against? All right, microphone 15.

STEPHEN R. PACEY (Central Illinois): Bishop, what I'd really like to do is amend the amendment.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right.

PACEY: It is with some trepidation that I filed the papers to take this off of the Consent Calendar. What I'm concerned about is an amendment to the amendment to delete the word "discontinuance," and if I could get a 2nd to that, I'll speak to it.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right.

PACEY: Ah, good folks from Central Illinois.

TALBERT: You'll need to hold that. What's before now is an amendment to add the word "merger," and so we'll need to decide whether this body wants to add that word, and then we'll try to get back to you.

PACEY: Would it be in order to ask you not to forget me?

BISHOP TALBERT: I'll try not to.

PACEY: Thank you.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, what's before us now is the motion to amend by adding the word "merger" so that it would be "merger, union, and discontinuance." Any discussion of that? All right, look to you as the chair.

HUIE: We'll just let the body decide. I believe we can move along more quickly that way.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, if you're, if you're for it, you'll vote "Yes"; if you're against it, you'll vote "No." Vote when the light appears.

All right, you support that and it's before us. The number is "Yes," 728; "No," 179. The amendment passes. All right, I recognize you now to come with yours. 15, microphone 15.

PACEY: I am Steve Pacey again and still from Central Illinois. I would move to amend to delete the word "discontinuance" and if I have a second, I would speak to it.

BISHOP TALBERT: It's seconded.

PACEY: Thank you. I believe the *Discipline* in a prior section, I think it is 2548, speaks to discontinuance in the process. I share the concern of some of the prior speakers that discontinuance should not be an option for changing or declining population areas. I think we ought to look for new or refocused mission. I do that from the rural standpoint where many declining population areas find a new element of economically disadvantaged people, and rather than look to discontinue a small church, I think we ought to refocus the mission of small rural churches.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, someone against? Is there another yes? Microphone No. 9.

ROBERT SMITH (California Pacific: Bishop, we're looking for creative alternatives for ministry in changing communities. Very often it may become the right thing to do, to discontinue the charter of 1 congregation, in order to allow for the possibility of a new congregation to be formed in that particular entity. We have such situations in Southern California. We have successfully had 1 congregation vote to discontinue and to, as it were, transfer the property to a new congregation formed in the same property, and so it seems to me that this is a proper kind of thing. We also find ourselves in situations where we continue to prop up something where we really can't maintain a ministry there. We need to have a way of dealing with those and helping some to die so that something new and creative can be born. So I'm against the motion to delete "discontinuance."

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is there someone for it? Right here. No. 3.

BENJAMIN T. EDWARDS (West Ohio): If it's appropriate, I'd like to call for the question. This Titanic is sinking and we're messing with the furniture on the deck.

BISHOP TALBERT: That's not a motion, it's a comment. Back here, yes? 14.

JOHN P. MILES (Little Rock): I vote to suspend the rules and call for the question, that's all before us that is allowed. We've got other peas to pick.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it's before us. What's your point of order?

RICHARD NICODEMUS (New York): Bishop, we've had a number of calls for the question with comments added to it. Such gratuitous remarks are not, I believe, in the best interest of *Roberts' Rules of Orders*. I ask that the chair rule that such comments are not allowable, and therefore the question for the call for order is not in order at this present time. Thank you.

BISHOP TALBERT: Point is well taken. Your point is well taken. His point is well taken. It's your rules. Let's look to the chair, now for any last comments. I don't see anyone wanting the floor.

HUIE: I believe the house is ready to vote.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, if you are for this amendment to delete, you will vote "yes," and if you are against it, you will vote "no." Vote when the light appears. It is not supported. It's "Yes," 178; "No," 726. Are you ready now on this item? Yes, microphone No. 8.

DONALD G. KLARUP (South Dakota): I have a question, and then probably speak against the item.

BISHOP TALBERT: My question is, does this have to be in the *Discipline* in order for an annual conference to act in the same way?

HUIE: Sir, I think this is intended simply to clarify and make more explicit the options available.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right.

KLARUP: Well, I do not see it as an option when it says "shall." I, too, come from a rural conference, and we have a bushelful of 50-member and less churches which are very, very effective. Some are much more effective than larger membership churches, and to have this kind of thing go down would be . . .

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, what's the point of order? 15.

PORTER J. WOMELDORFF (Central Illinois): The paragraph under discussion is already in the *Discipline*. We're only talking about amendments to the *discipline*.

BISHOP TALBERT: That's clarification. All right.

KLARUP: I thought I was speaking to the amendment.

BISHOP TALBERT: Well, what is before us now is this whole item, and the amendment lost, so what's before us now is 2550, which is in the book, 735? Which is calling for concurrence as it . . . 734, right.

KLARUP: Do I understand the committee is calling for concurrence of what is already in the *Discipline*?

BISHOP TALBERT: What's in there with these 3 words added, which is "merger, union, and discontinuance" and then above that would be "our changing population." Is that right?.

KLARUP: Thank you.

HUIE: That is correct.

BISHOP TALBERT: Are you ready on this? All right, what do you want over here? No. 11.

(Redevelopment Enters Debate)

SUSAN W. HASSINGER (Eastern Pennsylvania): I would like to amend the petition by inserting between the words "relocation and merger union," the word "redevelopment" so that it would read, give special attention to relocation . . .

JOHN MILES: Point of order?

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, what's your point of order? If you're coming back on your motion to call, I rule you out of order, because we don't want anymore comments according to your rules. You either move it and let it stand without comment from the house.

MILES: No, point of order, Bishop.

BISHOP TALBERT: What's your point of order?

MILES: Under our rules that we operate under, when the question is called that is all before us, all before us is then called for.

BISHOP TALBERT: Sir, just so you will understand, you call for the question with no comment.

MILES: OK.

BISHOP TALBERT: You understand?

MILES: Yes sir, I understand that quite well, but does that make the . . . invalid?

BISHOP TALBERT: Yes.

MILES: It's a good rule.

BISHOP TALBERT: I have ruled him out of order. Now if you want to call for it again, you can get the microphone and do it. Yes.

HASSINGER: Do you want me to restate . . .?

BISHOP TALBERT: I've already recognized No. 11.

HASSINGER: OK. Do you want me to restate the amendment?

BISHOP TALBERT: Yes, yes.

HASSINGER: To insert the word "redevelopment" between "relocation" and "merger or union."

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is that seconded? It is seconded. All right.

HASSINGER: The reason for doing that . . . I serve as a consultant with local churches that do this kind of study, and one of the key options that is available is redeveloping a congregation in the site where they are presently located, and it seems to me if the intent is to develop options, it's important to have that one listed also.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Will you identify yourself again for the records?

HASSINGER: Susan Hassinger, Eastern Pennsylvania.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, this is before us now. Yes? Microphone No. 3.

PAUL V. CHAFFEE (Western Pennsylvania): I move to suspend the rules in order to move the previous question on all that is before us.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is that seconded. All right, if you would suspend the rules for that purpose, you will vote "yes" and if you are against it, vote no. Vote when the light appears.

All right. You have voted to suspend the rules for that purpose (vote is "Yes," 872; "No," 53), and what we have before us now is the amendment, and that amendment is in between "to" and "relocation". The word "redevelopment." Is that right? Redevelopment, that is what is before us now. Any closing word from you?

HUIE: No sir. Let the body vote.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, let's go then. If you are in support of the amendment you will vote "yes." If you are not you will support no. Vote when the light appears. "Yes," 584; "No," 389. The amendment is supported. You have before you now Item 734 as has been amended. If you will support it you will vote "yes." If you do not support if you will vote "no." Vote when the light appears. You have supported this item. "Yes," 864; "No," 59. The item is supported and adopted.

(Calendar Item No. 1182; Membership in Racial and Ethnic Supremist Groups)

HUIE: Thank you. Now if you'll turn in your *DCA* p. 371 . . . 371, Calendar Item 1182, the right-hand column, about 3/4 of the way down, Petition 10219. This is found in the red book p. 831. *DCA* 371, Calendar 1182, Petition 10219. Now, friends, you'll want to study this carefully. This petition would mandate that anyone who is a member of a racial and ethnic supremist group cannot also be a member of the United Methodist Church. We recommended nonconcurrence. You will note that the vote was divided. Friends, I want to say to you that what we were united on is that racial and ethnic supremists groups are morally reprehensible. They're unchristian. They are contrary to the Kingdom of God. On that we all agreed. In that we are in sympathy with the petition. The problem with the petition as the committee saw it was in the terms of implementation. How would we ask a person coming to join the United Methodist Church, in addition to asking for their loyalty to the United Methodist Church, would we also ask them if they hold membership in a racial or ethnic supremist group? If we do that, who will draw up such a list, and by what criteria? Again, I want to say we had a lengthy discussion on this. We are in deep sympathy with the anger and the pain that generated this petition, but for the reasons that I have stated the committee voted nonconcurrence.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, this matter is before us. Discussion. Yes. Microphone 7.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): I urge us to be considerate, and thoughtful, and deliberate, and try to look for alternative wording. I believe I know something about the background of this petition. I believe it came from a group of 5 young ladies from a church in our great United Methodist church. One of them was from Thailand. Two were Black . . . I'm sorry, one was Black, two were White, and I forget what the other one was--I believe she was Hispanic. They went to one of our youth rallies in Illinois. And while they were there another member of the youth rally, also a United Methodist Church member, did what you might call a bit of racial abusiveness and tried to threaten the Black girl and shared with her that he was a member of the KKK. As I understand it, the 5 girls were very hurt, practically shattered. It was the love and support of the congregation that brought them back on their feet. And it was the courage and endorsement of the older members that encouraged them to write this petition. I hope we can come up with somebody with creative alternative wording so we don't simply discard this petition that was a lot of months of suffering on the part of 5 of our young members.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, over here. All right. Are you speaking for or against?

JIM MAYFIELD (Southwest Texas): I am speaking for.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. For these . . . for nonconcurrence?

MAYFIELD: Yes.

BISHOP TALBERT: Right. Okay.

MAYFIELD: I want to call the delegation's attention to our renunciation of sin and profession of faith in the *Hymnal*. You can find it on p. 34 and other places in the *Hymnal*, in which people who are coming into the church are asked these questions: "Do you confess Jesus Christ as your savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord? In union with the church which Christ has opened, to people of all ages, nations and races?" I think that this is covered in a more profound way here than it could ever be in the *Discipline*, and I would encourage whoever the pastor is of those young women to sit down with them with this *Hymnal* and let them see what is here.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Over here. Are you for it? All right.

STEVEN DRACHLER (Central Pennsylvania): I'd like to move that this be referred to the Commission on Religion and Race.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is that seconded. The motion is to refer to Religion and Race.

DRACHLER: I believe that would be the appropriate place to send this proposal. It can be examined. They can look at the language in it to find ways to deal with the situations so we could be sensitive to the concerns and needs of all persons involved.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. The motion now is to refer. Over here. Yes you. No, no. The one going to the other way. Yes, right there. Right. Microphone 5.

WESLEY W. WILLIAMS (Southern New England): Yes, Bishop. I work with these young women who encountered this traumatic experience. Their concern was how a church member could be a member of a church that had in its charter, inclusiveness, total inclusiveness, and at the same time . . .

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Let's speak to the motion to refer. That's what's before us now.

WILLIAMS: Well, I would speak against that Bishop, because I . . . I really would like to know whether or not this could be made a chargeable offense?

BISHOP TALBERT: Okay, all right. So you are against referring.

WILLIAMS: Yes, I am.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, someone for it? Are you, you . . . you want something? All right, you want to speak against referring? All right.

ROBERT SWEET (Southern New England): Bishop Talbert and members of the conference, I'd like to count on my fingers and toes, but I am afraid that I would not run out, how many times we have talked about the importance of the

youth in the life of the church, not tomorrow, today. Here are 5 young people trying to hold you, my friends, and me, accountable to our commitment to the discipleship of Jesus Christ in terms of social witness. They submitted the same petition last year. It was perfected or not and referred. I ask you in the name of Christ, and in support of young people trying desperately to be responsible disciples, not to refer to a committee, but to act this evening.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Is there someone for reference? Yes, in the back. Microphone 13.

KATHY N. REEVES (Northern Illinois): I speak for referral. I, too, am appalled by persons throughout our society that feel they can be abusive to others. And I do believe that we need to send a message to our youth that we are concerned about them and the world in which we live. But I think that we need to also help our youth as well as ourselves to understand, that, as people who are a part of the body of Christ, we are all in need of opportunities to be saved from the things we do which are inappropriate. And so I think this can be a way of dealing with it, rather then trying to shut anybody outside of our church. Christ said that he came as a physician, meaning that we are all in need of some kind of healing or deliberation. Let us not shut out people, but find responsible ways to respond to the evils in our society.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, the motion to refer is before us.

HUIE: The house is ready.

BISHOP TALBERT: If you will support the motion to refer you will vote "yes," if you are against it you will vote "no." Vote when the light appears.

All right. "Yes," 504; "No," 434. It has been referred. All right, next matter.

(Calendar Item No. 1434; Meaning of Membership)

HUIE: All right, now if you in your *DCA*, the blue book, if you'll turn to p. 469 the middle column, Calendar Item 1434, Petition 12072. It's found in your white book, p. 1253. This petition also deals with the meaning of membership. It seeks to amend what many would consider historic language in the membership vows, "Will you support the church by your prayers, be loyal to The United Methodist Church and support it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service?" This language would amend that to "prayers, presence, tithes and gifts, service." As you know, this committee has made, our desire to stress tithing is already clear. But the majority of our committee do not believe that this petition is the right way to do it. We recommend nonconcurrence.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it is before you. Yes?

KEITH M. LADD (Eastern Pennsylvania): I believe it is time for The United Methodist Church and Christians in all bodies to take seriously the dictates of our Lord, who told us to tithe. And for us to leave tithing out reduces that tithe to less than full faithful ministry and following of our Lord. As a tither, those of you who do tithe know the great feeling that one gets and the work that one can do with that money. I urge this church not to go back on its faith and not to be halfway Christians.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Yes? Back here, microphone no. 12.

JOE E. PENNEL (Tennessee): I'd like to speak in support of the committee. Though I'm not now, I have been a pastor of a ghetto church, serving among the poorest of the poor. Proportionate giving should be stressed in those situations, and not tithing. There are some situations in the life of the church where this would bring an undue burden on the life of believers.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is there someone for it? Anyone, another one against it? All right, no. 5.

DONALD W. HAMILTON (Yellowstone): I think we're missing the point if we change this to tithe. I am a tither; my wife and I have tithed for 30 years; I believe in it. However, the word "gifts" in the membership vows has a broader connotation that just money. It talks about gifts, spiritual gifts, skills, and it's a different connotation than service. Service is very important, but gifts has to do with that that we have to offer: our money, our talents, our spiritual depth, our spiritual journeys, our very lives, is a part of our giving. To limit this to "tithe" makes it only money, or sound that way. So, I would hope that we would not make this change, but to allow the gifts to have its broader connotation. I think that's scriptural, when we remember about the spiritual gifts that are mentioned there. I think it's in line with our basic theology, that when people come to present themselves, it is their gifts, as well as their prayers, their service, and these other things. "Tithes" is too limiting.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, all right, is there someone? All right, over here, microphone no. 7.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): Just a point of information. Careful reading of the text would see that the last speaker was actually speaking in favor, because it says "tithes *and* gifts."

BISHOP TALBERT: Well, we'll take care of that. If you have a statement to make, you makes yours and let the others speak. I think we're ready for it to vote now. Are you ready?

HUIE: Yes, the committee stands by the historic language, and we recommend that you support the committee.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it's before you. If you support the committee, which is recommending nonconcurrence, you will vote "yes." If you are against, you vote no. Vote when the light appears. You have supported the nonconcurrence; "Yes," 723; "No," 196. The committee is supported.

(Calendar Item No. 1443; Powers and Duties of Charge Conference)

HUIE: Thank you. The *DCA*, the blue book, p. 470, Calendar Item 1443, left hand column, down at the bottom. Page 470, Calendar Item 1443, Petition 10918, it's found in your red book, p. 837. This petition says that the district superintendent, as well as the pastor and lay leader, shall interpret the importance of World Service and conference benevolences. It also indicates that the payment of these apportionments is the first benevolent responsibility of the church. Especially after yesterday's painful hours, we urge you to vote concurrence.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it's before you. If you will support the committee, you will vote "yes," and if you will not support the committee you will vote "no."

Vote when the light appears. All right, the committee is supported, "Yes," 815; "No," 91, it is adopted.

HUIE: Thank you. Page 472 in the blue book, 472, Calendar Item 1467, left hand column, down at the bottom. 1467, the Petition No. is 12322. It's found in the white book, p. 1272. We have a printing error here, so you will need to look

in the white book, and I will correct the printing error aloud. What happened is that too much was deleted. The way this petition should now read as amended by the committee, there would be only 1 sentence deleted. If you'll look in line 4, there is a sentence that begins "In general, this committee shall have not fewer than 5 nor more than 9 members." Delete that sentence. The rest of the paragraph stands as it is printed on p. 1272, with the exception that the word "missional" in line 6 is deleted, and the word "multilanguage" has been substituted there. The rationale is that, in the overwhelming, overwhelming pattern for a Pastor-Parish Relations Committees is 5 to 9 members. But in specific cases, where churches have 2, 3, even 4 or 5 languages within 1 congregation, there may be appropriate times to go beyond the 9-person limit on Pastor-Parish. Therefore, with that change, we recommend concurrence with the petition.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it's before you. If you will support the committee, you will vote "yes." If you are against the committee, you will vote "no." Vote when the light appears.

The committee supported, "Yes," 870; "No," 52. It is approved.

(Calendar Item No. 1460; Duties of Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations)

HUIE: Thank you very much. The last petition, p. 471 in the blue book . . . blue book p. 471, Calendar Item 1460, the right-hand column, first down, Petition 10562. It is found in your red book, p. 847. This is a petition that I personally present with some appreciation and gratitude to the makers. What this says is that 1 of the duties of the Pastor-Parish Committee shall be continually to interpret to the people, not only cross-racial appointments and sensitivity to open itinerancy, but also to the appointment of women. We recommend concurrence.

BISHOP TALBERT: It's before you. If you'll support the committee it will be yes, against no. Vote when the light appears. You support the committee, "Yes," 864; "No," 55. You've supported the committee. Yes? Microphone no. 10.

BETTY JANE YOUNG (Northern New Jersey): I rise to ask for a reconsideration on a vote that was taken just prior to this on . . . the no. was 1443 on p. 470, and it is in reference to p. 837 in the red *DCA* to the powers and duties of the charge conference.

BISHOP TALBERT: You want to . . . did you vote for it?

YOUNG: Yes, I did. Yes, I did, sir.

BISHOP TALBERT: So you're requesting reconsideration.

YOUNG: Yes, I am sir. May I make one statement as to why?

BISHOP TALBERT: Yes.

YOUNG: My question is that in the last..next to the last sentence in that par., it says that the charge conference shall determine the amount accepted, and I'm concerned that this opens us up. We have always said that that is accepted.

BISHOP TALBERT: I think that's been deleted.

HUIE: That is correct. It has been deleted by the committee before it came to the floor.

YOUNG: I apologize.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. So it's . . . all right, will you finish?

HUIE: I simply wish to say a word of gratitude to the General Conference and to the Committee on the Local Church. This concludes our report. Thank you.

BISHOP TALBERT: Thank you. All right, the next Calendar Item.

(Quartet of Calendar Items-442, 857, 871, 1634-Quickly Approved)

C. REX BEVINS (Nebraska): Bishop Talbert and members of the conference, the Discipleship Legislative Committee has 4 brief items to place before you this evening. Please turn in your blue *DCA* to p. 276, Calendar Item 442. Bishop, this really is a clean up item from the adoption of the *Book of Worship*. Calendar Item 442 is a petition rejecting to the removing of the word "Father" from the *Book of Worship*. Of course, the word "Father" has been included in a number of places, in all of the appropriate places for Trinitarian language, and in a host of other prayers. We ask you to support the nonconcurrence of the Discipleship Legislative Committee.

BISHOP TALBERT: It is before you. If you'll support the committee you will vote "yes." If you are against the committee vote no. Vote when the light appears. You support the committee, "Yes," 815; "No," 65.

BEVINS: The Discipleship Legislative Committee was fortunate, indeed, to have 6 outstanding subcommittee chairs. One of these chairs, V. L. Daughtery, will present the remaining 3 calendar items from our committee, and when these have been completed that will complete our report for this evening.

V. L. DAUGHTERY JR. (South Georgia): Bishop, I call the conference to look in the blue book on p. 345, Calendar Item 857. It's also found in the petition book on 1121 and 1122, Calendar Item 857. Bishop, this is the stewardship initiative for the 1993-96 quadrennium, and the committee has recommended a vote of nonconcurrence.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it's before you. Any further word or you're just ready to put it to vote? All right, if you will support the committee you will vote "yes," if will not support the committee vote no. Vote when the light appears. You're supporting the committee, "Yes," 819; "No," 80.

DAUGHTERY: The next Calendar Item is No. 871. It is found in the blue book on p. 346. This is a petition on a consultation workshop to enhance the gifts and skills of spiritual directors. It was amended and we recommend our proposed concurrence as it was amended.

BISHOP TALBERT: It's before you. If you will support the committee you will vote "yes," "no" if you do not. Vote when the light appears. You have supported the committee, "Yes," 874; "No," 29. It's adopted.

BEVINS: The third Calendar Item is found on p. 539 of the blue book, p. 539, Calendar Item 1634. The blue book 539, Calendar Item 1634. The committee recommends concurrence with the amendments that are listed here, adding the words "faith sharing."

BISHOP TALBERT: It's before you. If you support the committee vote yes, if you do not vote no. Vote when the light appears. You have supported the committee, "Yes," 887; "No," 15. It's adopted.

BEVINS: This completes our work, sir.

BISHOP TALBERT: Thank you very much. Let's give our thanks to this committee. All right, next Calendar Item?

(Calendar Item No. 14; Update the Language of the Constitution)

VANCE SUMMERS JR. (West Ohio): Bishop Talbert and members of the General Conference, I am grateful for this opportunity to present the petitions from the conferences section, legislative

committee, and our first one will be found on p. 1086 in the white *DCA* and p. 167 in the blue *DCA*, and it's Calendar Item 14.

SUMMERS: Petition No. 1186. And the subject is update of the Constitution. Let me summarize it for you. Changes the word "ministerial" to "clergy," and adds a sentence which permits reserve clergy and lay delegates to the jurisdictional and Central Conferences to act as reserve delegates to the General Conference. The legislative committee concurred as amended.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it's before you. If you will support the committee you will vote "yes," if you do not, vote "no." Vote when the light appears. You have supported the committee, "Yes," 830; "No," 62, and let me call to your attention - this is a Constitutional amendment and it's definitely more than the two-thirds required. It's adopted.

SUMMERS: P. 265, the blue *DCA*, Petition No. 1183. It is Calendar Item 324. The narrative may be found on p. 1086 of the white *DCA*. This relates to para. 25. It has to do with jurisdictional conference powers and duties, and again it updates ministers. Changes the word from . . .

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, give us the p. and the calendar item again.

SUMMERS: P. 265 in the blue *DCA*.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, calendar item?

SUMMERS: Petition No. 1183.

BISHOP TALBERT: What's your calendar item?

SUMMERS: Calendar Item 324.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right.

SUMMERS: The narrative is found on p. 1084. To summarize, it changes the word "minister" to "clergy." The legislative committee recommends concurrence, 72 for, 0 against, 0 not voting.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it's before you. All right, question over here, all right, no. 9. Microphone 9.

HELMUT NAUSNER (Austria Provisional): I just want to make a comment that the house at least hears my concern and the concern of many others. You speak about updating the language, and we are in a process that probably cannot be stopped. But, I just want to say that I think we are not only changing language, we are beginning to change substance, and this is something we at least shall consider. The old language was precise. This one is not precise.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, that's 1 against. Is there any more? All right, it's before us and let's identify it again. It's Item No. 324 and the committee recommends concurrence. If you'll support the committee, vote "yes," if you're against the committee, vote "no." Vote when the light appears. "Yes," 792; "No," 123. You've supported the committee. Again, a Constitutional amendment, more than the two-thirds needed.

SUMMERS: The next 1 is found on p. 265 in the blue *DCA*. Calendar Item 325, Petition No. 11184. The narrative is found on p. 1084 in the white *DCA*. And this relates to the Constitution, para. 35, and it has to do with annual conference membership. Again, it updates the language, it changes "ministerial" and "minister" to "clergy." The legislative committee voted concurrence 72 - 0 - 0.

BISHOP TALBERT: It's before you. Another Constitutional amendment. If you support the committee, you will vote "yes," if you do not, you will vote "no." Vote when the light appears. "Yes," 843; "No," 75. More than the two-thirds required as a Constitutional amendment, it's adopted.

SUMMERS: P. 265 again, blue *DCA*, Calendar Item 327, Petition No. 11185. Narrative again is found on p. 1085. This relates to para. 36, annual conference rights. It updates the language again, "ministerial" to "clergy." The recommendation is concurrence 73 - 0 - 0.

BISHOP TALBERT: It's before you. If you support the committee, vote "yes," if you do not, vote "no." Vote when the light appears. You've supported the committee "Yes," 841; "No," 63. Again, a Constitutional amendment, more than necessary. More than required. It's adopted.

SUMMERS: P. 206 in the red *DCA*, p. 266 in the blue. Calendar Item 334, Petition No. 010001. This one has to do with the boundaries of annual conferences and episcopal areas. And it is to change in the name and boundaries of the annual conference, it is in addition in the name and boundaries these words, "an episcopal area shall." The recommendation is concurrence with the removal of the word "shall" and replace it with "may."

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it's before you. Any discussion? If you support the committee, you will vote "yes," if you will not, vote "no." Vote when the light appears.

You have supported the committee, "Yes," 872; "No," 41. It is adopted.

(Calendar Item No. 346; Selection of Annual Conference Council Director)

SUMMERS: This is on disciplinary par. 726, p. 216 of the red *DCA*, 267 of the blue *DCA*. It is Calendar Item 346, Petition 10152, Selection of Annual Conference Council Director. And it changes the point of initiation of the nomination of the council director. It places that initiation with the conference personnel committee rather than the cabinet. And, then, this is the reverse of the current policy. The committee recommends concurrence with an amendment in matters of clergy relations after making of appointments.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Before you. Yes. Microphone no. 3.

MARCUS C. FANG (Wisconsin): Bishop and members of the conference, with your indulgence I would like to say a few words about this petition. As we know, the Conference Council of Ministries is responsible for the development, administration, and evaluation of conference programing. Any staff, including the council director, is accountable to the council for the faithful discharge of their ministry. We also know that the CCOM's personnel committee is responsible for recruiting and screening candidates to ensure that persons nominated for election to council position have indeed the necessary gifts to fulfill their responsibilities. Under the present provision in the *Discipline*, the CCOM Personnel Committee screens and employs all staff, except the council director.

Since the staff work directly and cooperatively with CCOM members, it is essential that members of the CCOM have confidence in the professional competence of the council director as well. This petition properly places responsibility for screening and hiring of all staff, including the council director, in the hands of the personnel committee, in consultation with the cabinet instead of the other way around. This is not an attempt to diminish the cabinet's role. Indeed, the bishop is a member of the personnel committee in most conferences, and the key word here is "consultation". Clearly no personnel committee or cabinet can hope to serve

the church well unless there is a strong, trustful relationship between the two. Ten conferences already follow this method, and council directors selected in this proposed manner have the added satisfaction of knowing that they are the best candidates, a knowledge which facilitates the supervision of associate council directors, who are frequently recruited nationally. I thank you for your support of this petition.

BISHOP MELVIN TALBERT: All right, is there someone who would speak against it? All right, over here. Microphone no. 8.

BOB E. WATERS (Texas): I was a part of this legislative committee and voted against this proposal. I have no objection whatever to the involvement of the personnel committee, but in those conferences where the council director is an ordained minister, the language here impinges of the right of the bishop to make an appointment. It suggests that the council can elect a person, and that is against the constitution church, and I believe that it's better to leave it like it was.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, over here. You're against or for? Go ahead, go ahead . . . I'll . . . Microphone no. 14.

DORIS J. RUDY (Northern Illinois): I support the action of the committee. As the previous speaker indicated, as long as this responsibility is initiated by the cabinet, it is presupposed and predetermined that it is most likely that that conference council director will be a clergy person. I have no objection to having a clergy person in the conference council director, but I do believe that it has to be opened much more widely.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Microphone no. 9.

ROBERT SMITH (California-Pacific): Bishop, is it possible to offer a motion to amend by restoring the current language to this paragraph?

BISHOP TALBERT: Wouldn't that be just the opposite of what this attempts to do?

SMITH: Yes.

BISHOP TALBERT: If that's the case then, you simply vote this down and the other remains. Is that correct?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

BISHOP TALBERT: Right. So that would not . . .

SMITH: May I speak, then, against the recommendation of the committee to concur with the changing of the language. Among the 5 responsibilities of the district superintendent is that of program. The program officers are district superintendents who have responsibility for program within the district. We look to the Council on Ministries to enable us, to resource us, to help us to do that task and that responsibility in the district. This council director, according to the *Discipline*, sits as a member of the cabinet in all sessions, with the exception of when we're dealing with appointment. It seems significant, therefore, that the cabinet would have responsibility for nominating that person to be the council director.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, you've had your two . . . isn't that right? Two for and two against. Are we ready on this one?

SUMMERS: I would urge to support the committee at this point. It was their feeling that the current legislation does not take into account that the person may not be a clergy person, and therefore the initiation is not among a wider group of persons. We would ask your support.

BISHOP TALBERT: It's before you. If you support the committee, you will vote "yes" and if you do not you will vote "no." Vote when the light appears.

You have supported the committee. It's "Yes," 536; "No," 397. It's adopted.

(Calendar Item No. 353; Conference Council Director Election)

Please turn to page 1102 in the white *DCA*. It is Calendar Item 353; 267 in the blue *DCA*. It is Petition 1180. It relates to the conference council directors election. It would prevent an elder of the church from being appointed to the cabinet until the period of 3 years has lapsed since he or she has served as a council director. Secondly, no elder appointed as a district superintendent would be eligible to serve a council director until a period of 3 years has lapsed since serving 6 years as district superintendent. The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence with this petition.

BISHOP TALBERT: It's before you. If you support the committee, you will vote "yes." If you do not support the committee, you will vote "no." Vote when the light appears. You support the committee. "Yes," 775; "No," 133. It's adopted.

SUMMERS: Please turn to page 1103 in the white *DCA*; 267 in the blue. This is Calendar Item 354. Petition No. 12260. The subject is Conference Scout and Coordinator. This proposes a new sub paragraph which would define the work of the Conference Scout and Coordinator. The Conference Scout and Coordinator at the conference and district level, would work with the COM's, the Conference Council on Ministries to promote scouting as an outreach ministry of local churches within the annual conference. The legislative committee voted nonconcurrence with this petition.

BISHOP TALBERT: It's before. All right, if you support the committee, you will vote "yes." If you do not, you will vote "no." Vote when the light appears. All right, you've supported the committee. "Yes," 779; "No," 139. It's adopted.

Let's pause right here and take 10 and come back and do some more work.

(recess)

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, if you'd take your seats, please. And while you are taking your seat, I have a note saying it's miserably cold down front, and would you ask for modification of the temperature. If there are persons listening to this, if you could do something to modify the temperature. It's cold down front.

All right, will you take your places. We need to do a little work now and then we'll go home. Take your places please, hurriedly, and we move back on Calendar Items. All right, quickly take your places, ladies and gentlemen. Delegates, take your places. All right, the people in the aisles, will you take your seats. All delegates in the aisles, take your seats.

All right, we call now on the next Calendar Item, and I look to Vance Summers, chair of the committee. And will you be in order, please? Will the house be in order. And all you persons around the aisle - you need to be in order. All right, you delegates, we're gonna reconsider the budget. Will that get you in your seats? (laughter)

All right, we look now to the next Calendar Item. People around the sides, will you please be quiet so that we can do business.

(Calendar Item No. 321; Clergy Membership of Annual Conference)

SUMMERS: Next Calendar Item is found on p. 335 of the blue *DCA*. Calen-

dar Item 321. The subject is Clergy Membership of the Annual Conference.

The Clergy Membership of the Annual Conference would consist of the members in full connection, probationary members, associate members, affiliate members, and local pastors under full or part-time appointment to be a pastoral charge. The amendment specifies associate members and members would not vote on lay delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference.

There is, however, a substitute and an amendment as well as a minority report. The substitute permits the affiliate clergy to vote in annual conference on all matters except Constitutional amendments. Election of delegates to General or Jurisdictional Conference in matters of ordination, character, and conference relations. I might repeat that. This would permit members in full connection to vote on Constitutional matters, delegates and orders, probationaries to vote on Constitutional matters and delegates, associate members to vote on Constitutional matters and delegates, local pastors to vote, who are full- time, to vote on delegates only, and affiliate members would not vote. There is a minority report, bishop.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. You have a comment now from the minority report. Have you stated the case from the majority report?

SUMMERS: The recommendation to the majority is that we concur.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Now the minority report.

MENNO GOOD (Eastern Pennsylvania): The minority report on p. 265 of the blue book, Calender Item 321, would grant the extension of annual conference membership and voting rights to part-time local pastors with the same restrictions that apply presently to associate members, affiliate members, and full-time local pastors. I believe there's no gift this General Conference could give our smallest churches around the world that would mean more to them than to grant their spiritual leaders, the part-time local pastors, membership and limited voting rights in the annual conference. The part-time local pastor might be a young person pursuing an education. Middle-aged, but with family responsibilities that preclude seminary, or the early retired business person whom God has called and has been appointed to a local church paying less than minimum salary.

On my district we have 3 of these persons in their 60's doing a wonderful bit of ministry. After examination in the course of study, he or she the part-time local pastor, is appointed and licensed to preach God's word, baptize our babies, marry our young, bury our dead and administer the Sacrament of Holy Communion to us. Indeed, to fulfill all of the functions of pastoral ministry. Now, he or she attends annual conference and sits beside the lay member who has a vote. He or she will go back home to fulfill all the pastoral responsibilities, including raising the apportionment. Yet, when it comes to voting, suddenly that same pastor becomes invisible. The pastor cannot vote "yes." Cannot vote "no." Cannot abstain. The part-time local pastor simply cannot be counted. No conference membership means no vote.

I think that is the reason some of our part-time local pastors seem poorly motivated about connectional matters. Some come to annual conference for a half day and go home. They feel excluded. Nothing we do here would so cost effectively help to increase the loyalty and enthusiasm of the part-time local pastor than to grant them the vote. They would then own the results in which they would have the franchise in the annual conference. The local churches they serve would also have a new sense of being valued. Because of the dignity and respect the vote confers on their pastors. There is much talk about the increasing need in the near future for bi-vocational and creative tent making ministries. We already have them. Many of these are the St. Paul's of our church.

Our church has been on a generation-long evolution toward inclusiveness, yet the part-time local pastor, including many racial and ethnic persons, is the only category of pastor still outside looking in when it comes to the vote. Let's not wait any longer. After 6 years as a district superintendent, I'm convinced it is the just thing, the inclusive thing, and the loving thing.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. What's before us now, since this is a minority report, we will first perfect the majority report, set it aside, then perfect the minority report; vote on that and then we'll finally get back to the majority report. So when we are now perfecting the majority report.

All right, right here. Microphone no. 4.

HELEN E. POTTER (West Ohio): If I am understanding the recommendation of the majority report in column 2 there where it says B, they are substituting in 701.1 part B, "where probationary clergy members shall have the right to vote at the annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendments, election of clergy delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conference." Am I understanding that correctly?

SUMMERS: Yes, let me repeat it again, if I may. Full members would vote on Constitutional matters, delegates, and orders. Probationers would vote on Constitutional matters and delegates. Associate members would vote on Constitutional matters and delegates. Local pastors who are full-time, and I think that's essentially the difference, who are full-time, would vote on delegates, and affiliate members would not vote.

POTTER: OK. In other words, the probationary member will vote except on the election of lay delegates. Is that correct by your change? I'm looking at 701.1 B.

BISHOP TALBERT: Where it says "substitute lay for clergy before delegates," is that what you're dealing with?

POTTER: Yes. "except on Constitutional amendments or the election of lay delegates to General Conference." In other words, you're saying they will be able to vote on clergy delegates, is that correct? I just want this right.

SUMMERS: You are correct.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. All right, back here. Yes, you. Microphone 9.

C. WAYMON HOLLIS (North Arkansas): I want to make an amendment to the report on p. 335 to add the word after "lay," "clergy" so that it reads "except lay and clergy delegates."

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, you are in the line which says "substitute lay for clergy," or where are you? Direct us where you're talking about.

HOLLIS: I'm on p. 335.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right.

HOLLIS: Item No. 321, 2nd column under C.

BISHOP TALBERT: Under C, all right. Now do it again.

HOLLIS: All right. To amend the report to say after "lay," "clergy" in Item C and in Item B, just above.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is that seconded? It's seconded, you may speak to it.

HOLLIS: Seems to me that this is a very big change in the polity of the church. I believe that it extends rights to persons who have not been through the process and been credentialed as clergy in full connection in the annual conference. Having been a part of my conference's Board of Ordained Ministry for, in some capacity or another, for the most of the last 25 years, we've worked with people every year who wanted to circumvent the process and be special and get the rights without going through the process. This legislation simply gives those persons a legal way to circumvent the process and to lower the standards for ordained ministry. I encourage you to vote for the amendment.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, back here at microphone no. 11.

BARBARA P. SHELDON (Kansas West): To take away the right of the local pastor to vote is a real blow to the small membership church.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, now you're on the amendment. All right.

SHELDON: I am on the amendment and I'm speaking against this amendment. For the past 4 years, there's been a study going on in this church and I've traveled at your expense along with about 25 other people, to all of the annual conferences or to all of the jurisdictions, and by and large, in all of the small membership churches we visited, the disenfranchisement of the local pastors was a major item for them. I realize our small membership churches are only about 60% of our church number, and only about 20% of our membership, but we must take good care of that 20%.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Are you for? All right. You're for the amendment. Microphone 8.

JOY A. BARRETT (Detroit): Is it in order to amend the amendment?

BISHOP TALBERT: Yes.

BARRETT: OK. I move that we amend by deleting the "clergy" from C, but keeping it in B, so that probationary members would not be able to vote for lay or clergy delegates. In letter B as in boy, but that, letter C, we still could do that.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, we'll try that. Is that seconded? It's seconded. You want to speak to it.

BARRETT: I do not believe it is appropriate for probationary members to vote for lay or clergy delegates, because probationary members are on a track toward full membership in the annual conference. I'm still undecided about C and D, but I'm clear about B.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is there someone who is against that? All right, over here.

LAWRENCE A. BAUMAN III (North Georgia): I rise to oppose this suggestion that probationary members be denied the right to vote for delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences. They are clergy members of the annual conference, having completed their college work and at least 1/2 of their seminary education. They have the right of a guaranteed appointment in the annual conference, and I feel that the enfranchisement of these people who are meeting the conditions for membership in the conference must continue to be recognized as it is in 701B of our *Discipline*.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is there someone who wants to speak for? Are you ready to vote on this matter? Any word from the committee?

SUMMERS: Yes, I think I need to point out that the word "lay" in this instance is to help that conform to the word "lay" as found in the *Discipline*, currently. It's found in 1.8.

BISHOP TALBERT: Oh, you're saying it's already there, is that what you're saying?

SUMMERS: No, it's an addition, so that it's consistent with the language that's here.

BISHOP TALBERT: Oh, OK. All right, then let's have the amendment read then, so we can see what we have. What's your question, microphone 14?

DAVID B. WILSON (Little Rock): I want to ask a question concerning the constitutionality of this relative to Article 4 of the Constitution, which says that only members in full connection shall vote for delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conference.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, do you want to respond to that?

SUMMERS: We had before the General Conference a petition earlier that would permit a change in the *Discipline* so that persons could vote. That was tabled, and that is coming back before you.

BISHOP TALBERT: Is that it?

SUMMERS: That's it.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, yes? Microphone 14.

WILSON: Yes, sir, I'm wondering about the validity of voting on this presently, and perhaps we should consider what you say will be coming back to us prior to voting on this.

BISHOP TALBERT: Yeah. I think your point is well taken, are you prepared to shift and bring that item back so that you can deal with it?

SUMMERS: Yes, we can shift and do that, Bishop.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, then we'll put a pin in this, and let this other come back and see what we do with it.

(Calendar Item No. 12; Clergy Delegates to General Conference)

SUMMERS: Then I would call your attention to Calendar Item 12. It is found on 167 of the blue *DCA*.

Currently Par. 38 does not permit local pastors to be included as clergy members of the annual conference, nor does it permit local pastors to be elected as delegates to General, Jurisdiction, or Central Conferences. What is proposed here would give all persons defined by the *Discipline* as clergy members the same voting rights to vote for clergy delegates to General, Jurisdictional, and Central Conferences. And the legislative committee action on this was a recommendation of concurrence, 43 for, 22 against, 6 abstaining.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, was this matter tabled or . . .?

SUMMERS: It was tabled. We would have to move to remove from the table.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, then if it was tabled, then we have to have a motion to lift it from the table. Is that your motion?

SUMMERS: That is my motion.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, then that's before us. All right, if you would lift this matter from the table, let it be known by voting "yes" when the light comes on. If you do not agree, vote "no." Let's vote when the light appears. All right, "Yes," 729; "No," 187. Definitely lifted from the table. It is before us now.

SUMMERS: Do I need to repeat it?

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. What is that now?

SUMMERS: Do I need to repeat it?

BISHOP TALBERT: No.

SUMMERS: All right.

BISHOP TALBERT: So we're ready now to take the action on what is before us. And what is before us is this Item No. 12. Is that right?

SUMMERS: Correct.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, I recognize the person at microphone no. 9. This is a Constitutional amendment so . . . microphone no. 9.

ROBERT SMITH (California-Pacific): May I ask a question? We've been very clear about the right of clergy to vote on delegates. Does this mean that all persons considered as clergy would also become eligible for election as clergy delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conference?

SUMMERS: If that is the decision of the General Conference, that would be true.

SMITH: And does that mean that we would need to change the Constitution in terms of who is eligible to be elected?

SUMMERS: Yes.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Right here. No, no, you're right, the person going to microphone no. 7.

MARGARET A. [PEGGY] PAIGE (Detroit): I rise in support of this Constitutional amendment to give the right to vote for, and to be, a clergy delegate to General Conference, Jurisdictional, or Central Conferences, to all persons who are defined by the *Discipline* as clergy members. Once we have defined persons as lay members or clergy members of our conferences, we must not then disenfranchise any portion of either group. We have struggled with this issue of granting voting rights to all adults in the United States, but after years of struggles we have granted that right to all adult citizens without regard to gender or ethnicity. It was a question of justice.

This, too, is a justice issue. The only issue we are discussing here in Par. 38 is not the definition of who is clergy and who is lay. That's what we just tabled again. We do not vote to change . . . Do not vote this change down because you disagree with how we might or might not define clergy members. This change in Par. 38 will give all clergy members the right to vote for and be clergy delegates, as long as they have been in that category for 4 years. Just as Par. 39 now gives all lay members the right to vote for and to be lay delegates. It is past time for this change. We can no longer say that only a certain privileged class of clergy may vote for and be a clergy delegate. We become elitist and unjust when we as lay, and clergy in full connection, and traveling preachers continue the injustice of denying the basic right to vote and to be represented at General, Jurisdictional, or Central Conferences, to some of our brothers defined as clergy members who do the same job that we do as ordained clergy. I urge your support of this amendment.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, someone who is against? Over here.

J. TOM SOFGE JR. (Florida): Tom Sofge?

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, no. 1, yes.

SOFGE: Bishop, I suppose it's ancient history, but when I first came into the annual conference in the early 1950's, probationers were not allowed, for a period of time--several years, to even observe the sacraments in their local church. It was done at a time I thought was punishment, however, a number of people who had stalled in their ministerial training, and were satisfied to sit on the sidelines as local pastors found out that it was better to go ahead and finish their education and get qualified in the annual conference. And we had a number of people who moved into the stages toward what we call now, full connection. I think there's some point at which we ought to say that there are some moving points that keep us on the way in our training. There are a number of people who would be satisfied to stop where they are and not make any movement. One of the reasons for insisting on course of study preparation for persons who are local pastors and moving toward associate membership, is to remind us that there is a constant training involved in becoming a pastor and serving a local church. I feel that we are moving backward with this kind of motion, because we are not giving a lot of people the incentive to move on to the highest quality of ministry that they can perform on the basis of their abilities.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, someone who is against. Over here. Front row, right here.

Front row, Oh is it for? Yes, for, that's right, yes. For, are you for it? Microphone 5.

WILLIAM CROUCH (North Texas): I think that this, you might interpret this one way or the other, but it's really a question that I think needs to . . . .

BISHOP TALBERT: Give your name please, identify yourself.

BILL CROUCH: I'm sorry, sir. Bill Crouch, North Texas Conference. The previous statement here suggesting that it is not important that we know how one defines clergy member, I think, is that we at least ought to have the information how the *Discipline* presently defines clergy member. For example, I think it is the case that part-time local pastors and student local pastors are defined as lay persons, presently. That's a point of information, you may interpret it as a speech for or against.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, are you for or against? You have an action, motion, OK. I recorded you "against" over here. Yes. No. 4.

TED WALTER (South Carolina): This on p. 1087, this amended par. 38, that we're considering. I'd like to move that in the sixth line restore the words "traveling preacher", and delete "clergy members". That's in line 6, restore the words "traveling preachers", and delete "clergy members".

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, OK, let's go now. Let's hear your amendment again.

WALTER: It's line 6, restoring the words "traveling preachers" and deleting the words "clergy members", as in the petition on p. 1087.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Is that seconded? All right, it's before you.

WALTER: This, I think, will clarify the matter of probationary and associate members being eligible for election to general and jurisdictional conference. Probationary members could be persons who are in the 2nd year in seminary, and experience, and I think, in the local church, is an essential item to be, I think, helpful to a general and jurisdictional conference. This would also, by maintaining the other language, allow these persons to vote in the annual conference as indicated in par. 701 and suggested amendments. But this would limit the persons who could be elected to members who are other than probationary and those who are associate members. This is based on the interpretation in "Judicial Decision 537" as defining what "traveling preachers" means.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, that's before us. Back here, microphone no. 12.

SAM WYNN (North Carolina): Bishop, I would like to refer this to the Board of Higher Education, Division of Chaplaincy and Ministry. I feel very uncomfortable voting at this point in time because I am not sure of the implications of this.

BISHOP TALBERT: Let's see if that's seconded. Is it seconded? All right. Now you may speak to it.

WYNN: I'm not sure of the implications of this, and I don't think we fully understand this. And so I would move that we refer this for study and for it to be reported back the 1996 General Conference.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. What's before us now is the motion of reference. All right, back here. Wait a minute, wait. I recognized the lady in blue, the delegate in blue. No. 11.

CARLEN BLACKSTONE (Eastern Pennsylvania): I don't have the same expertise. But, in all due respect, I think what we're dealing with right here is a question of elitism. It's the same type of situation as those of you that have doctorates decide that it's so difficult to get a doctorate that you don't want anybody else to get there. And those of us that are laity don't have any disillusionment about the hierarchy.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, are you on the reference? [Referral]

BLACKSTONE: Yes.

BISHOP TALBERT: You're against reference?

BLACKSTONE: Yes, I'm against the reference.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right.

BLACKSTONE: I'm against the reference because I think we can deal with that right here. But can I speak to that?

BISHOP TALBERT: Go ahead.

BLACKSTONE: Those of us that are laity do not have any disillusionment about the heirarchy of clergy. We spent 2 1/2 hours on this issue last night and got muddled up on that same type of terminology. The ministry study attempted to eliminate much of that heirarchy and to see all ordained pastors and ordained clergy as significant to ministry, regardless of their credentials. This is an important step. I support the fact that we should not refer this and that we should allow all clergy members the same type of relationship to ministry and to issues that face our conferences.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, right here, microphone 3.

DON HAYNES (Western North Carolina): I respectfully disagree with the delegate from Eastern Pennsylvania. I'm speaking in favor of referral. It isn't a matter of elitism. It's a matter of ordination and license. Deacons and elders are ordained to tasks and until those credentials are surrendered they're with us. License for a local pastor can be acquired with a minimal amount of preparation and can be revoked at any time with just, even if they're not needed for an appointment. I am very much in favor of referral.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is there someone against referral? Over here, far right, over here.

TOM BOLLER (Yellowstone): Tom Boller, Yellowstone Conference. Bishop, I'm against referral because what we are seeing here is another political power play that we've been involved in in many instances over the last couple of days, dealing with issues of justice and human rights for a variety of individuals. It's time that we brought this before us, dealt with it honestly, and we're honest with ourselves, that we should not be limiting voting rights to any human being.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, I have 2 and 2 on this matter. Now, we're ready to vote on this. Do you have a question or anything, is that what you have back here? All right, to refer is before us. We have to vote on that. Substitute motion is not in order. All right. Yes, there's amendment to the motion to refer, if that's what you want to do. No. 4.

BILL LAWRENCE (Wyoming): Bill Lawrence, Wyoming Conference. Bishop, I would like to offer an amendment to the motion to refer. My amendment would be to make the body to which it is referred the Council of Bishops. If there's a second I wish to speak to is.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, it's seconded.

LAWRENCE: My offer of the amendment on the matter of referral would simply be to put this issue in the same house within the church where all the other matters which we referred last night will also be lodged. It will allow the bishops to address this issue with integrity in the larger context of all the matters.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is there someone against that? All right, right here. Microphone 8.

WANDA EICHLER (Detroit): I rise to speak against the referral. We, my friends, are standing on the shoulders of some new historical understandings here. I don't want to see the traveling preacher language leave, either. I'm the daughter of a traveling preacher, granddaughter, grand niece, all those kinds of things. But we have heard that it is time to turn, my friends, and it is time to look at some new understandings of what ministry might be. We can do that tonight by taking a look at our Constitution, by providing some new kinds of understandings of who the clergy members of the annual conferences are. I joined Barbara Sheldon on that task force on the small membership church, and from the valleys of the Rio Grande to the heartland towns to the barrios of the cities. We heard part time pastors, part time local pastors, and full time local pastors tell of the pain that it is, to not be included. I know of local pastors who are not even invited to clergy meetings in their area. It's time that we really take a strong and critical look at that, and we can do that tonight in an orderly and loving way, and I urge you to not refer.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, somebody for referral? Right here? Of the amendment? That's support of the amendment to the reference? Microphone 2.

STEVE FOSTER (Wisconsin): Bishop, with due respect, I think the house may be ready for this. I would move that we suspend the rules to vote on all that is before us in this matter.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is that seconded? All right. If you would suspend the rules in order that you might vote on all that is before us, you will vote "yes." If you do not want to do that, you will vote "no." Let's vote when the light appears.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, you've suspended the rules and you're ready to vote. What's before us now is, I'm sorry, can you give me that frame again, or did it go? "Yes," 869; "No," 70. You have suspended the rules. All right, let's go then. What's before us is the amendment to the reference. All right? Is that clear, you know what that is, or you want it read? All right, let's hear it. Is that up front? It's referred to the Council of

Bishops. Is that clear enough for you? If you support that amendment to the reference, you vote "yes." If you do not, vote no. Vote when the light appears. ("Yes," 590; "No," 361). All right, you have voted to amend it, so that reference, the motion to refer, has been amended is before you. If you are ready on that one, you will vote "yes," if you are not, you will vote "no." Vote when the light appears. You have supported the motion to refer as amended. "Yes," 599; "No," 339. So this matter is referred. All right, it's now 5 minutes or 3 minutes to 10. I think this is about it for tonight. Thank you very much. We'll stop at this point, and we'll have the agenda? Is that who it is? All right.

DONALD A. OTT (Wisconsin): Bishop Talbert and members of the conference.

(Calendar Item No. 321 Referred to Council of Bishops)

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, will the conference be in order? Let me just raise an issue here. The matter that was before us just before that, it was called to my attention, is related, and it was suggested that you may want to put that item with this item that we just referred as well. And I don't know how the house feels about that, and if you wanted to see what that issue is and refer it, we could take that and maybe that would finish all of that, Vance? The item that was before us that we were in the middle of debating, that we set aside. It has similar kinds of concerns. 321. Yes.

SUMMERS: Yes, Bishop.

BISHOP TALBERT: And the question is, maybe the house, since the debate was similar and the issues are the same, a motion of reference may be in order there, and I would be willing to try that if the house is ready to do it. Over here. All right? Yes, I recognize you, microphone no. 4.

JERRY JAY SMITH (Southwest Texas): I'd like to move referral of that Item 321 to the Council of Bishops.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, that's seconded. Any discussion of this? Yes, mike right here. Microphone no. 3.

DALE L. FOOSHEE (Kansas East): This morning we heard a discussion of pigs, paradigms, and possibilities. As of the moment, we are in paradigm paralysis. Therefore, I speak against this referral.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, is there . . . yes? Microphone no. 8, no. 3, that's fine. You speaking for?

BOB W. PARROTT (Texas): I would vote that we close this debate and vote now.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, let me just see . . .

PARROTT: Previous question.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. If you are ready for the previous question on this, you will vote "yes." If you are not, you will vote "no." Vote when the light appears. All right, you are ready. "Yes," 794; "No," 120. The previous question is before us. And what'a before us now is the matter of reference, and if you will support reference, you will say "yes," if you do not, you will vote "no." Vote when the light appears. You have referred, "Yes," 684; "No," 243. It is referred. Now, let's come back to agenda. You wanted a closing word before you leave? Is that what you said?

SUMMERS: No, no.

BISHOP TALBERT: Thank you.

SUMMERS: Not at this point. Thank you, Bishop.

OTT: Your Agenda and Calendar Committee chairs are wanting to be optimistic, positive. It's difficult right now. We have important and heavy matters and waters to go through together. Let me tell you the broad scope of the agenda for tomorrow on a tentative basis. Charles Jordan will have a word to you with more specifics. We put before you an 8:30 a.m. gathering for worship. Bishop Ammons will be the preacher. At 9:00 we'll report to you the agenda for the day to set it, then Calendar Items all through the morning. A break, we hope. Report on Judicial Council decisions in the morning, or when they are ready. A noon recess, 12:30 noon recess until 2:00. Courtesies then, some introductions, Calendar Items in the afternoon. 5:30 to 7:30 dinner recess, worship concluding our time together beginning at 9:45, and adjournment at 10:00. Our plan will be to adjourn at 10:00. We have arrangements made to stop the clocks. Charles?

CHARLES JORDAN (Northern Illinois): Oh, brothers and sisters and Bishop. We have a lot to do. We have a whole lot to do. Tomorrow morning we will be dealing with Church and Society items related to the abortion Calendar Items. We also will be receiving a report back from the General Council on Finance and Administration. We have yet to have received some of the number of legislative items from General and Judicial Administration. And then there are a number of committees, legislative committees, we have only completed 3 legislative committees to date, only 3, only 3 have completed, so we have a number of items to do. I started not to tell you how many we have left, because I thought that might disturb your rest, and we want you to be really well-rested tonight for tomorrow, but I think we're going to have John Brawn give us an update.

JOHN BRAWN: A couple of times this last week I've had to tell you that I've made a mistake and explain it. It'a a pleasure for me tonight to tell you that you've made a mistake today, and to point it out to you. There are almost 2 or perhaps 3 items that were on the Special Consent Calendar that you failed to remove. The rest have been removed. If we look at all those that were removed plus all the ones that are printing tomorrow, plus all of those that have been printed already, and not dealt with, we total 500 Calendar Items yet to deal with tomorrow. I don't know what else to tell you, we're going to be busy and it's going to be fun. It's been a pleasure to serve you.

BISHOP TALBERT: We are prepared to hear from the presiding officers, but the Judicial Council has just rendered a decision. Do you want to hear that tonight?

DELEGATES: Yes.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right, then the secretary will share that with us. I think you need to share what we need to know, and I can't . . .

(Judicial Council Decision No. 673 Reported)

MARSHALL: Decision No. 673, regarding the legality of General Conference instructions to the General Council on Finance and Administration to prepare a proposed budget within specified limits. Digest: the General Conference cannot legally impose a limit on the General Council on Finance and Administration quadrennial budget recommendations to the General Conference. Any change must be done by established legislative processes. Do you want the statement of facts and analysis read?

BISHOP TALBERT: I think what you're saying is, that the effort to put a cap on it prior to the GCFA making its report is not possible.

MARSHALL: That's right.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. I think that's all we need to know. All right, we move now to, I think, presiding officers?

J. ALLEN NORRIS (North Carolina): Bishop Talbert, with the naming of our presiding Bishops for Friday, May 15, the Presiding Officers Committee completes its work for this General Conference. We again express appreciation for the leadership that has been provided us in our deliberations and wish to commend those who have guided us. The committee has met daily, and has shown real knowledge of our bishops and their presiding skills. And I am grateful to the committee members for their diligence in this work. Certainly there are many additional bishops that we could have selected and they would have done quite well in presiding for us; we simply could not choose them all. Let me say now that our presiding bishops for tomorrow will be: for the morning session, Bishop Leroy C. Hodapp of the Indiana Area; for the afternoon session, Bishop Robert C. Morgan of the Mississippi Area; and for the evening session, Bishop Jack Tuell of the Los Angeles area.

BISHOP TALBERT: We now listen to the secretary for announcements.

MARSHALL: 1st, the General Conference Treasurer's Office will close at 2 p.m. tomorrow. 2nd, the officers of the Council of Bishops and the Council of Bishops Nominating Committee will meet after this session in room 109. And then to end on an upbeat, celebrative note, announced with joy, the Albany Area challenge will be adding over $1,800 to the Los Angeles Advance total already announced, and $1,800 will be given to Louisville United Against Hunger. Thanks to all who supported the challenge.

BISHOP TALBERT: All right. Let me express my thanks to my backups here tonight for supporting me, Jack Tuell and Felton May, colleague bishops; and to you for your tremendous gratitude, I mean for your support of me in this chair. Thank you so much. I recognize the person at microphone no. 9.

MARVIN B. ABRAMS (California-Pacific): Bishop, I rise for a moment of personal privilege. I wanted to . . . many people have expressed to me their condolences and I just want everyone to know that we, my family and I, we truly appreciate that. All of the support and the prayers that persons have shared with us. One of the most meaningful things that happened to us before we left on Saturday morning, the night before, there was a gathering of persons who came together. Persons, not just tribal persons, many of our Native American brothers and sisters were there, but there were other people who came and shared with us in prayer and in song. For me that was truly a high moment in this General Conference, and I want to express to everyone our gratitude and also to say that tonight there will also be another time for prayer and singing for all members, for all of our church family. I understand we'll be gathering over here to the right of the podium. I would invite you to come and share. Thank you very much.

BISHOP TALBERT: Thank you, and would you identify yourself for the record?

MARV ABRAMS: Marv Abrams, California-Pacific Annual Conference.

BISHOP TALBERT: Thank you very much. We come to the close of this evening, and I have asked a real colleague of mine, he's assistant to me as Secretary of the Council of Bishops, and we have had to go through a lot of things together, and you know him well, H. Ellis Finger, to give us the closing prayer for the evening.

BISHOP H. ELLIS FINGER:

(benediction)

Friday Morning
May 15, 1992

Bishop LeRoy Hodapp, presiding

DON OTT (Wisconsin): I expect that you do not need to be reminded that today is Friday, May 15. You may be interested to know that we have approximately 500 minutes less than 9 hours of plenary discussion time yet available to us. I would like to tell you that as you think about the closing of the conference, if you have comments or suggestions to make, that those be channeled to the Rules Committee or to the Conference Secretary for the benefit of 1996. It has been the desire of your Agenda Committee to suggest to you these days what we believe to be the nature of leadership. We've tried to model it. To set direction, to remove obstacles, to keep all focused, to establish a tone, and to encourage.

Today is my recently deceased father's birthday. He, for a long time in my life, suggested that, in weighty matters, I sleep on it. I worry now that, in this conference, we no longer have that luxury. We have no tomorrow. Not everything can be said; not everything needs to be said; not everything is helpful to say. Allow your leaders to lead. Work with the chairpersons assigned. And know the options open to you. The time can be extended, but we hope not long. You can suspend rules. You can move previous questions. You can limit debate. It's okay not to answer every matter. And it is possible, and probably will be necessary, for referrals, for careful priority setting, for omnibus motions, and to leave some things unfinished.

The agenda that we would move for today, Bishop, is that which is printed on the front page on today's *DCA*, with one addition. Immediately following my report this morning, two minutes for the Courtesies and Privileges Committees. I would have one last comment after we adopt the agenda. I would move it.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, you've heard the agenda. If you'll adopt it, will you lift a hand? Opposed the same sign. It is adopted. You have another word?

OTT: Yes, we have one more Bible verse for you. 1 Samuel 11:9: *"Thus you shall say to the man of Jabesh-gilead: Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you shall have deliverance".*

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. I recognize the chairperson of the Courtesies Committee. Will you give your name and conference?

PHYLLIS FERGUSON (Pacific Northwest): I'd like to call on Henning Bjerno, from Denmark.

(Northern European Bishops Introduced by Danish Delegate)

HENNING BJERNO (Denmark): Bishops and other friends of the General Conference. I have a greetings to you from Europe. Here's the Danish flag. Can there be a better one from a Christian country--the white cross on the blood-red ground. The story tells that this flag fell down from the heaven in 1219, when the Danes were in fight with the Russians. Story tells, after that, the

Danes won. Today Estonia is not a part of Denmark. And it is not a part of the Soviet Union. And today the Estonians are a part of The United Methodist Church of Northern Europe. In the Northern Europe, we have lived through the last 70 years in fear. We have lived as neighbors to the former Soviet Union in fear, and in hope. Thanks to Gorbachev, and to the evolution over there, the Christians, again, can gather openly. So can the people in the existing congregations of Methodists. And the Committee on Episcopacy, which I chair, has followed the great work of 4 bishops, in Europe has done by visiting the former Soviet Union. And it was with great enthusiasm we sent the proposal to the Bishops' Council--that we from Europe want to take part of the responsibility for the work in the new land.

I will ask the General Conference to recognize the European Bishops when they come here to stay aside with the chair. First, Hans Vaexby from Northern Europe. Then Walther Klaiber from the former West Germany. Heinrich Bolletter from Southern Europe cannot be with us today. And last, but not least, Rudiger Minor from the former East Germany Conference, who now has the responsibility to establish the new Bishops' Office in Moscow--and still to travel by air and jeep 10,000's of kilometers. In Northern Europe, where we have prepared this process together with our friends and the other central conferences, we are looking forward to elect a new Bishop to Russia, in April next. Now, will you help me to give an applause to thank the Bishops, and especially to wish Rudiger Minor all the best. God's blessing over his work and his service.

BISHOP HODAPP: I'll call next on Charles Jordan to bring us the report of the calendar committee and call up Calendar Items.

CHARLES JORDAN (Northern Illinois): Bishop Hodapp and sisters and brothers, I would call your attention to p. 524 for Consent Calendar No. 6. And again, I would refer you to p. 609 for the removals from that Consent Calendar. You may recall on yesterday, that there was passed out to you a special Consent Calendar A. That is found on p. 610, and also below that are listed the removals from that special Consent Calendar. And so today, we would move adoption of the both of those Consent Calendars with the removals for correction. The correction with the removals.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, I see cards back, I think it would be microphone 13.

JUDY McCARTNEY (East Ohio): I move to suspend the rules in order to make an enabling motion regarding items lifted from today's Consent Calendar.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, you hear the motion to suspend the rules. If you will suspend them for this purpose, will you lift the hand? Opposed, the same sign. It's clearly 2/3. You may proceed.

McCARTNEY: I move that the 24 items lifted from today's Consent Calendar, p. 610 in today's *DCA* be put to the body in serial fashion to be tested with no debate by electronic vote and requiring at least 1/3 of the body's affirmative vote to come to the floor. With a second, I desire to speak to this.

BISHOP HODAPP: It is seconded.

(Motion to Speed the Conference Work)

McCARTNEY: 24 items have been lifted from that Consent Calendar, and we heard last night that this day we are faced with an incredible work load of 500 Calendar Items, and "Work for the Night is Coming" is the tune we sing. Last evening we spent 28 minutes on 1 item which had been lifted from the calendar, an item which had come out of legislative committee with little dissent and in the end the legislative committee was sustained by the conference. As few as 10 persons are able to tie up this house for tens of minutes at a time. The process I am suggesting is to name each item lifted from today's Consent Calendar by number and title. Ask the delegates to vote electronically in order to ascertain how great is the need to debate the item. I have moved that 1/3 of the body must consent. It is important to conserve the time of this body for those matters in which there was significant division in the legislative committee and likely to be on the floor. Past action has shown us that we can trust the will of a committee, which is usually sustained.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. You have heard this motion and it will take a 2/3 vote to sustain it, but I see a lot of questions here. Let's go right down here to microphone 7.

JOHN CORSON (California-Nevada): A question. If there is 1 particular item that I wish to lift from this motion, is a motion to amend appropriate at this time, Bishop?

BISHOP HODAPP: To amend her motion?

CORSON: Yes.

BISHOP HODAPP: No, I think her motion is rather clear. It would take a 1/3 vote to lift one off.

CORSON: So, the that item that I wish to lift will require a 1/3 vote.

BISHOP HODAPP: That's her motion.

CORSON: Thank you Bishop.

BISHOP HODAPP: Anybody else? Are we ready to vote? All right, back here in the center. Microphone 3 or 8, which way are you going? 13.

FRANK TROTTER (Baltimore): I would like to ask a question. Will we have a chance, as each of these are presented, to make the case to the body, at least briefly, about the cases for lifting it?

BISHOP HODAPP: Her motion said without any debate or comment.

TROTTER: I would like to speak against the motion, then.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right.

(Support for Debating Calendar Item No. 1518)

TROTTER: Especially with regard to Calendar Item No. 1518, which significantly affects the membership of the General Conference. I would ask the body to please look at this. There are significant issues that need to be before the body, and if we move quickly we will do great harm to the whole body of Christ.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. I have 1 speech for and 1 against. Right back here. Microphone 13 again.

DON MESSER (Rocky Mountain): I want to speak against the proposal to adopt the Calendar Items without debate.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right.

MESSER: As has been pointed out by our previous speaker, this Item 1518 is a major proposal that has never faced any kind of public scrutiny or debate. It is of crucial importance to this conference to determine its own membership, and the historic formula is being changed by this action. Just to alert you if you've not known, it actually reduces the Western Jurisdiction membership

by 23%, so that there would be only 52 delegates. It radically transforms us into a regional church from a global church. Contrary to the intent of the first speaker who indicated that there was very little to be debated on these issues, we need to realize that this is a major issue that has been passed 11:30 last Saturday night and has repeatedly come before us but never gotten to the floor, and now without debate it would cause great change in all our jurisdictions and affect the nature of the church. So I urge you not to agree to having no debate on these issues.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. We can have 1 speech for the amendment. Way back here, Microphone No. 11.

CARLEN BLACKSTONE (Eastern Pennsylvania): I think the speech has already been made on 1518, so I am in favor of the amendment. But I would like to modify that slightly because my understanding was that the Consent Calendar should not include items that have minority reports, and 546 and 1570 are in that category, and I would like them to be removed from this motion and I would be wholeheartedly in favor of it.

BISHOP HODAPP: Just a moment. The 2 that you mentioned have already been lifted, I am informed. All right, we are ready to vote now, we have had "For," 2; "No," 2. If you will support this motion, will you vote when the light appears, or "for" or "against". It will take a 2/3 vote. And it is 2/3. "Yes," 636; "No," 294. And it is sustained. Now, I assume that called upon us to do that right now.

DAVID STANLEY (Iowa): Bishop, if I may. . . .

BISHOP HODAPP: Yes, point of order, microphone 13.

STANLEY: I raise the same point that was raised just a moment ago on at least 2 more items that are on the list stricken from the Consent Calendar that I assume we are to vote on under this motion. No. 1364 and No. 1570 both have minority reports and therefore should not have been put on this special Consent Calendar in the first place.

BISHOP HODAPP: Do you want to speak to that?

BRAWN: Yes, if I may. Unfortunately, not anticipating this motion, the numbers that you see lifted from this Consent Calendar include both those that were found to be technically not able to be on the Consent Calendar, but we listed them as lifted because you had in your hands yesterday those numbers on the Consent Calendar, as well as those where 5 delegates signed a form. So if I can clarify Calendar Items 546, 1364, and 1570 were removed by the staff for technical reasons, the primarily minority report. The others were removed by signature of delegates from the floor, and I would assume that the motion earlier has to do only with those removed by delegate signature.

BISHOP HODAPP: Is that the intent of the motion that was made at microphone 13? That will affect these 3.

STANLEY: That's my understanding Bishop, of the intent. Could we have the numbers read again that will not be now submitted to us because they were removed since there was a minority report and they were not subject to the Consent Calendar.?

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, would you read the numbers again, please?

BRAWN: Calendar Nos. 546, 1364, 1570.

STANLEY: Thank you.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Let's hear from the maker of the motion. Microphone 13.

McCARTNEY: Yes, it was my intent, those removed by delegate signature.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Then I think we are ready for you to call those up and as I understand it we are to electronically vote after you get the number and the title, and it takes 1/3 to lift it.

JORDAN: The first item on that Consent Calendar is Calendar Item No. 84.

BISHOP HODAPP: Do you have a p. number?

JORDAN: No. I'm working. Page 172, I'm hearing.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. If you will vote when the light appears. Oh, I'm sorry. You didn't get the information yet. I'm sorry. OK, we'll give you time to take a look.

JORDAN: Calendar Item 84, p. 172. Calendar Item 84.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. We'll give you a moment to see it. Will you . . . can you read the title? Do you have that handy, Chuck?

JORDAN : The title is "The Transfer of Duties to Church in Society."

BISHOP HODAPP: All right.

JORDAN: At least that's the . . .

BISHOP HODAPP: Yes, I see the . . . Do you have a point of order here? Question? All right. Microphone No. 3.

SHARON HAUSMAN (West Ohio): I just have a question, Bishop. When we vote yes, what do we mean? When we vote no, what do we mean?

BISHOP HODAPP: If you vote yes, you are voting to lift it from the Consent Calendar; if you vote no, you are voting not to lift it. And it will take 1/3 to lift it. All right. Will you vote when the light appears--on this first one? The vote is 218, "Yes" and 682, "No"; and it is not lifted. Yes? Question. Microphone 14.

MAXIE DUNNAM (Memphis): Could we ask the presenter when he names the issue to also name the subject of the issue, because we don't have time to turn to the page? If he would just state succinctly what the issue is, it would help us.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, Chuck.

JORDAN: The next item is on p. 228, Calendar Item 111. The subject is "Peace with Justice as a Special Program."

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Will you vote when the light appears? The vote: "Yes," 151; "No," 723. It is not lifted.

JORDAN : The next item may be found on p. 230, Calendar Item 129. The subject matter is "World Service and Conference Benevolence."

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. You will vote when the light appears. Whoops. It disappeared. Can we have it back? The vote is "Yes," 158; "No," 745. It is not lifted.

JORDAN: Page 232, Calendar Item 156. The subject matter is "Support Relocating the General Board of Global Ministries."

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Will you vote when the light appears? The vote is "Yes," 167; "No," 758. It is not lifted.

JORDAN: The next item is on p. 234, Calendar Item 176. "The World Service Fund" is the subject.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Will you vote when the light appears? The vote is "For," 105; "Against," 830. It is not lifted.

JORDAN: The next item is found on p. 265, Calendar Item 321. That subject is "Clergy Membership of the Annual Conference."

BISHOP HODAPP: I'm told that's been referred.

JORDAN: It's been referred? Now wait a minute.

BISHOP HODAPP: 321. I understand it was referred to the Council of Bishops last night.

JORDAN: OK, all right, all right.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, go ahead with the next one, then.

JORDAN: The next one . . . I am trying to let my fingers do the walking, but they're not working very well. Page 273 is the the page no., and the Calendar Item is 411: "Drug Trafficking and Operations."

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, will you vote when the light appears? The vote is "For," 105; "Against," 833. It is not lifted.

JORDAN: Page 276, Calendar Item 449: "Proportional Payments of the Conference Board of Pensions."

BISHOP HODAPP: Yes? Point of order. Microphone No. 7.

RAUL B. ALEGRIA (California-Nevada): Item 449 has financial and legal implications for our denomination. I really encourage that it be lifted.

BISHOP HODAPP: That's a speech. I can rule you out of order, but you've already done it. So go ahead. Chuck? You've called it up--449?

JORDAN: Yes.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Vote when the light appears. "For," 203; "Against," 743. It's not lifted.

JORDAN: The next item is found on p. 282, Calendar Item 514. The subject is "Christian Marriage."

BISHOP HODAPP: May be a little hard to vote against that. All right. Will you vote when the light appears? The vote is "For," 102; "Against," 828. It is not lifted, but it's still intact.

JORDAN: The next item may be found on p. 283, Calendar Item 530: "Ecumenical Commitment."

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Will you vote when the light appears?

The vote is "For," 73; "Against," 855. It is not lifted.

JORDAN: And 546 was lifted. The next item, then, is found on p. 292, Calendar Item 618. Subject: "The Budget of the General Board of Global Ministries."

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Will you vote when the light appears? Vote is "For," 129; "Against," 802. It is not lifted.

JORDAN: The next item is found on p. 296, Calendar Item 656: "Churches and Covenant Communities."

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Will you vote when the light appears? Vote is "For," 70; "Against," 861. It is not lifted.

JORDAN: The next item is found on the same page, 296 Calendar Item 657: "Confession to Native Americans."

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Will you vote when the light appears? "For," 143; "Against," 788. It is not lifted.

JORDAN: The next item is found on p. 341, Calendar Item 830. Subject: "Boycott of Motion Pictures and TV Programs That Show Violence."

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Will you vote when the light appears? "For," 110; "Against," 821. It is not lifted.

JORDAN: The next item is found on p. 348, Calendar Item 900. Subject: Lay Preachers: Recognize and Utilize the Office of Lay Preachers.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Will you vote when the light appears? "For," 106; "Against," 817. It is not lifted.

JORDAN: The next item is found on p. 360, Calendar Item 1028. The subject is the "Report on the Referral Regarding the Size of General Agency Program Boards."

BISHOP HODAPP: Will you vote when the light appears? "For," 129; "Against," 808. It is not lifted.

JORDAN: The next item is found on p. 456, Calendar Item 1341. Subject: "A Call for Increased Commitment to End World Hunger and Poverty."

BISHOP HODAPP: I'm giving you just a moment. When we jump a lot of pages, it takes you a little more time to find it. And I'm sure what you're trying to see is what was the legislative committee vote. Will you vote when the light appears? "For," 77; "Against," 824. It is not lifted.

JORDAN: Item 1364 has been lifted. We now move to p. 467 for Calendar Item 1418: the "Establishment of a General Board of Evangelism."

BISHOP HODAPP: Point of order. Is there a minority report on that item? Should that have been lifted?

JORDAN: There's a minority report on that item. All right.

BISHOP HODAPP: Indication is that it should have been automatically lifted, and we'll consider it so.

JORDAN: Then the next item is found on p. 525, Calendar Item 1518: "Composition of the Voting Membership of General Conference."

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Will you vote when the light appears? "For," 573; "Against," 348. It is lifted.

JORDAN: The next item is found on p. 526, Calendar Item 1526: the Number of Bishops in Central Conferences and in Jurisdictions."

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Yes? Point of order. Microphone 7 or 12; we'll see which one you prefer. Microphone 12.

THOMAS W. FLINN (Baltimore): Bishop, I just want to voice my concern on how we're doing this. There are . . . I know what has been said before, but this has been my--maybe I've been coming to General Conferences too long--but this has been my 4th General Conference. And I'm very concerned on how some of these petitions are being handled. And this particular petition that we're talking about right now, 1526 . . .

BISHOP HODAPP: No, you're arguing now, I think.

FLINN: OK. Well, I'm not arguing, but I'd just like to voice my concern to the body. And I wish they would look at these petitions very seriously and understand exactly what they're voting on because this is going to affect each and every 1 of us. Thank you very much.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. I hope that everyone will do that also. Have we voted on this one yet? All right. Please vote when the light appears. Vote is "For," 320; "Against," 620. It is lifted. It does have 1/3.

JORDAN: The next item is found on p. 529.

BISHOP HODAPP: I said it was lifted. It was 1/3.

JORDAN: 529, Calendar Item 1562: the "Web of Apartheid, South Africa, and the Destabilization of Its Neighbors."

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Will you vote when the light appears? "For," 102; "Against," 835. It is not lifted.

JORDAN: The final item has been lifted, 1570. And this concludes the list.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Then you may proceed with other calendar items.

JORDAN: We still need to have an acceptance adoption of the calendar--of the Consent Calendar. We haven't done that yet.

BISHOP HODAPP: Oh, all right. The calendar is before you. If you will adopt

it, will you lift a hand? Opposed, the same sign. It clearly is adopted.

JORDAN: I thank you very much, Bishop and sisters and brothers. We will begin this day . . . this a day of challenge and promise for us. There's much to be done, and I would hope that at the end of this day perhaps we could utter in response to this day of challenge and promise a paraphrase of those words of a great ancient general: "We came, we saw, and we concurred." Now let us move, then, to our items for this day. Church and Society, with James Lawson; followed by a presentation from the General Council on Finance and Administration; followed by General and Judicial Administration, with Walter Kimbrough as chair; and then conferences with Vance Summers.

BISHOP HODAPP: Yes? Microphone No. 8.

ALMA B. EDWARDS (Detroit): Before we begin our calendar for today, I would like to raise a point of information.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right.

EDWARDS: In the *DCA* for today, it is indicated that the sales booth will close at 2:30. It further indicated that the sermon for today would be available after 3. Could we be instructed as to where we may pick it up?

BISHOP HODAPP: Who can respond to that? Well, we'll see if we can get an answer. We won't take time to get it right at this moment, but we will see if we can get it. All right. Microphone No. 7.

(Clean-Up Motion Made and Approved)

VICTOR W. GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): I would like to propose a cleanup motion, which normally is done at 10 p.m., but we are alert now. Move that the Committee on Correlation and Editorial Revision be requested to harmonize any conflicting legislation that has been approved, and that any petitions requesting disciplinary changes and not in the Consent Calendar and not acted upon by the time of adjournment be referred to the corresponding agency or agencies. If there's a 2nd, I will comment on that.

BISHOP HODAPP: It is seconded.

GOLDSCHMIDT: The only purpose here, I want to congratulate John Brawn and Chuck Jordan for the excellent job. But they are also human, and some of these may have fallen between the cracks. This just allows them to be sure that they don't die. And the 1st is something we should be doing anyhow. Thank you.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. This motion is in order. If you will support it, will you vote when the light appears? I'll get my language straight here. If you support it or are against it, both, you vote when the light appears. "For," 813; "Against," 72. It is passed. Jim Lawson?

JAMES LAWSON (California-Pacific): Bishop, I am chair of the Church and Society Legislative Committee, committee no. 1. This morning, as Charles Jordan has said, we intend to try to bring to you the 7 items from the committee in relationship to the issue of abortion. As you know, the committee was . . . the committee had many petitions from around the country on these matters. It is a matter of great concern to many of us. We are going to try to present these in an order that, we think, will help to facilitate the discussion and facilitate the process. We will begin with Calendar Item No. 1609 on p. 537. Page 537, No. 1609. The chairperson of the subcommittee that took all of those petitions was Phil Lawson of the Cal-Nevada Conference, and he will lead us off in this discussion. And then there is a minority report for No. 1609, Margaret Knight.

BISHOP HODAPP: Oh, you may need to know that this original petition is 136 in the red *DCA*. All right. Phil, go right ahead.

(Calendar Item No. 1609, Responsible Parenthood)

PHILLIP C. LAWSON (California-Nevada): Bishop, members of the General Conference, as noted we are dealing with Petition No. 10366, p. 537 of the *DCA*, Calendar Item 1609, p. 136 in your *Advanced DCA*. The subject is responsible parenthood. Let me share with you briefly the process by which the subcommittee, dealing with the issues of abortion and the multitude of petitions, attempted to go about doing their work. I, personally, found myself overwhelmed by the vast number of petitions, and I'm sure members of the subcommittee were also overwhelmed--not only by the number but by the intensity of the feelings of those who were participating on that subcommittee. And so, 1st of all, we begin to engage ourselves and invoke the Spirit in a period of prayer, seeking guidance, and, more importantly, seeking the very Resurrection power of the Lord Jesus.

And secondly, we divided up all of the many petitions on abortion into 5 reading groups. And each group had the responsibility of reading each and every petition carefully; deciding its level of priority; ranking them 1-5; and then, also following the command of this General Conference, looking at the petitions in light of the issues raised on the 1st day of the General Conference concerning the crisis in California but also across our nation.

The subcommittee spent 1 whole day with what was thought was the no. 1 priority, and that was par. 71G in *The Book of Discipline*. And in that day we began to share our concerns and our feelings with each other. Stories were told of ministries to those who were engaged in making that painful decision for abortion or to give birth. There were tears in the subcommittee as the delegate from Angola shared with us her ministries with women in a country where abortion is illegal. I shall never forget, personally, her words that the women there are the ones who are dying, not the men. And so we spoke of our feelings toward 1 another. We shared honestly. And, to me, an amazing thing began to happen. The subcommittee, I felt, began to develop a sense of community, a sense of unity, and personal understanding and respect--speaking and listening to one another. And a group would gather here of men and women, a group over here, beginning to try and work out compromises--sharing how can we best keep the balance, the fullness, of the statement the church must speak to itself as well as to the nation.

There was deep expression for the sanctity of the unborn, on the 1 hand, that makes us reluctant to support abortion; but, on the other hand, a deep concern for those persons--women who are struggling and engaging God in the decision regarding a non-acceptable pregnancy. A reflection of that community by the subcommittee was the fact that all of the petitions dealing with our no. 1 priority, par. 71G. We decided to retain the present language on the *Discipline* because we thought it was the most balanced and thoughtful, comprehensive, in terms of all of those concerned, both the unborn child and the

women who are engaged in the decision-making process.

And so that was our recommendation to this body: to retain par. 73G as is. And we were both proud and pleased that the General Conference passed that resolution with 1 amendment on the Consent Calendar. And the amendment also signified the desire to have balance, for the amendment called for the church to develop nurturing ministries to the conditions that create the necessity for abortions and people who have to struggle with that issue.

And secondly, called for the church to develop nurturing ministries to those persons who decide to terminate the pregnancy, on the 1 hand, and, on the other hand, those who decide to birth a child. Our 2nd priority was the petition that is before you: responsible parenthood, Petition No. 10366 in your *DCA*, p. 136. And the subcommittee recommended, then, to the full legislative committee--after looking clearly both at the petition and at the *Book of Resolutions*, p. 110 on responsible parenthood--decided to recommend to the legislative committee that the present language in the *Book of Resolutions*, p. 110, is the most balanced and thoughtful and comprehensive--caring for all of those who are concerned--that the church can reaffirm and speak to our nation and to our sisters and brothers in the local congregations. And so, the subcommittee recommended retaining the language found in the *Resolutions*, p. 110, responsible parenthood. And the legislative committee voted concurrence and submitted it today for your consideration.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Thank you very much. Now we'll hear the speaker for the minority report.

Will you give your name and conference, please?

(Responsible Parenthood Question Is Divided)

MARGARET F. KNIGHT (North Georgia): Bishop Hodapp, we're making 4 amendments. Could we ask that this question be divided?

BISHOP HODAPP: Yes. If you will support the division of the question, will you lift a hand. Opposed, the same sign. Well, if you'll support the division of the question to vote on them individually, will you vote when the light appears. "For" 437; "Against" 385. You have voted to divide the question.

KNIGHT: Thank you, bishop. The majority report is a resolution that is 16 years old. It has not been updated in the last 3 General Conferences. However, the *Discipline* has been update twice, reflecting our concern about the no. of abortions performed each year.

The '84 General Conference update said: "We recognize tragic conflicts of life with life that may justify abortion, and in such cases support the legal option of abortion under proper medical procedures." Further, the '88 General Conference update added the sentence, "We cannot affirm abortion as an acceptable means of birth control, and we unconditionally reject it as a means of gender selection."

In Item B, which refers to p. 111 in the *Book of Resolutions*, the minority report substitution of Item 7 recognizes these changes by the '84 and '88 General Conferences, bringing consistency to an outdated resolution. It states our support for legal, medically safe abortions, including economic assistance for those who need it. Item 7 also commits us to work for those changes in our society that would reduce the no. of abortions related to birth control or gender selection. 1.5 million abortions a year tell us that society needs the guidance of the church.

Item 8--the substitution on Item 9 affirms the sensitive issue of parental notification. The minority report also recognizes the necessity to insure that a minor can judicially bypass the consent requirement in cases of neglect and abuse or abuse. This brings the resolution into consistency with the *Discipline's* position that the family is the basic unit in society. The teaching of Jesus instructs us to "do unto others as we would have others do unto us." If your child were going to have an abortion, wouldn't you want to know?

The other 2 changes, items C and D, delete words not consistent with the actions of the '84 and '88 General Conferences. The 1973 Supreme Court decision has become identified with abortion on demand. It allows no regulation of abortion in the 1st trimester without restriction. Yet, our church has affirmed abortions only when there are tragic justifying conditions.

In the subcommittee, the responsible parenthood resolution passed that is before you. The Petition No. 10366, I believe, was in the legislative committee that a substitute of reverting to the old responsible parenthood was brought up and passed. So in subcommittee we did have support.

The changes proposed in this minority report, as you can see, will provide our church with the responsible parenthood resolution that is compassionate, informed, and consistent with our Social Principles and the *Discipline*. Please, support this minority report. Thank you.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right now, let's try and be clear. I hope I am. I hope I can help you. The responsible parenthood petition, which was on p. 136 of the red book, is the petition that was presented to the legislative committee. It had some deletions in the 1988 statement on responsible parenthood. The majority report puts all of those back, so the ones you see deleted are no longer deleted in the minority report. I mean in the majority report. The majority report is the 1988 statement intact. The minority report amends that in 4 different ways. Now, do you have any desire at all to perfect the majority report, which is the 1988 statement in the *Discipline*? I see none. Do you have desire to perfect the minority report? Yes, microphone . . . coming down here to 2. Microphone 2.

CHARLES PEARCE (Florida): I would like to perfect the majority report, sir. I didn't get here in time; may I?

BISHOP HODAPP: All right.

PEARCE: With . . . on p.138 of the *Advance Christian Advocate.*

BISHOP HODAPP: Yes.

PEARCE: At the very end of this statement, add a no. 17, which shall read, "during the 1993-96 quadrennium annual conference, and have their boards of ordained ministry shall make available a continuing educational program for its pastors, which shall focus on pastoral responses to the question of unplanned pregnancies, abortions, adoptions, and single parenthood. These continuing educational experiences shall include biblical, Wesleyan, historical, national, regional, and local responses to the above-named issues. They shall also concentrate on pastoral counseling to persons facing such crisis as well as identification of local resources, including church, community, and state agencies. And B, that was A, the B portion of that: each annual conference is mandated to investigate the feasibility

to establish prenatal and postnatal safe-havens to receive and care appropriately for pregnant women left without a home or other residential living facilities. Similar to a shalom zone for pregnant ladies."

Each expectant mother would receive ministerial and medical counseling services covering subjects, such as single parenthood; adoption, including legal procedures; abortion; child care; prenatal and postnatal care. This safe-haven would supply living accommodations prior to and immediately after birth or abortion procedure. A post-birth support program would be a part of the overall safe haven master plan, and I would like this program referred to General Board of Church and Society and General Board of Global Ministries, the Health and Welfare Department, for implementation. And then, I would like to speak for it very quickly.

BISHOP HODAPP: Yes. What's your point of order? Back here, microphone 7.

GRADY KNOWLES (California-Nevada): A point of inquiry. It appears that he's making an addition to the original petition 10366. But that's not the majority report. The majority report is the statement in the '88 *Book of Resolutions*.

BISHOP HODAPP: But that is this. At this point.

KNOWLES: No, he's amending the petition, which is not the majority report. The majority report is to retain the present statement in the *Book of Resolutions*.

BISHOP HODAPP: Well, as I understand it, the responsible parenthood statement is exactly as is printed in here with the deleted portion returned. Therefore, the 16 points, of which he is making a 17th, are in the responsible parenthood . . . well, just a minute, my backups now say they're . . . all right, all in the dark print was deleted. I appreciate your point of order. We were confused up here. All right, he then is adding simply an original statement. It would be no. 14, I'm told.

PEARCE: I'm sorry, I mis-numbered it, sir. Just very quickly. We have . . . there are groups of us on Church and Society who are trying to be a bridge between the pro-life and the pro-choice groups. And we feel like that the safe haven and the counseling for ministers would provide this bridge, so that 1 side says, "Don't have the child; have an abortion. The other side says, "Have the child," and then, in essence, forgets about what happens next. We have to do something for the woman who is pregnant and wants to keep her baby and go on and be a successful, happy person.

(Bishop Reminds Resolutions Can Not Mandate Annual Conference Action)

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Now let me make 1 comment. And this will be true of a couple of other things that are coming up. His statement mandated that annual conference do something. It's my understanding you cannot mandate in a resolution. You must do disciplinary legal action in order to mandate something. So, the annual conferences would have to be free, understanding if this passes, that it's the will of the General Conference, but they would not be mandated as they would if this were in the *Discipline* rather than in the *Book of Resolutions*. With that clarification, your motion is in order. Is there anyone who wants to speak to it? Yes, back, microphone 12. Back here.

DAVID B. QUEE (Sierra Leone): It is my desire to speak against the minority report.

BISHOP HODAPP: Well, we're speaking to this amendment right now.

QUEE: Yes.

BISHOP HODAPP: You . . . and we're also perfecting, so you will have time to speak to the minority and majority report later.

QUEE: Thank you.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Over here, microphone 1. Yes, go right ahead.

RON BRETSCH (North Central New York): I would urge defeat of this amendment. What my friend is trying to do in acting as a bridge, the subcommittee is calling to your attention, is done in Item 810, which we will get to later, where there are the 2 sentences which we add to 71G. Namely, "We call for the church to provide nurturing ministries to those persons who terminate a pregnancy. We encourage the church to provide nurturing ministries to those who give birth." This is on p. 339 of the blue book in 810. I think this similar purpose is served, and 810 comes to us with a vote of 85 in favor and 2 against. While I'm here, I would also like to state, in opposition to this amendment, that the subcommittee, which was self-selected, had a large number of members who were male Anglos.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, we've had a speech for and a speech against. Let's go back over here to microphone 9.

RAY BRANTON (Louisiana): I move to suspend the rules and order the previous question on all that is before us.

BISHOP HODAPP: Now, if you adopt this, you're going to suspend the rules, and, therefore, we will go to a direct vote on everything that'a before us on this. I want you to understand that. We will do no more perfecting because if you suspend the rules, we don't need to do that. All right. If you will suspend the rules for that purpose, will you vote when the light appears? Takes a 2/3 vote. Vote is "For," 710; "Against," 217. You have suspended the rules in order to vote. The first thing we will need to do is to vote on this amendment. If you will vote on the amendment, will you do so when the light appears? Oh, yes, all right. Cancel the voting. Cancel the voting. Thank you. Chair gets a right to speak on amendments.

LAWSON: We would urge that you uphold the action of the legislative committee on this matter of the responsible parenthood. We would hope that you have looked carefully at the resolution in the *Book of Resolutions*, because, yes, while it was 16 years ago that it was first voted, it, nevertheless, continues to offer the sort of balance that this church has tried to maintain throughout. Let me point out to you that this amendment would have us delete from our *Resolution*, "We support the legal right to abortion as established by the 1973 Supreme Court decision," so that we would, therefore, be cast in the level of not wanting to see, indeed, abortion outside the purview of the state in the sense that it offers the freedom of choice, the freedom of opportunity, the freedom to every person and every family in this matter.

The amendment would push us closer out of balance, would push us towards more trying to pretend that we are a pro-life denomination, which we are not and which we cannot be in this matter at this point. It is true that we say we are reluctant to endorse abortion, but I would say to us that we also say this in relationship to a number of other areas. For an example, the area of divorce. We recognize the tragic circumstances in matters of marriage in many different

ways. We are reluctant in our counseling and our understanding, but, at the same moment, we know that there are those human situations, those family situations, where, indeed, divorce is the best choice for husband and wife alike. In this matter we urge you not to sustain the minority report, but to uphold, rather, the report of the legislative committee.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Well, Jim, that was your final summary. We're on the amendment right now. All right. Yes? Microphone No. 2.

PEARCE: Bishop, my point of order is that my amendment didn't delete anything; it broadens the love that we can give to the mother and child.

BISHOP HODAPP: Well, we can't have any more debate now. I thought you had a point of order. All right. If you are ready on the amendment, will you vote when the light appears? The vote is "For," 240; "Against," 701. And the amendment is defeated. We now go to the 4 amendments to the minority report that are printed in your *DCA* on p. 537. And we voted to do them in order; therefore, the 1st one is no. A, which is a substitute for Item 9. Will you vote when the light appears? All right. Do you care to speak, Margaret?

KNIGHT: I would just like to remind you that this minority report is asking for no changes in the *Book of Discipline*. No changes. Par. 71D stays the same. The minority report is simply bring our *Book of Resolutions* toward consistency with what we have in the *Book of Discipline*. Act responsibly on responsible parenthood, and vote with integrity for the minority report. Thank you.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Jim, you want to speak to item A? Only the amendment. Item A.

LAWSON: Item A. This is simply not the case at all. The balance statement is in the *Book of Discipline* in the resolution that we are discussing on responsible parenthood. Let me say, secondly, that in this matter of paragraph of the substitute A, 1 of the fundamental reasons that minor, teen-age girls do not report to their parents is because of the high incidence, as some of you know, of abuse in the family--often sexual abuse, in which it is a relative in the family that has caused the pregnancy. We would like to insist that, indeed, that's 1 of the reasons why many teenagers do not talk to their parents about this matter. The other thing we would lift up is that we need, indeed, to work for a society where abortion becomes a minimal choice for many people because we have dealt with human sexuality in a different fashion. We say that if you vote for this minority report point A, you will push the church in the wrong direction--a direction we cannot afford to go if we would serve all of the constituency of the church or speak to the mind of the nation.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Amendment A . . . yes, point of order. No. 7.

(Vote Rejects Motion to Deny Chairpersons Final Statements)

MARK DORFF (New Mexico): I would like to ask for a ruling of the chair. I believe the body voted to call the previous question, and, thereby, to suspend debate. The chair is continuing to give to persons on the platform the right of speech and declaring those on the floor not to have the right of speech on the matters that are before us. I would like the chair to interpret what, in fact, we voted when we called the question to limit debate.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, we suspended the rules of debate, but we did not suspend the rule which gives the majority and minority chairpersons the right to a statement. Yes, microphone 7.

DORFF: May I then move, sir, that we suspend that rule as well?

BISHOP HODAPP: You may. All right, that's in order; it's not debatable takes it 2/3 vote. If you will suspend that rule, will you vote when the light appears. Vote is 549, "For"; 393, "Against." It is not a 2/3 vote. Now, we're ready to vote on Item A. You've heard the speeches of the 2 chairpersons. Will you vote when the light appears? 332, "For," 596, "Against." Item A is defeated. We turn to Item B. Again, the minority chairperson may make a statement.

KNIGHT: Item B states our support for legal, medically safe abortions, including economic assistance for those who need it. We're committed to working for the changes in our society that will bring this more in line with our *Book of Discipline*. Please vote for this amendment.

BISHOP HODAPP: Jim, do you desire to speak on B?

LAWSON: The argument we heard frequently in the legislative committee, was that we were updating the resolution to make it more consistent with paragraph 71F, G, rather. We disagree with that point of view. We would urge you not to vote for item B. We think the resolution as it stands in the *Discipline* is the better balance for the church.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, Item B is before you. Will you vote when the light appears? Vote is 345, "For"; 599, "Against." Item B is defeated, and do you care to speak from a minority view point on C?

KNIGHT: I say again, we're only making it more consistent with paragraph 71G, and we've already affirmed 71G. Please vote for Item C.

BISHOP HODAPP: Jim, do want to say anything? All right, the chair does not choose to do so. Item C is before you. Will you vote when the light appears? 292, "For;" 644, "Against." It is defeated. You care to speak on Item D. No. Jim, do you care to? All right, item D is before you. Will you vote when the light appears. The vote is 274, "For;" 668, "Against." The item is defeated. This means that, in the light of that, both the minority and the majority report are now identical. Therefore, I think if I hear no objection, I will simply put the vote on the report as it is identical in both places. If you will vote on that, will you do so when the light . . . , yes, microphone 4.

RICHARD PARKER (New York): Bishop, if I understand it correctly, the minority report is the North Georgia resolution changing the statement that's in the *Book of Resolutions*. And we have just voted "no" on some corrections to the North Georgia report.

BISHOP HODAPP: That's not my understanding from . . . Jim, do you want to speak to that? My understanding is that these amendments amended the statement in the *Discipline*.

LAWSON: In the *Book of Resolutions*.

BISHOP HODAPP: Yes, in the *Book of Resolutions*, I'm sorry.

LAWSON: The item 1609 simply calls for the continuation of the parent, responsible parenthood resolution, found on p. 110, of the 1988 *Book of Resolutions*. In the minority report was an effort then to amend that document.

BISHOP HODAPP: And we have defeated all the minority report, so they are the same. All right, if you will vote in support of the 1988 resolution, which is what's before us, will you do so when

the light appears? 800, "For;" 149, "Against." And it prevails. Now, we're a little bit past break time. It's now by my watch 10:30, let's try and be back by 10:40, if we can, please.

(Recess)

Take your seats, if you will, please. And while we are doing so, let's sing hymn no. 89: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee."

(hymn)

Our agenda for the day called for immediately after the break to hear a report of a Judicial Council decision. So if you will return to your seats quietly, I'm going to call on Carolyn Marshall to bring us that decision.

CAROLYN MARSHALL (General Conference Secretary): The decision of the Judicial Council in the matter referred, on mandatory participation in the health care plan UMCare, is . . .

BISHOP HODAPP: Just a moment. Could we have your attention, please? I think this is something you all really want to hear. So if you will just return quietly, we will listen to Carolyn.

(Judicial Council Decision on Legality of Mandatory Health Plan)

MARSHALL: All right. "The General Conference possesses the authority to adopt a health care plan which mandates participation by various members of annual, provisional, and missionary conferences, and others employed by United Methodist salary-paying units."

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Yes. Microphone 9.

CHARLES LIPPSE (Holston): May I just make an inquiry, please?

BISHOP HODAPP: Yes.

LIPPSE: The matter that has just been decided by the Judicial Council was preceded by an appeal in regard to the cap on finances, and there was permission for a hearing in regard to that one. The matter that they just ruled on, or just reported, was supported by less than 51% of the voting members of this General Conference. I want to ask if there was any hearing in regard to that matter? Did the Judicial Council invite anyone to a hearing?

BISHOP HODAPP: I have no answer to that. I think you will need to talk to a member of the Judicial Council to find an answer to that.

LIPPSE: Just a final word, then. If there wasn't, then the Judicial Council answers to no one, and apparently listens to no one, and I don't think that's fair.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Our order of business calls us now to return to the agenda items. Jim? Just a moment. Microphone No. 4.

(Motion to Assume Legislative Subcommittee Diverse Membership)

RICH NICODEMUS (New York): During the debate that we just concluded, there was a comment made that, because of the self-selection process, a sub-committee included only white males. I'm disturbed by that, but I also respect the right of the self-selection process. I believe we need to improve this process for the 1996 General Conference. And if it's appropriate, Bishop, I would like to offer a motion.

BISHOP HODAPP: Let's hear it.

NICODEMUS: I would move that this General Conference report to the Rules Committee for the 1996 General Conference that the concept of inclusiveness be monitored in all legislative sub-committees. If there is a second, I would like to speak to that.

BISHOP HODAPP: It is seconded.

NICODEMUS: I believe that, in all fairness, that all of our legislative subcommittees should include all persons and should not be restricted only to a choice of one particular category of persons; and, therefore, I would urge that this action be referred to and be monitored and, perhaps, be more equitably handled in the 1996 Conference. Thank you.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. This is a motion to refer to the Rules Committee the concern about diversity on all subcommittees. If you . . . yes? You want to speak to that? Microphone No. 4.

ROBERT SWEET (Southern New England): I think there may have been an inaccuracy in the beginning of that last statement. However, I'm rising for a point of order, and that is that I believe earlier in this conference we defeated a motion almost identical to that.

BISHOP HODAPP: Well, I'm not sure about that. If you did and you still want to do it, you can defeat this one. The motion to refer is before you. Will you vote when the light appears? The vote is "Yes," 277; "No," 437. It is not referred. Now, Jim Lawson.

LAWSON: Bishop, a member of our committee I do not think said "all white males." It was not . . . I think he was simply referring to the fact that it was a predominance of males in the abortion sub-committee. The next one is p. 272, no. 410. And Don Carver has lifted this from the Consent Calendar, and is to present the minority report. It is Calendar Item 410, p. 272, Petition No. 10568, *DCA* p. 125. And we voted concurrence with 1 amendment. We voted concurrence: 87 for, 3 against. And you see that amendment in line 11 in col. 3 on p. 272. And I move concurrence for no. 410.

BISHOP HODAPP: What did Carver want to speak to?

LAWSON: There is a minority report on line 11 that changes line 11. Line 11 . . . I will just read it quickly then. "Christian parents and guardians in the church have the responsibility to ensure that children receive sexual education consistent with Christian morality, including faithfulness in marriage and abstinence in singleness." And I think the minority report wants to delete . . . end that line with "Christian morality," deleting "including faithfulness in marriage and abstinence in singleness."

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Is this a minority report?

I think this is more an amendment than a minority report. Who wants to speak to the amendment? I heard it was lifted so that Don Carver could. Is he here? All right, Microphone No. 13.

MERLIN J. ACKERSON (Iowa): Bishop Hodapp, Merlin Ackerson, Iowa Conference. Don Carver had to go home earlier in the week, so he is not here, because of a family situation. Actually, it was the birth of his first grand-child.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Is there anyone who wants to make a motion that this amendment be included? Microphone No. 8.

SUSAN D. SHERBROOKE (Pacific Northwest): I would make the amendment that is reflected in the minority report and if I have a second, I will speak to it.

BISHOP HODAPP: You may. It is seconded.

SHERBROOKE: The words including "faithfulness in marriage and abstinence in singleness" are redundant. The last I checked, those are already Christian values. When we give them prominence, we unintentionally

give lesser weight to other Christian values commonly associated with personal relationships, such as mutuality, equality, respect and noncoercion. When it exalts faithfulness in marriage at the expense of these other equally Christian values, the church supports traditions and habits of thought that have kept women in abusive marriages. I am sure that this General Conference doesn't want to do that. Therefore, I would support the minority proposal.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Is there someone who wants to speak against this amendment? Down here in front. Microphone 4.

GREG D. STOVER (West Ohio): I would like to speak against the minority report and against the deletion of the language about faithfulness in marriage and celibacy in singleness. I have 3 young sons. They're age 13, 11, and 9. I hope that those young sons will grow up understanding Christian principles with regard to sexual relationships, and I would like to see my church very plainly stating what I believe are the scriptural principles that call us to keep the sexual relationship within marriage. I hope we will retain this language.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, that is 1 for and 1 against. Anyone else want to speak to this? If not, will you please vote on this ammendment when the light appears? "Yes," 285; "No," 563. The amendment is defeated, and we are now back on the recommendation of the committee with the amendments they have made to it. Any one else want to speak to that at all? If not, when you are ready, will you vote when the light appears on the full report of the committee? "Yes," 805; "No," 48. It is sustained. Jim?

(Calendar Item No. 408; Non-Support for Unrestricted Abortion)

LAWSON: On the same page, No. 408 which is Petition No. 12299. You will find it in *DCA*, the second volume, rather, of *DCA* no. 1020, Calendar Item 408, same page. It was lifted from Consent Calendar. The legislative committee voted non concurrence, 88 to 7, non concurrence. It is non-support for unrestricted abortions. We did not feel that The United Methodist Church in any way is talking about unrestricted abortions.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Does anyone want to speak to this? If not, the motion is non concurrence. If you support the committee in that, you vote yes, if not, you vote no. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 790; "No," 96. The committee's non concurrence is supported.

LAWSON: Page 274, no. 426 Calendar Item. 274, Calendar Item 426. Petition is 10291, found in *DCA*, p. 134. The committee voted non concurrence, 75-9. This petition called for the incorporation of the Durham Declaration into the United Methodist's church's postion and *Discipline*.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. The motion is of the committee for non concurrence. Is there anyone who wants to speak to it? If not, will you vote when the light appears? Yes is support of non concurrence; no is not. "Yes," 743; "No," 142; the non currence of the committee is supported.

(Calendar Item No. 811; Rights of the Unborn)

LAWSON: The next one is found on p. 339, Calendar Item No. 811. The subject, of course, was the rights of the unborn. Petition No. 11473, found on p. 1029 in the second volume of the *DCA*. The committee voted non concurrence, 95 against, 95 people for non concurrence, against 0. Why this was listed from the Consent Calendar I do not know and have not been informed.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Is there anyone who wants to speak to it? If not, yes is to support the non concurrence of the committee, no is not to do so. Please vote when the light appears. The vote is "Yes," 810; "No," 86, and the non concurrence of the committee is supported.

LAWSON: The next one is on p. 340, it is Calendar Item 824; p. 340, Calendar Item 824, Petition No. 12198, second volume of the *DCA*, 1022. It is about covenant relationships, and the committee voted non concurrence, 79 for non concurrence, 11 against.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Is there anyone who wants to speak to this? If not, if you support the non concurrence, vote yes; if you do not, vote no. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 784; "No," 106. The non concurrence is supported.

(Calendar Item No. 1361; Discontinue All Forms of Support for RCAR)

LAWSON: The next item is found on p. 459, Calendar Item 1361, Petition No. 10608, found in the *DCA* on p. 135. As chairperson for the committee, I was not in, am not in harmony and sympathy with the vote of the committee which was 46-44, concurrence, and so we elected Michael Slaughter to make the presentation of the committee's report.

BISHOP HODAPP: Before we begin this, let me call your attention to something I said earlier, and that is that resolutions, such as this, do not have legislative authority behind them. They do have the will of the General Conference behind them, obviously. So when it calls upon, that is not the same as actually legislating in the *Discipline*. With that understanding, let's proceed.

MICHAEL SLAUGHTER (West Ohio): Our committee's feeling behind this petition was that our Social Principes reject unrestricted abortion. We use the words "reluctance to support abortion." But we recognize that abortion happens when life conflicts with life. But never for the purpose of birth control or gender selection. RCAR, both in their statement and their brochure, and their full support of *Roe vs. Wade*, supports unrestricted abortion in the first trimester, thus putting their position in question with our Social Principles. The Social Principles are the law of our church. Thus, we are looking for the balance of that par. 71G, and our committee in our discussion felt that Right to Life organization would be way out of balance, and in the same way RCAR is out of balance with the law of our church. We concurred with this petition.

BISHOP HODAPP: Yes? Where are you? Microphone 6.

TEX SAMPLE (Missouri West): Is it appropriate to speak at this time against the minority report?

BISHOP HODAPP: No, I think we need to hear from the minority, first and then we are going to have to perfect both of them and then you can speak for and against them.

SAMPLE: Thank you.

BISHOP HODAPP: Yes? Microphone 4.

STOVER: Bishop, I rise to the point of order, that it appears to me that the minority report that is presented in our *DCA* is out of order in that it presents no new information to us. It merely asks us to do the same thing that voting nonconcurrence with the report of the committee would do.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. I think that's well taken, and I would rule that the minority report is really an argument to vote no on the majority report. But I think they can have a right to make a statement, and then we will begin debate on the majority statement. This is not really a minority report; it's the opposite of the majority. Therefore, once she makes her statement, I'll open the floor for debate on the majority's statement.

(Delegate Supports RCAR)

SHIRLEY MARSH (Nebraska): I rise to not oppose but to bring you some accurate information, for there has been much inaccurate information tossed around. The Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights is a moderate organization which does not seek to say what this religious body or any other religious body should have as their position relating to abortion. Now, that may surprise some of you. The Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights is to protect the religious freedom for all religious groups. As a 16-year senator in Nebraska, I am aware that this organization brings accurate information to legislative bodies.

I am aware that the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights does not lobby for abortions, but rather lobbies to keep government out of the decision-making process. The Religious Coalition is one of the areas in which ecumenical bodies can gather and discuss the issue, for it is bothersome in many of the mainline religious groups. These religious groups include our Jewish brothers and sisters. They include a wide segment of the Protestant look. They also are so helpful when one needs information to bring us accurate, not slanted, information. We have had much discussion in the legislative group; some of it accurate, some of it slightly slanted. And not everyone has been up front.

As United Methodists, we believe that abortion is a deeply troubling issue. We believe in the sanctity of unborn life, and so does the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights. It would be too bad if this body moved to take away the rights of men and women to discuss this issue in an ecumenical setting which is trying so hard to protect the right of all religious groups. Having served in a legislative body where another religious group was very dominant in the membership, if we had not had the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights to bring us valid, accurate information, we might be worse off than we currently are in our state legislature and in our national arenas. I urge you to defeat the majority action, which was only 2 votes away from the minority position. I also ask you to look in your blue book and see the accurate wording relating to the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights. Thank you, Bishop.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Now let's be clear exactly where we are. I've ruled that this is not a majority/minority report; but, rather, it is simply a report from the committee in which they have amended the report that's in the *Advance DCA* on p. 135. And, therefore, that's what's before us. We've had statements from the committee, both pro and con. I now can have 2 statements on either side. And I will recognize back here at mike 6, and then come on across the room.

SAMPLE: I was on the legislative committee that considered this petition, and I want to emphasize the need to clear up, to clarify, some serious misunderstandings of RCAR which prevailed with parts of our committee at the time. RCAR does not do abortions, does not advocate abortions, does not counsel abortions. It is a very moderate organization, as has been said. It does seek to maintain the guarantees outlined in Roe v. Wade--which, I took it, we refused to delete by an 85-15% margin just a few moments ago. But it supports that in a context of religious liberty. That is, not allowing 1 religious group to impose its will on another. We are in danger in this country of having our nation's social policy on this issue determined by a very restrictive position which most people in this denomination and in the wider society do not support.

Finally, the strength of our church's stand on abortion is its balance and its sanity. This interpretation against RCAR comes out of a very conservative pro-life point of view. It violates the thoughtful and sensitive stance of our church. I have an utterly beautiful granddaughter. Her name is Melissa Nagakura Sample. She is this wonderful Scot-Irish-Japanese American. I hope she never has to face the choice about the issue of abortion. I yearn to see my great-grandchildren. But I hope if she has to have it, she will have had the support of an outfit like RCAR, that can prevent 1 religious group in this country, or 2 or 3, from placing their will on my granddaughter and my, I hope some day, great-granddaughters.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Now that'a 1 speech against. I'll come over to this section. Do you want to speak for? Microphone No. 7.

LAURIE MOTZ (California-Nevada): I believe we are clearly not of one mind as a body on this issue. Our support of RCAR runs contrary to the conscience of many United Methodists. Numerous persons believe firmly and sincerely that the opportunity for choice with regard to abortion must be preserved, and for these persons RCAR is a welcome expression of their conscience.

However, a number of UMs with equal sincerity believe that in most instances abortion cannot morally be a matter of choice alone, personal choice alone. For those of us who hold this position the UM support of RCAR presents a profound conflict of conscious. If we as a church continue our support of RCAR those who hold a pro-choice position can support it with a clear conscious, but those of us who hold the pro-life position must lend our ties and our voice to that which violates our conscious, and by withdrawal of official support for RCAR, all of the points will be free to identify nor not to identify with RCAR.

In my own personal experience, my husband and I have struggled with infertility. And when we sought out adoption agencies, we could not find one that a UM agency that could assist us in adopting a child. Other UM families I know have been have had problems with age discrimination, and one family I know was turned away from an agency because they were United Methodist. My miracle is the one you probably have heard over in this area in the last 3 days yelling and carrying on, and in the words of John Miles, I guess there are other miracles to be born. And my feelings could much better be served supporting an organization which offers healing and nurture for women who have chosen abortion, support women who choose to give birth, and to the many persons and families who seek to adopt. Wouldn't this be a program that we could all get behind and support of the United Methodist Church.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Now, I am going to come over to this side. I've

had 1 for and 1 against. And I'd like to find a male who would like to speak for. Is that back there? And then I'm gonna get a woman who wants to speak against.

(Delegate Against RCAR)

MAXIE DUNNAM (Memphis): It's clear to me that, as has already been suggested, our Social Principles speak to the issue of abortion and make it absolutely clear - we're not a church that believes in abortion on demand. We stand on the principle of abortion when justified. And justification involves tragic conflict of life with life.

Whatever may have been said about RCAR, it clearly stands for abortion on demand. All their lobbying efforts and energy is spent to preserve and bring about that position. I don't see how that can be considered moderate. Even though other faith communities may support them, is not the issue. That's their problem. We must be true to our own Social Principles and our biblical understanding of the sacredness of life.

One and a half million children killed each year. I've grown weary of every issue of this General Conference being turned into a justice issue in the emotional debates. We must talk about justice for all. Not for the few. Justice for unborn babies as well as for mothers.

I submit to you that as there is no peace without justice, there is no justice without a deep sense of morality and commitment to all human beings. Even the unborn, and I hope you will support the majority.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Now, I see a woman here. Do you want to speak against? All right. Microphone No. 4.

BETH CAPEN (New York): I rise to speak against this petition which is requesting that we stop our support of RCAR. RCAR is the only means by which we have the ability to ensure what it is that we have in our Social Principles. If a woman's access to safe, legal abortion is curtailed, then our Social Principles lose their impact. The only organization that we have is RCAR, and I think it's critical to continue to remember that RCAR, in respectful disagreement with the brother who just spoke, does not stand and does not support abortion on demand. It takes no stands as to when life starts or when abortions, you know, what a particular denomination believes.

What RCAR does do is make sure that we as United Methodists and the other denominations are free to choose within our own Social Principles, within our own policies, as to what it is that we believe.

As to the statements made concerning Roe vs. Wade, that's the only case that was made by the . . . I mean the only decision made by the Supreme Court that we can rely on. It's not as if there are a number of cases that we can choose from. I would urge that you vote against this, and that we support many local United Methodist women who do believe that it should be up to the woman to choose, and that's a private decision that needs to be made in prayerful consideration.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Now we've had 2 for and 2 against. The person representing the committee has a right to a final statement, and then we'll be ready to vote.

SLAUGHTER: As you can see our ideological and theological differences are great. I came into this conference asking myself the question, "Will our church go forward as one church." And for 3 days we battled each other in subcommittee until last Friday night - I heard something new.

Both sides began asking each other this question, "Will this work for you?" There was a willingness to work within the boundaries that both groups could live within in good conscious. Now, many of us are members of caucus groups and political lobbying bodies. These tensions are important in helping us determine the mind of Christ.

Look at the strength of our Social Principles in 71G. All of us together with all of those tensions have made that statement, and that is a balanced statement. But our political lobbying groups, even though they represent many, operate outside the boundaries that both sides can live within in good conscious. By their very nature, they are deeply offensive to many.

I received a document obtained through the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act that shows that over a 2-month period, Playboy Foundation was one of the larger contributors to RCAR. This is a strange bedfellow for the church. A corporation that has profited from the exploitation and devaluation of women. Our church allows all of us the freedom to participate in political forums and caucus groups. But it is unjust and unfair to officially recognize, support, or participate in any one of these groups with our common covenental resources. Another denomination in our country is in a major power struggle. Both sides . . .

BISHOP HODAPP: I need to remind you - you need to wrap it up.

SLAUGHTER: We must leave here not forcing ourselves on each other by power. We must leave here not only in the name of Jesus, but in the spirit of Jesus. I urge you to support the majority report.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Now we're ready to vote. If you vote "yes," you will support what is listed in the book as a majority report. If you vote "no," you will support what's listed as the minority report. Please vote when the light appears.

The vote is "Yes," 448; "No," 485,. And the position represented in the minority report is sustained. Now . . . , I hear a question somewhere, microphone . . . , I guess 12 is the closest there.

(RCAR Matter Referred to Judicial Council)

PHIL GRANGER (North Indiana): Bishop, would it be appropriate at this moment for a . . . , allowable to have a motion for a declaratory judgment of the Judicial Council?

BISHOP HODAPP: Yes, that's in order.

GRANGER: I move that the Judicial Council rule, as to whether the support RCAR is consistent or inconsistent with paragraph 71(g) of our *Discipline*.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, my understanding is that will take a simple majority, if you want to refer that to the Judicial Council to a declaratory decision. All right, is there anyone else who wants to speak to that, before we vote on it. I understand it is debatable. Down here, Microphone No.3.

FRANK R. GAYLORD (Wisconsin): I believe the Judicial Council has already dealt with this matter, Bishop. In October of 1990, they ruled on such a matter that came before our conference, and they upheld our bishop's ruling, that it was not inconsistent with the social principles for us to fund RCAR.

BISHOP HODAPP: I think that is correct. All right, you may still ask for this, if you want to, even though there

has been a previous ruling. Over here microphone 6, I guess it is.

WALTER DERISO (South Georgia): I would request that, as a part of that motion, we be given an opportunity to appear at the hearing. There was a question about this earlier, and therefore, would amend that motion to provide that a notice of the hearing be published, so that those who wish to speak could appear at that hearing.

BISHOP HODAPP: Wait just a moment, let me . . . , OK, I'm told you can request that, but can't mandate it on the Judicial Council. Do you want to make that a formal part of the request or . . . , will the maker accept that?

GRANGER: Yes I will. Do I get opportunity to speak to my motion?

BISHOP HODAPP: Yes. All right, Microphone No. 14.., well I heard a point of order at 15, and then I'll get 14. Let's get the point of order first . . . 15.

PORTER J. WOMELDORFF (Central Illinois): Bishop, my point of order is this: I believe that the chair ruled that the minority report was an amendment. We never had an opportunity to vote the amendment up or down, as I believe Parliamentary procedure calls for. Because the way that the vote perceeded, we should've had three options to vote the amendment up or down, and then amended or unamended report up or down. The way you took the vote gave us only two options, and that was either, the amendment or the non-amendment.

BISHOP HODAPP: No, I would have to say I did not rule it was a amendment. I ruled it was a statement in opposition. And therefore, the vote was on the recommendation of the committee.

WOMELDORFF: But, Bishop, what if the decision of the house was for neither. In other words, one what . . . ,

BISHOP HODAPP: Well that's true of any recommendation coming from a committee. You have to vote it up or down. Microphone 14.

MAXIE D. DUNNAM (Memphis): Bishop, my question is about the statement that was made concerning the Judicial Council ruling. I think that ruling was in regard to whether the Wisconsin Conference could use funds for RCAR; not whether RCAR is inconsistent with the social principles of our church. I think there's a distinction there.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, we're going to give you an opportunity to see whether you want to refer this to Judicial Council and let them determine that. Go ahead Phil and make your statement, and then we'll vote on this.

GRANGER: Members of the conference, as I heard our debate, it was obvious that our discussions centered around whether RCAR was representative of the position that we have taken within the social principles, paragraph 71(g). As I heard the debate, it was obvious that there was a divided house on this issue as we were trying to make some interpretations about that. I believe that we have some language in place within the *Discipline*, within the Social Principles. And I would appreciate it if the Judicial Council, acting in it's proper capacity, would clarify as to whether this is indeed something that is consistent with our social principles.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, this takes a majority vote to refer it to the Judicial Council. I hear a point of order, down here in front microphone 5.

RONALD Y. KOO (North Texas): Bishop, my understanding is that the Judicial Council only rules on the Constitionality of the church. Social principle is not a law of the United Methodist church as you indicated. It's social dialogue and teaching and policy. So my question is: does the Judicial Council have the right to rule on such matter?

BISHOP HODAPP: They will decide that. If you want to refer it to them, they will decide whether they have authority. All right, I think we're ready to vote. If you will vote to refer this to the Judicial Council, will you do so when the light appears. The vote is "Yes," 594; "No," 344. It is referred to the Judicial Council. Now, who has . . . , you're through? Ok, Chuck you want bring up . . .

JORDAN: Our next item is to hear from the General Council Finance and Administration of Bishop Russell.

BISHOP HODAPP: Just a moment . . . , microphone 2.

(Motion to Direct GCFA Funds Reports)

BARBARA W. RIDDLE (Florida): Would it be appropriate at this time to make an enabling motion.

BISHOP HODAPP: Well, let's see what it is.

RIDDLE: I move that *GCFA* be directed to report the following information in the advance *DCA* before General Conference. Number one: the amount of apportioned general funds of the current quadrenium, on each of the seven funds, that they be itemized to show each year's of apportionment for such funds. And number two: the amount of fund actually received on each of the seven funds, the sums are to be itemized and not averaged. And, number three: the amount of the actual expenditures spent in each of these seven funds. And, number four: a reporting on the amount held in reserves by each of the related agencies. And if I get a second I'll speak to it.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, you may speak to it. Now I understand this is a referral to be done at the next General Conference.

RIDDLE: Yes sir.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, go right ahead.

RIDDLE: I served on the financial administration committee, and we had great difficulty. There was just not one available to us, but we were able to get them, but we were doing that from staff folk. I also realized when we were given majority and minority reports, that we were comparing apples and oranges. You were given percentages on amounts received and on amounts apportioned. It would be found on, I think on P. 303, and we can just put them in lines and it would be very helpful for delegates, so we could compare. That's why I'd like to recommend that for next time.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, you've heard the motion. Any comments, if not, please vote when the light appears.

Vote is "Yes," 808; "No," 76. And it is approved. Now, John Russell, we will turn to you.

(1992 General Conference New Program Funding Report)

BISHOP JOHN RUSSELL: All right. We have 3 reports. The other two persons who are assisting me should come to the podium if they are not here now. On p. 604 of today's *DCA* you find Report No. 16, Financial References. Prior to General Conference, the GCFA made a decision to recommend funding of all new programs approved by General Conference within its World Service Fund proposed budget. A new line item entitled 1992 General Conference New Program, in the amount $4 million, was created and was in our amended report. Recommendation for funding these new programs and other budgetary references were included in a

report based on the $4 million amount. That report was printed in Wednesday, May 13, *DCA*, beginning on p. 430. The World Service Fund budget adopted by General Convention on Wednesday--that should read May 13, I think; the days have run together, but I believe that is the correct date; that's a typo--provides the line item 1992 General Conference New Program in the amount of $2,512,000--a reduction of $1,500,000 from the GCFA proposal. The request for new programs total $6,800,000.

As much as we would like to recommend a proposal to fund all of those, we must follow the decision made by the General Conference. Following the action of the General Conference in adopting the budget, GCFA has consulted with representatives of General Council on Ministries, the Substance Abuse Program, the National Plan for Hispanic Ministries, and the Native American Comprehensive Plan. Persons representing both the National Plan for Hispanic Ministries and the Native American Comprehensive Plan affirm that they needed the amounts originally recommended by GCFA if their programs were to be at all viable. They stated that if funding were reduced from those levels, they would prefer the General Conference not fund the program at all, because a lower level of funding would make it impossible for the programs to succeed. Groups representing the special programs adopted by General Conference have expressed to us a desire to bring an amendment regarding the funding level before the General Conference. In light of these representations, GCFA now brings its recommendation. And number one is for the allocation of the $2,512,000 for the 1992 General Conference New Program. If you are following, you will see that "A" refers to the National Plan for Hispanic Ministries and the request for $3.1 million apportioned funds. GCFA recommends $1.9 million for program to be included in the World Service Fund budget for the quadrennium. That amount is to be allocated to the boards listed within that box in approximately that amount. Consideration may be given by the General Board of Global Ministries to the possibility of seeking approval for additional funding through general advance specials and by the other boards through World Service special gifts. The operating cost of the Committee on Hispanic Ministries, including staff, will be determined by the General Council on Ministries and the 4 program boards in consultation with the Committee on Hispanic Ministries. Such expenditures will come from within the agency budgets and/or contingency funds.

The "B" part is for the Native American Comprehensive Plan. General Conference adopted or passed . . . $1,200,000 request. GCFA recommends $612,000 be included in the World Service Fund budget for the quadrennium on ratio, and that receipts be allocated to the General Board of Global Ministries. GCFA further recommends that any additional funds needed for the implementation of the plan be provided by the General Board of Global Ministries and/or other program agencies from their budgets in such amounts as they determine. Beginning with Report No. 2 and continuing through Report No.9, may I make this general statement that, I think, covers all of those.

GCFA recommends funding for these ministries be allocated from budgets of the boards, Council on Ministries, United Methodist Communications, and GCFA as specified in each recommendation. I will call to your attention the 2 special programs, adopted by General Conference, funded in that way: Campus Ministry and Substance Abuse. And this is our Report No. 16 that we bring to General Conference for its action.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Microphone No. 7.

(Call for New Mission Initiatives Fund)

ARTURO FERNANDEZ (California-Nevada): Bishop, I would like to move by amending by addition of a new par. 10. I would move to amend GCFA report 16 by addition of a new par. 10 as follows: General Conference will establish an apportion fund to be titled "The Mission Initiatives Fund for the 1993-96 Quadrennium." A quadrennial asking for this fund will be $850,000 per year to be apportioned to the annual conferences using the World Service apportionment formula. The funds are to be administered by the program boards as designated in the GCFA Report No. 16 and will be distributed as follows: Special Program Substance abuse 54%, National Plan for Hispanic Ministries 24%, Native American Comprehensive Plan 12%, Special Program Campus Ministries 7%, Committee on Older Adults Ministries 1.5%, Developing Congregations for Deaf Ministries 1.5%. The general agencies are authorized to seek additional funding through the advance or World Service special gifts channels. If I have a second, I would like to speak to this.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. It is seconded. You only have a very short time, however, to speak. I just want you to be aware of that.

FERNANDEZ: This motion is an enabling action to empower the new mission programs we have so enthusiastically approved during the first week of this General Conference. By approving all of the new mission programs, we have expressed our love and concern for people suffering the evils of substance abuse. We want to join Holly Elliot in her ministry. We want . . .

BISHOP HODAPP: Now I need to remind you that your time's up. So wrap it up quickly.

FERNANDEZ: Many of us see this plan as a model for the whole church. We urge you to not just merely favor us with your vote, but favor us with our stewardship--with the whole church's stewardship.

BISHOP HODAPP: Thank you. Now . . . yes, point of order. Microphone No. 8, I guess is the closest.

(Debate to Reconsider Budget)

EWING WERLEIN JR. (Texas): Point of order, which is follows: the Judicial Council decision 673 yesterday, Bishop, has held that the General Conference cannot establish a limit on General Council on Finance and Administration quadrennial budget recommendations, and has further held that any change must be done by legislative processes. Those processes require that reports go the the legislative committee on Financial Administration under rule 5, and that the committee, then, shall have the opportunity to review and make recommendations and propose any amendments. This process has not been undertaken. The decision of the Judicial Council, which prohibits the plenary from setting a cap upon the amount would also, by implication of the same principle, prohibit the raising of

the decision of the conference on those budgets.

BISHOP HODAPP: Well, just a moment. I'm told that that rule applies only to materials that are prepared prior to annual conference, or General Conference. When something comes on the floor like this, which is exactly what happened with the Africa University fund at previous General Conference, it will have to be referred to GCFA. But is in order to be received and to be acted upon by the General Conference--and referred.

WERLEIN: Bishop, I would raise a further point of order, then, that this would constitute an effort to reconsider the budgets approved by this conference 2 days ago, and that any motion for reconsideration under *Robert's Rules of Order* must be made either on the day or on the immediate day following the action of the body. And it is too late for reconsideration of those budgets, and the motion is, therefore, out of order on that basis . . .

BISHOP HODAPP: Just a moment.

WERLEIN: . . . under the rules of the conference.

BISHOP HODAPP: I'm told that GCFA withdrew this action no. 16 for the purpose of bringing it today. And therefore, it is in order to amend it today. Microphone 8.

WERLEIN: It is not this proposition; it is the proposition that the budgets already established within which GCFA is now bringing its recommendation based upon the action of the plenary 2 days ago cannot now be considered under the rules of the conference by *Robert's Rules of Order.*

BISHOP HODAPP: Would you state it again, please?

WERLEIN: Yes. The action of the conference was to approve budgets; this took place 2 days ago. Report No. 16 before us is simply a report of the GCFA, which is in conformity with the action already taken by this conference. The amendment, or the motion, that has been asserted, in effect, is a motion to re-open the budgets approved by the conference 2 days ago. Or, in other words, it is a motion for reconsideration of action taken 2 days ago. It is out of order because it is not made on the same day that the action was taken or on the day immediately following, pursuant to the rules of the conference, *Robert's Rules of Order.*

BISHOP HODAPP: Just a moment. All right. The rules of our conference take precedence over *Robert's Rules of Order,* and our rules say that a motion for reconsideration is in order at any time if it's moved by someone who voted with the majority. Rule 26.

WERLEIN: I would appeal to the house the decision of the chair.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right.

WERLEIN: Thank you, Bishop.

BISHOP HODAPP: Would you like to make . . . I think we both get a chance to make a statement. Would you like to . . . ? All right. Make your statement, if you will, please. Yes, you may proceed.

WERLEIN: Yes, if you're ready sir.

BISHOP HODAPP: Yes, thank you.

WERLEIN: I believe that the position that I have asserted I have stated amply already. It's based upon the *Robert's Rules of Order.* Further, Bishop, there's been no showing that the person making this motion now, in effect, for reconsideration of the budgets approved 2 days ago, was voting in support of those budgets at that time.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, we'll find out that, and we also will need, by my ruling, we will need a motion to reconsider. But my ruling is based upon our rule no. 26, which is on p. 98 of the *Advance DCA,* which says "A motion to reconsider an action of the conference shall be in order at any time if offered by a member who voted with the prevailing side." Now, let me ask you, the maker of the motion, did you vote with the prevailing side? I'm sorry. We first have to vote to see if you'll support my interpretation of the rules. A yes vote would support the chair; a no vote would not support the chair. Will you vote when the light appears?

The vote is "Yes," 636; "No," 256. The ruling of the chair is sustained. Now, all right. Another point of order. Microphone No. 1 or 6. Which way do you want to go? Microphone No. 1.

RAMON EVANGELISTA (Southern New Jersey): I believe that when we began to vote on those line items, we began by voting on those 7 line items. This is asking for a new line item. Therefore, it is proper. It is not a reconsideration; it is a new item before us.

BISHOP HODAPP: I have ruled that it is in order, if we reconsider the budget. But we will have to have a motion to reconsider the budget. Yes? And I was going to ask the gentleman who wanted to make this motion if he would make a motion to reconsider, and we'll see whether or not the purpose is to hear his motion.

FERNANDEZ: Yes, Bishop. I would like to move that we consider.

BISHOP HODAPP: OK. All right.

BISHOP FORREST C. STITH: Mr. Chair.

BISHOP HODAPP: Yes? BISHOP STITH.

BISHOP STITH: GCFA considers its report within the budget that was adopted. We, therefore, feel that it is completed--determined by the body's action. This is an addition and is not a reconsideration of the budget but an additional line item affecting finances. And the budget itself does not need to be reconsidered. There is no budget before you.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. That was the original ruling. Let's see if you . . . I think that the important thing is that we find out what the mind of the General Conference is: whether you want to create another fund or not. Let me put the motion to reconsider, just so that there is no lack of clarity on it. If it's necessary to reconsider, would you do so? If so, will you vote when the light appears? Yes is to do so; no is not. "Yes," 515; "No," 406. Therefore, there is no question that this is in order. The motion, then, before us is a motion to amend and create a seventh fund as it was outlined. And now we are ready to hear debate on that, and I will go over here to microphone 1 or 6. Or come on over to 2, if you want to. I'm reminded that this would be fund no. 8, if it's created.

(Call for Renewed UM Leadership)

ELLEN A. BRUBAKER (West Michigan): I would suggest to this conference that with the posturing that has gone on in the last few days, to ask us to retrench, hold back, and so on, is not the leadership of The United Methodist Church. The United Methodist Church's leadership is reflected in this amendment. The least, the last, the lost, the marginalized shall lead us forward.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. That's a speech for. Is there someone who wants to speak against? Anyone want to speak against? Well, then I will take another . . . You want to speak against? Then I'll take another speech for. I saw your hand first.

C. JOSEPH SPRAGUE (West Ohio): Late last summer a young man came to talk to me despairing. He's from a broken home, and the parent with whom he did not live had always encouraged him to study hard in order that some day he could go to college. And that absent parent said, "When you are ready to go, I'll be there to support you." I remember that that absent parent was present at the graduation when the young man received accommodations for his wonderful record of scholarship. But the young man was in my office to say, "What Dad said in the spring is no longer applicable as fall approaches." He is reneged, because he needs a new car and his roof has to be replaced. I submit to you that we stood in unanimity with each of the programs listed. In the spring season we applauded. But now, when fall has come, when tuition has to be paid, we're saying we have a roof to repair and we have a car to buy. I am strongly in favor of this amendment. It bespeaks the Church of Jesus Christ. It is time to fish or cut bait, and if we cut bait, those who dangle are not abstract programs. They are our mothers and our fathers, our sisters and our brothers, and our children and grandchildren.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Now I need 2 speeches for. Is there anyone who wants to speak against? Yes, over here. Microphone No. 6.

(Call for Local Church Financial Relief)

V.L. DAUGHTERY JR. (South Georgia): How very easy it is, Mr. Chairman, to put the debate on the issue of mission rather than on the source where the funds are to come from. As a district superintendent, it will be my responsibility, if this amendment is adopted, to go back and visit churches in communities where those who sit on boards and responsible for finances find among their membership the unemployed, because of an economy that is in a recession--United Methodists who believe strongly in the missional program of the church and want to do their portion but, because of the circumstances of the economy, they cannot.

I think we need to remember those persons at this time. As a district superintendent of The United Methodist Church, it will be my responsibility to go to rural areas and to ask farmers who have lost their land--having been in their families for generations--to increase their giving. They will want to do it and there will be tenseness and hurt in their hearts when they cannot because of economic conditions. There are many church budgets, not only in my district but in other districts of our United Methodist Church, already strained, really strained. And we are going to go back and ask them to do more. The items are provided for in the report of our council in other ways. I urge this conference not to support this motion.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. I can take one other speech against. Someone? I can't hear. I need to go over to this side if there is someone. All right. Let's go over here by microphone 4. Yes? This is a speech against. No, I've got to have to have a speech against. I'll go back to the back, way back here, microphone 14. Is there a point of order being raised? I hear . . . a question. All right. Hold just steady there at 14. Let's here the question. No. 8. Pardon?

YOLANDA PUPO-ORTIZ (Baltimore): Bishop, what will happen to the substance abuse program if the amendment is not adopted? I would like to know.

BISHOP HODAPP: Can you respond to that John? The question was, What will happen to the substance abuse program?

BISHOP RUSSELL: If you will look on p. 605 of the *DCA*, our recommendation no. 9. GCFA recommends that funds be allocated to the program from budgets of the General Board of Global Ministries and other program boards which have programs related to substance abuse as they may determine. GCFA also recommends that the General Board of Global Ministries seek approval for additional funding through general advanced gifts.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Now, I recognize microphone 14.

LANGDON H. GARRISON, JR. (Alabama-West Florida): I would like to say that I support all of the special programs and worthy causes that we have adopted, but I would speak against the creation of a new apportioned item. It's not that we have not increased our funding here--and we've not gone into retrenchment. We voted the other day for $472 million budget, which is a 15% increase over the preceding quadrennium, or an increase of $54 million. If there is anything that we need to hear--and I, too, am a district superintendent--is to hear from the local church. And they are saying "Help"; they are saying "Give us relief." And we're the ones that will have to go back and explain this new apportioned item--not only the district superintendents, but those of you who are pastors and those of you who are members of local churches in places of leadership. As I say, I support the worthy causes, every one; but we've already voted a $54 million increase, and so I would say that I would be against this proposal and support the recommendations of GCFA.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Now we've had 2 for and 2 against. Yes, you have a point of order.

PUPO-ORTIZ: Question, please.

BISHOP HODAPP: Microphone 8. The questions are just to me at this point. We're under the call for the previous question by the rules.

PHILIP A. AMERSON (South Indiana): I'm sorry. When the proposal was made, I didn't hear the dollar amount.

BISHOP HODAPP: I intend to read that.

AMERSON: And I'd like to know, not only the amount, but the cost per member per year.

BISHOP HODAPP: Well, I can't ask the cost per member . . . answer that, but I can read you the motion, which I would like to do at this time--at least the appropriate points. "This quadrennial asking for this fund would be $850,000 per year to be apportioned to the annual conferences using the world service apportionment formula. The funds are to be administered by the program boards as designated in GCFA Report No. 16, and will be distributed as follows: special program on substance abuse 54%, national plan for Hispanic ministry 24%, Native American comprehensive plan 12%, special program campus ministry 7%, committee on older adult ministries 1.5%, and developing congregations for deaf ministries 1.5%. Oh, I'm told that would be 3.4 million for the quadrennium. Now. Yes. Question down here. Microphone 3.

WILLIAM HINES (Ohio): Bishop, is an amendment in order?

BISHOP HODAPP: Not at this point, no. We are under the call for the pre-

vious question by your rules. All right. I'll hear Microphone No. 15. Go ahead.

JINNY GORDON (Central Illinois): Thank you, Bishop Hodapp. In my long-ago learned math without a computer in hand, I have been trying to compute whether the total amount for the quadrennium would make up all that is being asked from the people along with what is allotted in Report No. 16. Can anybody help me on this, or is this more money than the total that would be asked for for these special programs, or is it less? Can you help us, please?

BISHOP HODAPP: Would you state that, again Jinny?

GORDON: Yes, I'm wondering, are we saying $34 million over the quadrennium? What was the figure you just gave us?

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Let's let Forrest answer that.

BISHOP STITH: The line item was 3.4. Our suggestion based upon your agreement 2 days ago, and your action, was 2.5, which would make the total for all of these 5.9 which is approximately 1. something less than what the original requests were when they came in with being over 7 million.

GORDON: All right. That's what I wanted to clarify.

BISHOP HODAPP: Now let's go over here to no. 7. You have a question? We are under an order that says we can have 5 questions; we've had 3. Yes, go ahead no. 7.

NARCEDALIA B. de MALDENADO (Mexico): (speaks in Spanish)

BISHOP HODAPP: Translator ready? All right. Go ahead and we'll translate.

State your name and conference first, please.

(delegate speaking in Spanish; English translation)

de MALDENADO: I have felt that throughout this General Conference a great urgency feeling for new programs.

BISHOP HODAPP: Now, madam I need to remind you, do you have a question you want to ask?

de MALDENADO: The question is for these minority ministries. If the line budgetary item that you asked would be in their favor?

BISHOP HODAPP: Well, yes. I would say that, insofar as funding will help their causes, this would be in their favor. All right, question down here. Oh, she didn't get that translated. Back to her. All right. Microphone No. 7.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): In due respect to our colleague translating, I believe the translation I heard was slightly different. Would have been alightly different. Her 3rd question was whether this would be a new line item or part of the existing budget.

BISHOP HODAPP: Oh, yes, it would be a new line item. Have you conveyed that to her, Victor? All right, now Microphone No. 2. This is the last question.

CHARLES SAYER (Southern New Jersey): My question is about those proportions in the motion. They seem to be very different from the amounts that were requested. Am I in error about that? Or maybe we could clarify. Are these proportions in the motion proportionate to the amounts originally requested?

BISHOP HODAPP: No, these are proportions in the dollar that is received in this fund. In other words, whatever would be received in this fund would be divided by the proportions that I just read. Now. I cannot have anymore questions. Do you have a point of order? All right, then I think we are ready to hear a statement from the chairperson from GCFA.

BISHOP RUSSELL: In the General Council on Finance budget, we've recommended $4 million and this General Conference adopted a budget of $2.5 million. We believe that the decision rests with the General Conference.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. This is a motion to amend the report of GCFA by adding a .10. I think you have heard it, and if you are ready to vote your conviction, will you do so when the light appears. "Yes" favors the amendment; "no" rejects the amendment. The vote is "Yes," 513; "No," 402. And the amendment prevails. Now, I think we are back. Are you ready to adopt the whole report? Just a moment, Microphone No. 2 down here. Microphone No. 2.

RICHARD BURNS (Pennsylvania): Richard Burns, Western Pennsylvania Conference. Is it appropriate to amend at this time?

BISHOP HODAPP: No.

BURNS: If we are correct, are we preparing it?

BISHOP HODAPP: You'd like to amend the entire report?

BURNS: I would like to amend the entire report.

BISHOP HODAPP: Yes.

BURNS: I would like to draw our attention; I would like to amend below the section the square section that gives the figures. We are looking at 604.

BISHOP HODAPP: Page 604, right.

BURNS: At the closing part of that sentence, I would like to add "and undesignated funds."

BIOSHOP HODAPP: After World Service special gifts?

BURNS: Right, and if I could have a second, I would like to speak to that.

BISHOP HODAPP: It is seconded.

BURNS: I simply, when we are talking about money, I would like to direct our conference toward the fact that we give over $10 million a year in grants and these are sort of undesignated in our world service giving. World Service receives some of largest amount of money from our churches and I simply do not want to hurt those programs in which the term non-Methodist is used, which I do not like. I wish we could call them other mission specials. I simply believe that when we are required by Scripture to look after our family, the first obligation, biblically, is to take care of our family, then I believe the church of Jesus Christ, our church particularly, our denomination, and then to the world. So I am simply saying that within those funds, there is adequate amount to take care of it if we do not raise it through Advance Special giving. Thank you very much.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, you have heard this amendment. We've had 1 speech for. Anyone else want to speak to it? If not, will you vote when the light appears? The vote is "Yes," 489; "No," 345. The amendment prevails. Now. Back here. Frank, microphone 3 or 8. Microphone 3.

FRANK DORSEY (Kansas East): I believe another amendment would be in order to help this so that, and I would like to move an amendment in no. 9 in the 2nd paragraph. I would like to delete the words where it says, be allocated, to delete the words "to the program from" and insert the word "from the mission initiative fund and." So that it would read, "GCFA recommends that funds be allocated to the programs from the budgets of the General Board of Global Ministries and other program boards and recommends that funds be allocated

from the mission initiative fund and the budgets of the General Board of Global Ministries and program boards.

BISHOP HODAPP: Are you . . . just a second.

DORSEY: "GCFA recommends that funds be allocated from the missional initiative fund and the budgets of the General Board of Global Ministries and the program board.

BISHOP HODAPP: Frank, would you be willing to hear John Russell's comprehensive motion which I think will include what you are concerned about?

DORSEY: OK, I just wanted to be sure we have that.

BISHOP HODAPP: I think he's ready to make a motion. Let's hear him.

RUSSELL: In light of the passing of the amendment for this new missional initiative funds, it will be necessary for us to revise our recommendation because this affects a number of things that we have recommended. And it seems to me that we save the General Conference time rather than going through all of the amendment process, if we had the privilege of doing that and coming back. You don't want us to come back and I don't want to come back but I think that's the best way. If we could do that.

BISHOP HODAPP: Is there anyone who objects to that procedure, to let them come back later with all of this revised in accordance with your vote? Well, sometime later today. Yes, microphone 6.

(Proposed Amendment Forbids Church Funds Used for Alcohol)

WALTER DERISO (South Georgia): Thank you Bishop. Walter Deriso, lay delegate from South Georgia. I would offer a very simple amendment at the end of no. 9 that would be an additional paragraph that would read, "In harmony with our emphasis on substance abuse and our historic emphasis on abstinence, it is the will of this 1992 General Conference that no board, agency, council, or official task force of The United Methodist Church shall spend any church funds for alcoholic beverages."

BISHOP HODAPP: All right.

DERISO: If I have a second, I would like to speak to that, please.

BISHOP HODAPP: It was seconded. You may speak to it.

DERISO: Bishop, it is my understanding that even the federal government does not reimburse for alcoholic beverages. Thank you.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. You have heard the amendment. Yes. Down here. Microphone No. 1.

ROBERT J. McCUNE (North Central New York): Bishop, is a motion to refer in order at this time?

BISHOP HODAPP: Yes, it is in order.

(Mission Iniative Fund Referred to GCFA)

McCUNE: Well, then I would move that we refer this report to the GCFA for further action and report back to this conference.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, that takes precedence over the other motion in our order of motions. All right, let's take that vote and see if you're ready. If you will refer this, you will vote "yes." If you will not refer it, you will vote "no." Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 681; "No," 212. It is referred back to the GCFA with the understanding they will come back later today, or tonight, or in the morning or sometime. Yes, you have a matter here, no. 3.

JIM C. GILLAND (Western North Carolina): Bishop, I ask GCFA to provide us with the information as to how much reserves, exclusive of pensions, are held by our general boards and agencies. Some of us will have to go back to bare bones budgets in our local churches. We have no reserves. I'd like to know the reserves that are available to our church.

BISHOP HODAPP: Let's see if they can do that this quickly. That was voted to be prepared next year. Could that be prepared now? Cliff.

CLIFFORD DROKE: Bishop, I was somewhat distracted by another conversation. As I understand the request, it is for GCFA to report to you the status of the reserves held by the various general agencies of the denomination. Is that correct?

BISHOP HODAPP: That's correct. Exclusive of pensions.

DROKE: Exclusive of pensions. We can do that. We cannot do it with any assurance of accuracy at all in the space of time you're talking about. We would have to make contact with various general agencies. They would have to gather the information which is, of course, in the computerized bookkeeping system we're responsible for. But in order for it to make sense to you, you would need to understand the character of each of those reserve funds, whether they're available for certain kinds of things, whether they're restricted to other things. And I just would hesitate to try to do that in the space remaining here, when we also must develop language around the actions that you've previously taken on the mission initiative funds. I'm very hesitant to commit to that, Bishop.

BISHOP HODAPP: Yes, microphone 3 here. Now we have two other items from GCFA, so they aren't finished yet.

EDWARD H. HILL (Northwest Texas Conference): Bishop, I think we need to know as we go back home how much it is that we have increased the budget of this church over the revenues received during the quadrennium ending this year. Our people want to know that information. We've passed a budget of about $475 million plus, and we've collected, according to my information, substantially less than $400 million in the last quadrennium. I would like to ask the GCFA to tell us today how much it is that we received in the last quadrennium by way of revenues and what percentage we have increased by the budget that we have adopted over that amount.

BISHOP HODAPP: They say they can provide that when they come back with their report. Now back there at 12. Oh, you want to speak to that, I'm sorry, go right ahead.

DROKE: I nodded that we could provide information. We can provide the information that's available. Obviously, a piece of information, if you're talking about quadrennium to quadrennium, is not available. We do not know how much our church is going to raise and spend for the apportioned general funds for 1992. But we can give you the first three years of that information easily. And we can compare quadrennium to quadrennium apportions.

BISHOP HODAPP: Now on Microphone No. 12.

SAM WYNN (North Carolina): Bishop, I have a question in regards to the action that we have already taken. My question is, why must we report? Why should there be an adjustment made to the action that we've just taken when it was included the report? I'm asking that question. Does that have to be done?

BISHOP HODAPP: John?

BISHOP RUSSELL: Some of our recommendations for the different matters, they were based on $2.5 million. You have changed the fund, and so we'll have to go and take care of the language there and respond on this new fund that you have created and how it affects this and our recommendation, would not be identical so we would need to revise that.

BISHOP HODAPP: Now friends, we have two more items here and I'd like to get them in before we have to recess. So John, would you come? Yes? Microphone 10, I guess.

JAMES L. BRANSCOME (Virginia Conference): I would like to move reconsideration of the original budget, and I voted for it. And the purpose is, we now have new money for programs in two places. We originally approved $2.5 million roughly in the original GCFA budget, and then we approved another $3.4 million. I move we reconsider so that we can move the $2.5 million out of the World Service budget into the new fund and add it to the original or the new fund, and disperse it on the same percentages as we approved on that.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. That's a motion to reconsider. It is in order. You heard the purpose that he wants; reconsideration. Any debate on that? Is there a second? It is seconded. All right. A "yes" vote reconsiders, a "no" vote does not. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 377; "No," 525. It is not reconsidered. Ed Boulton, will you proceed with the report of GCFA?

BISHOP EDWIN C. BOULTON: Bishop Hodapp and friends of the General Conference, if you'll please turn in your *DCA* to p. 606. I bring before you the recommendations found on p. 606 as Report No. 17 from the General Council on Finance and Administration. I believe that most of the matters contained on this page, 3 in number, are basically procedural. The first recommendation has to do with a particular agency to which certain implementing actions are taken or are referred, are covered within the budgets of that particular agency or entity of the General Church. If you should wonder what those particular things are, they're listed under the first 5 items in the left column, such as promotional resources, etc. Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of Item No. 1 of Report No. 17.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, item 1 is before you. Are there any questions? Will you then vote when the light appears, on item 1?

"Yes," 853; "No," 31. It's approved.

(Cost of Printing Episcopal Sermons)

BISHOP BOULTON: Item No. 2 has to do with the reference that came off the floor earlier in our time this week where we had a request for certain addresses and sermons to be printed. The cost was determined to be $6400 for that. It is indicated in the report. We did not follow through with that. You have been advised of that earlier, and our reasons why, which I think are self explanatory. I believe there is an editorial change however, that needs to be made in the right column, the fourth line down. It indicates that at the *DCA* booth you can get certain things for 50 each. I think maybe that's $50 so everybody can be paced. But, I think it's .50 and with that modification of the report, I move the adoption of point No. 2.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. No. 2 is before you. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes"; 840; "No", 55. It is sustained.

BISHOP BOULTON: Item No. 3 poses some complexities with reference to action that this house took along the way and it could be somewhat complex. But I think if you will listen carefully, it can be made very simple. If you want to refer in your red book to p. 320, part of the information that you will need there around special Sundays with offerings. The white addition of the petitions before us is in the very middle of that right hand column on p. 606. Editorially, it refers to *DCA* p. 1130, I've not checked with my colleagues, but I think that is erroneous. I believe it's 1103, not 1130, 1103. And that, therein lies the conflict between the red book on 320 and the legislation that we passed as contained on p. 1103. Now, the resolution of the dilemma appears at the very bottom of the page in the blue *DCA* on p. 268, which simply says that the annual conference shall have a committee charged with the responsibility of the distribution of the funds raised on the Native American Awareness Sunday. That's the essence of the matter. That the annual Conference has that responsibility through an appropriately devised committee. Brother Chair and friends of the Conference, I move the adoption of point No. 3.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, 3. All right, back at Microphone No. 3, please.

MARILYNN M. HUNTINGTON (California-Pacific): In light with what the presenter has said, I would like to clear this up by moving to reconsider Report No. 9 from the omnibus motion of GCFA that we passed on Wednesday so that we might bring in harmony the report with Calendar Item No. 358 so that the Native American committee of each annual conference may be in charge of disbursing those funds. So I move reconsideration, and I voted on the prevailing side.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right, if you will reconsider for that purpose, would you vote when the light appears. "Yes," 546; "No," 341. It is reconsidered. Now, Ed do you need anything to . . .

BISHOP BOULTON: I think not. Her request is in perfect harmony I believe in what appears here, sir. It simply asks for reconsideration of report No. 9. I would prefer that she provide the language that she wishes on that if you will brother chair.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Let's hear the language from Microphone No. 9.

HUNTINGTON: I move that Calendar Item No. 358 become the action of General Conference in relationship of the disbursement of Native American Awareness Sunday offerings.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. You have heard that. If you will support that, we will vote when the light appears. "Yes," 788; "No," 105. It is supported.

BISHOP BOULTON: Thank you very much, sir.

BISHOP HODAPP: I have 1 more report here. Yes. Microphone No. 2. We're at adjournment time here now. We need to. . . .

RIDDLE: We had asked some information from Clifford Droke with a Right to enable. When that's brought back to us, I would like to move that when we're looking at the last year 1992, when we are trying to compare, there is that big whole and we are trying to figure those big numbers 25% left in the quadranium; could we request that GCFA look at the receipts that have come in the first quarter and then whatever that percentage is, project with an asterisk the last 3 quarters so that we have something to

compare with, when we are looking at those numbers?

BISHOP HODAPP: Well, I will let GCFA respond to that; but I think that the way funds come in over the year, that would be very difficult to project. Cliff, do you want to . . . , I think you would need to do your own projection.

DROKE: Yes, I want to be sure we are understanding each other. What you are asking us to do is to estimate on the basis of relationship between what came in the first quarter this year and what came in the first quarter last year, to project out an estimate for receipts for 1992.

RIDDLE: That would be helpful, yes.

DROKE: OK, we can do that. I would be glad to do it.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Now, let's go ahead and hear the last report here. I do need an extension of time. Will you extend the time to hear the report. If so, lift your hand. Opposed same sign. It is supported.

DALE E. OWENS (Eastern Pennsylvania): Bishop, and members of the conference, I am a member of the Episcopal Services Committee of GCFA. And I would like you to turn to p. 607 and, Mr. Chairman, I would like to move the amendment found on that page. The amendment is to report No. 5, the Episcopal Fund of the GCFA reports. And what it basically does, is put in line action taken 2 days ago at this conference when you adopted the minority report; it changed the amount of dollars in the Episcopal fund line item, and so the apprortioned rate of 2.5% is recommended to be changed to 2.4725%. I move the adoption, Mr. Chairman.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. The report is before you. Will you vote when the light appears. "Yes," 863; "No," 26. It is approved. Now we have extended the time simply to hear that so I can't hear anything else except the announcements from Carolyn Marshall at this time.

MARSHALL: The request came from the floor as to the availability of this morning's sermon; that will be available after 2:30 in the *DCA* Office. That's room 116 in this building. Then it has also come to our attention that the information booth has a number of lost and found items and would very much like to have you pick them up. In addition, there is a pair of prescription glasses that have been left here from the place they were found on the platform. We would presume they came from a presenter. So if some presenter cannot see, we have got their glasses.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right. Now we will hear the final report from the calendar committee for this morning; and then we will have a prayer and then recess.

(Unfinished Business Referred to Bishops, GCOM, GCFA)

JORDAN: Bishop and members of the conference, I need not remind you that we have 2 more recessions remaining. We still need reports from the General and Judicial Administration, from conferences, from discipleship, from independent commissions, from ministry, from Global Ministries, Church and Society, and Financial Aid, and we need to receive a report back from GCFA. In the light of that, I would move this, which is an addition to a motion that Victor Goldschmidt made; but this one is a little more specific. And I would move that in keeping with the past practices, that any unfinished business of the General Conference be referred to the Council of Bishops, the General Council on Ministries and the General Council on Finance and Administration.

BISHOP HODAPP: All right you have heard that. It is seconded. If you will support it, will you vote when the light appears. "Yes", 809; "No," 49. It is supported. Let me call on Bishop Ruediger Minor, who will be heading our work in . . . Bishop Minor, please. We will be in prayer.

(prayer).

Friday Afternoon
May 15, 1992

Bishop Robert C. Morgan, presiding

(hymn)

BISHOP ROBERT C. MORGAN: Thank you. Be seated. The delegates will take their place. I am going to turn to Bishop Earl Hunt, who will bring us our opening prayer. Will the delegates please be seated.

BISHOP EARL HUNT: Let us pray.

(prayer)

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Now we turn to the Committee on Courtesies. Phyllis Ferguson.

PHYLLIS FERGUSON (Pacific Northwest): Thank you, bishop. I'd like to call Randy Day and Bishop Talbert.

BISHOP MORGAN: Excuse me. Will the conference please be in order? Take your places. It's time for us to begin, and we have many things to do. Bishop Talbert.

BISHOP TALBERT: Bishop Morgan and members of the General Conference, you paused earlier. . . .

BISHOP MORGAN: Excuse me a minute, bishop. Please be in order. Cease your conversation. Give your attention to Bishop Talbert, please.

BISHOP TALBERT: Bishop Morgan and members of the General Conference, earlier you paused appropriately to hear the people from the West bring an issue and a concern regarding the Rodney King verdict and subsequent events. Subsequent to that, you appointed a committee that brought a report which resulted in a statement of this General Conference to the nation regarding the issue. Then you authorized the 2 of us, Randy Day and myself, to follow up to complete this action. And so we're prepared this afternoon to bring some final implementation decisions so that you will know that we are following through to implement the decision of this conference. Before I call on Randy Day, the chair of this special committee, to report the names of the persons who will be delivering the statement to both Washington, DC, and Los Angeles, I simply call our attention again to the statement coming out of the Council of Bishops which was a part of the statement endorsed by this conference calling for Pentecost weekend observance. We hope and pray that a means will be found to get that statement into all of our churches so that on the weekend of Pentecost our churches will, indeed, be able to participate and respond appropriately. I yield now to Randy Day who will present the names.

BISHOP MORGAN: Brother Day.

(Los Angeles Offering Totals Over $23,000)

RANDY DAY: Thank you, bishop. Out of the ashes, Los Angeles began the hard task of rebuilding its future. The century's deadliest riots left deep scars on the face of the city and on the soul of the nation. So begins the May 18 cover story of *Newsweek*. Yet, whereas the news magazine focuses on race and

crime, the church has been focusing on race and justice and compassion.

And with the words of justice, we also want to give some words of hope. Hope cannot run on empty, and so we thank you once again for the offering that you have given to people of Los Angeles, now totaling $23,882.77. In addition to our personal contributions, let all of us work to urge the President and the Congress to redirect federal resources to the long-neglected urban areas, especially during the past decade. And yesterday a mayor from my state of Connecticut, Cary Saxon-Perry of Hartford, said, "People talk about a long, hot summer. I talk about a long, hot decade. People have had it. They want sweeping change, not reform." Tomorrow, the estimates are, there will be 100,000 people gathered at the Washington Monument, joining in the march to save our cities and save our children sponsored by the U.S. conference of mayors.

Half of our delegation will be in Washington, led by one of the members of the delegation, Bishop Felton May. We will be there. We hope to bring a word of justice and hope and compassion from this conference. And then on May 26th and 27th, the second part of our delegation, led by Bishop Talbert, who is assigned to us from the Council of Bishops, will visit our sisters and brothers in Los Angeles and will be received by Bishop Tuell and Superintendent Robert Smith.

The members of the delegation are Carol Colley, Brandon Cho, Randy Day, Steve Drachler, Arturo Fernandez, Bernard Keels, Duk Kwon, Jim Lawson, Phil Lawson, Bishop Felton May, Joel Martinez, Beverly Shamana, and Bishop Talbert from the Council of Bishops, and a woman from the Southeast Jurisdiction--I don't want to give the name; we are still finalizing that. A number of these persons are from those local cities of Los Angeles and Washington, and then we also reflect the 5 jurisdictions.

So those names are presented to you. And 1 piece of business I neglected to bring up the other day on behalf of the committee. Our committee voted to send the message to the President and the members of Congress. We received a motion from the floor to send it to the presidential candidates; we are doing that. But before the secretary of the conference can send that out, we need to take action. And so on behalf of the committee to send a message to the people of the United States, I move that the secretary of the General Conference send that message to the President of the United States, the members of the U.S. Senate, and the members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

(U.S. President and Congress to Receive L.A. Statement)

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Your action the other day said that you would forward this to the presidential candidates. This simply adds the President and the members of the Congress. Microphone 9, please.

STEFANIE GRAY (California-Pacific): I believe a few days ago, when we were deciding who was going to be on these committees that will report to Los Angeles and Washington, that there was to be 1 youth on the committee. And I didn't hear a name, and I was just wondering if there is 1.

DAY: That's true. We are still working on that, and we will not let you down. We hope to have a youth as part of the Los Angeles team.

GRAY: You hope to?

DAY: We will have. The only hope is that it has really been difficult balancing who should go to Washington and who should go to Los Angeles--schedules--but we are leaning toward having a youth as part of the Los Angeles team. If it's not there, it will be someone who can go to Washington tomorrow. So maybe you could see me near microphone 5 pretty soon. It's hard to find all of you, but we are committed to that.

BISHOP MORGAN: Your answer is that there will be a youth on the committee.

DAY: Yes.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Are you ready? Yes. Back here. Please go to microphone 13. We need to vote on this, so we can move along to the agenda.

BERNARD KEELS (Baltimore): May I have a point of personal privilege for 30 seconds?

BISHOP MORGAN: All right.

KEELS: I'm one of the pastors in the initial demonstration project of the bishops' initiative. This lunch time I made what I thought was one of the most important phone calls of my life. Last summer I met a young man named Michael who came into my office asking for food. To make a long story short, Michael gestured and stuck out his chest and finally we decided he did not know how to read. I asked Michael, who is 9 years old, what was the problem. He said, "Come to my house." When I returned to his house, all I saw was a cracked pipe, human feces on the wall, and a mother who was so emaciated and so addicted to crack that it brought me to my knees in tears. I called Michael to let him know that the members of the 1992 General Conference had reaffirmed his mother'a right to be delivered from drugs by the renewed thrust into the special mission projects. We need to know that Mark Twain said something that is very important to us: never to let our schooling interfere with our education. Many times we have been schooled very well in parliamentary procedure and amendments and points of order and points of personal privilege.

We now need to go back and educate our people about why this is important. And my first homework assignment for you is this following discussion that I have observed Michael and 3 of his friends having. The first young man said, "I'm going solid gold." The second man said, "I'm going oak." The third young man said, "I'm going mahogany." For those of you who are wondering what they are referring to, they were talking about the kind of casket they will be buried in. That's why this is so important. And I'm so proud to be part of this delegation of the Baltimore Conference. Thank you.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. If you will support this motion, will you show your hand, please? Down. Opposed? And it's ordered. Thank you, Brother Day.

DAY: Just a final word. We did not forget the concern from our brother delegate from Sierra Leone, which was to bring in a supplementary message for the different global communities. That was really impossible for our committee. Otherwise, we would have missed all of our legislative committees. So we invite you to take this statement and go and write one, especially in the context of your own nation. Thank you.

FERGUSON: I'm sorry. That's it. Thank you very much.

BISHOP ROBERT C. MORGAN: Turn to Carolyn Marshall now to introduce our secretarial staff.

CAROLYN M. MARSHALL (General Conference Secretary): Bishop and members of the General Conference. Some persons on the secretarial staff,

you have seen before you during every plenary. Many persons on that staff are ones who have worked behind the scenes and whom, unless you have come to rooms 102 or 103, you have not seen. All of these persons are ones who have served with great devotion and tireless hours. I at this time would like to introduce each of them to you. I would ask that you would hold for applause and express your appreciation after all have been introduced. Would you please stand?

With only 2 exceptions, I will not be giving their titles and responsibilities--simply to say to you that everyone here fell in as a part of the team and were not particularly bound by the job descriptions that they were given at the time that they were asked.

Starting on your right, my left, is Veronica McDaniel. Next to her is Odell Thompson, a name whom you will--many of you recognize--because she has served across many months as our petition secretary. You know her name, and I want each of you to meet her. Next to her is Roberto Gomez, Bob McCracken, Lindey Loresko, Milley Hilts, Mel Brawn, Arle Brawn, then our coordinator of calendar, John Brawn, Preston Price, Gere Reist and Gary Graves, who came to us after we were here and was working as one of the recorders and has been an invaluable addition to the staff here. My deep appreciation, and I'm sure all of you would express appreciation to these persons who have served all of us extremely well.

BISHOP MORGAN: By your applause, you have expressed your appreciation for this crew who keeps us going here. We turn now to Brother Ott for the agenda committee.

DONALD A. OTT (Wisconsin): Friends, we have approximately 300 minutes remaining in our conference. In light of that, bishop, I would move that speeches be limited to 1 minute for the balance of the conference.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. You'll need to suspend the rules. If you'll suspend the rules to limit speeches to 1 minute, will you show the hand please?

Down, opposed, and it is ordered. Now, if you would limit the speeches to 1 minute, will you show the hand. Down, opposed, and it is in order. All right. We're goning to turn first of all to legislative committee. Excuse me, where is Charles? Just a minute. Let us get the conference going here, then I will turn to you. We're talking about the Calendar Items this afternoon, and I want to say something before we proceed.

CHARLES W. JORDAN (Northern Illinois): The calendar items this afternoon will begin with the Legislative Committee on Conferences with Vance Summers, followed by Discipleship, Rex Bivens; General and Judicial Administrations, Carolyn Johnson, and then Ministry with Rosa Washington.

BISHOP MORGAN: Friends, before you address the chair here, let me say we have, you're aware of the tremendous amount of work we need to do. My purpose is to help facilitate us doing the work of the conference. I think that's your responsibility as well.

So I would hope that--we're goning to make mistakes up here, and I would hope that unless we just get in terrible trouble, if you would sort of make sure that your points of order, and parliamentary query will simply be to help facilitate the process. Then we can move along. I want you to know what there are: they're one speech, but you don't have to make that. That's not a quota. If it's not necessary to really carry the day, then let's move along. Now I don't want to take you faster than you want to go, but we need to go faster than we've been going. All right. Now then, let us turn to (applause). Thank you. So we turn now to Vance Summers, please.

(Calendar Item 1526; Number of Bishops)

VANCE SUMMERS, JR. (West Ohio): Good afternoon. Bishop Morgan, we were blessed with some very able leadership in our section. Fritz Mutti served as our vice chairperson; Sue Messenger was our secretary; we had Robert Casey as chairperson of our subcommittees; Peggy Page, Margaret Page was one of the others, and Jan Dahl. These persons will assist me as we do our work this afternoon. Will you turn to the blue *DCA*, p. 526, Calendar Item 1526. This has to do with the number of bishops in Central Conferences and in jurisdictions. This particular legislation determines the number of bishops per jurisdiction, and there is a formula by which that is done. The legislative committee, dealt with this, and then voted concurrence as amended 4871.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. It is before you. Yes, microphone 8.

KENT M. MILLARD (South Dakota): Bishop, I would like to speak in favor of this legislation. If this legislation does not pass, 2 bishops will be eliminated. One in the North Central Jurisdiction, I should say the positions of 2 bishops will be eliminated. (laughter) One in the North Central Jurisdiction and one in the Northeastern Jurisdiction, because of the current formula that's in the *Discipline*. The revision that the legislative committee has made will allow us to continue 10 bishops in the North Central and 10 in the Northeast. Otherwise, within 2 months, we'd have to revise 2 areas down to 9, so there would only be 9 bishops in each area. So, this is very important legislation for us to pass today.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. You're in favor. Is there anyone who would like to speak against it, please? Right here at no. 3, please.

CONRAD M. PAGE (Central Pennsylvania): If I'm in order, I'd like to move an amendment, please.

I would like to amend the petition, par. 1, in lieu of par. 1, I'd like to substitute 2 paragraphs. The first paragraph would read, "Fullfilling the mission of the church shall be the basis for determining the number of bishops to be elected in each jurisdiction." The second paragraph would read, "The number of bishops shall remain as of the beginning date of each General Conference unless changed by General Conference upon recommendation of the jurisdictional conference of the jurisdiction affected, and the Inner Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, and adopted by the General Conference. Paragraphs 2 and 3 in the petition that's printed in the blue book would be renumbered 3 and 4.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, you may speak to that if you'd like.

PAGE: Very briefly. I believe that there is a better way to determine the number of bishops required in a jurisdiction than by formula. For instance, it takes much more episcopal leadership to lead 5,000 members located in fifty 100-member churches than it would one 5,000-member church.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Is there someone that would speak against the amendment, the Page Amendment? Yes? Let me, let me, anybody here? All right, microphone 8.

MILLARD: I'm on the Epicopacy Committee for the North Central Jurisdiction, and we too had endorsed this legislation for forwarding to General Conference. It was originally passed by the legislative committee. However, we were informed by Craig Hoskins there were some ways that that legislation may be unConstitutional, because the Constitution talks about a consistent method and using the mission of the church may not be found to be a consistent method for determining number of bishops. So the legislative committee reconsidered that and then came back with maintaining the same kind of formula, which would accomplish the same purpose. So, I would speak in favor of defeating the amendment and going with the original motion from the committee.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. You've had a speech in favor and against. I'm goning to put the amendment now. If you would support the amendment, would you show your hand, please? If you are opposed to the amendment, would you show your hand. It is clearly defeated now. The report of the legislative committee is before you. There's been one speech for it; would someone like to speak against it? You don't have to. All right. Are you ready to put the . . . oh, excuse me, over here to the right. Microphone 5.

DONALD HAMILTON (Yellowstone): I'd like to move that we refer this to the General Council on Finance and Administration.

BISHOP MORGAN: The motion is for referral to the General Council on Finance and Administration. Is there a second to that? I do not hear a second. It is not supported, sir. All right. You ready to vote? The legislative committee report is before you. If you would support it, show the hand. Excuse me. I did not see you there. I'm putting the question now, sir. You may ask a question, Brother Jim.

JAMES W. HOLSINGER (Virginia): Bishop, I'd just like for you to tell us what a "yes" vote does and what a "no" vote does, thank you.

SUMMERS: The "yes" vote will sustain the position of the Legislative Committee, and that is to have 310,000 in place of 300,000, and thereby permitting the retention of the number of bishops currently in each jurisdiction.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. If you would support . . . I mean, vote when the light appears. Your preference. "Yes," 631; "No," 170. It carries. Brother Vance.

(Calendar Item No. 1513, Episcopal Fund Payment for Reactivated Bishops)

SUMMERS: Will you turn to p. 525, which is the preceding page, in the blue *DCA*, Calendar Item 1513. This subject is on the no. of bishops to be elected in the jurisdiction. Honestly, I think this is mistitled. It has to do, or relates to, the Episcopal Fund's responsibility to pay the difference between the pensions paid retired bishops and reactivated bishops when they serve in one area.

BISHOP MORGAN: OK, 1513 is before you. Would anyone like to speak for or against?

SUMMERS: Excuse me, Bishop, the recommendation is for concurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: The recommendation is for concurrence on the committee. All right, if you'll support the committee would you show your hand, please? Opposed? And it is ordered.

(Calendar Item No. 1518, Composition of General Conference)

(Calendar Item No. 1518; Voting Membership of General Conference)

SUMMERS: Would you turn to page . . . still on p. 525, blue *DCA*. Calendar Item 1518. This has to do with the composition of voting memberships of General Conference. This item gives the formula by which delegates to General Conference from annual conferences are determined. This item will reduce, as it is now . . . it will reduce the delegations from three jurisdictions and increase delegations from two jurisdictions. The Committee voted concurrence as amended.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. It is properly before you. I turn to Brother Trotter over here at microphone 10.

MARK C. TROTTER (California-Pacific): As you have already heard, this is a very radical reapportionment scheme, which would reduce the representation from the Western Jurisdiction by nearly 25%. We ask that you don't correct one injustice by creating another one. We understand the thinking of people who proposed this petition, but we ask that we go back to the wording as it is stated, the formula in the present *Discipline*, where these changes are made in a much more rational and coherent way. General Conference is not a political body ensuring rights to competing institutions or constituencies. It is conceived as a mission planning and mission empowering body, and when it has functioned that way it has seen the whole nation and then the whole world as a field of mission and evangelism. We have affirmed that at this General Conference by approving the special mission projects. Most of them are directly . . .

BISHOP MORGAN: Time is up, Mark. Just wrap it up right quick.

TROTTER: I urge you to vote against this.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Someone now that would speak for it. Microphone 14.

JOSEPH H. BULLINGTON JR. (Alabama-West Florida): An examination of what was proposed by GCFA showed us several inequities. The conferences that gained delegates by that formula would have lost 40,000 members since the last General Conference. The conferences that have gained members broke even with delegates, and two conferences even lost delegates to General Conference. Now, that's not a fair situation and so this formula was developed on the basis of fairness. And it seems to us that where every United Methodist counts the same, whether clergy or lay, that that is a fair basis. Now, in this General Conference seated there is one conference delegation, a conference of about 127,000 members, that has one delegate for every 7,045 members while another conference has one delegate for every 12,347 members.

BISHOP MORGAN: Time is exhausted, Brother Joe.

BULLINGTON: We urge you to pass this Committee recommendation on the basis of fairness and equity.

BISHOP MORGAN: Turn to Microphone No. 2, please, here.

VANCE P. ROSS (West Virginia): I ask the Bishop if I could hear from the committee what precisely is their rationale for concurrence in this regard. I'm trying to find out what missional equities come about.

BISHOP MORGAN: Now, they will have their chance to do that when they wrap it up in a moment here. Turn to the middle, here. Brother Wogaman, who I'm pointing to here, microphone 13 please.

PHILIP WOGAMAN (Baltimore): Only a point of order, Bishop.

BISHOP MORGAN: What is the point of order?

WOGAMAN: This is not a point of order; it's a question.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right.

WOGAMAN: It's actually 2 questions. The first is how long has the present formula . . . The question is, how long has the current formula been in place, and, secondly, how many delegates would be won or lost in each of the jurisdictions if the formula were changed?

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. I turn to the Committee.

SUMMERS: I'm sorry Bishop I did not hear the question.

BISHOP MORGAN: Brother Wogaman, if you'd come back and ask it again. It's 13, please . . . microphone 13.

WOGAMAN: The first question is, how long has the present formula been in place? The second question is, if the new formula were in place, what would be the numerical effect in each of the jurisdictions?

SUMMERS: The vice-chairperson of the sub . . . I mean the subcommittee chairperson will respond.

BISHOP MORGAN: OK. Where we are now . . . we've had one speech for and against the legislative committee.

MARGARET PAIGE (Detroit): The results, if you went with it as a committee amended it, North Central would lose 14, North Eastern would lose 4, South Central would gain 16, South Eastern would gain 16, Western would lose 16, and Central Conferences would gain 4.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Yes. Come to microphone 4 please. Microphone 4 please. Ms. Ravenhorst . . . I'm sorry Dorothy.

DOROTHY RAVENHORST (Virginia). OK. I speak . . .

BISHOP MORGAN: Are you for or against? You're speaking . . .

RAVENHORST: I'm for this.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right.

RAVENHORST: Speaking as one from one of the jurisdictions that would stand to gain numerically, on the basis of the surface of it, it does look like an equity question. But we need to keep in tension the concerns between equity and diversity. We would lose greatly in diversity if this were passed. We already have a large number in my conference, the largest in the connection. We have a large number of delegations from South. We would become a regional church, to our detriment, at the very time that we are trying very hard to see ourselves in terms of being a global church. I feel this would be a step backward to dilute the diversity that we get from more representation from the North and from the West.

BISHOP MORGAN: I take that as a speech against the legislative committee, would you not? All right, is there a speech for the recommendation? Yes, back here. Don, Microphone 7, please.

DON PIKE (Central Texas): I want to take you back to Methodist-Protestant days, were my roots came from, when the issue was equal representation of the laity and the clergy. I speak in support, because if we take the other option it weights the clergy side more heavily than it does the laity side. And I hope that you will support 1518.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. We've had 2 speeches for and against. Only questions, no more debate. We must vote. Only questions about procedure . . . Yes? I recognize someone at microphone 8, please.

SUSAN SHERBROOKE (Pacific Northwest): My question is, does a "no" vote on this proposal mean that the status quo is maintained?

BISHOP MORGAN: I would say, yes. It would keep the law as it is. That's what's before us. Now then, let's . . . are you ready to vote? All right, if you would support the legislative committee's recommendation . . . A point of order? Go to 11 and state the rule violated.

PAT STROMAN (Central Texas): Bishop Morgan, it is not a statement of rule, it's a misstatement that we will not go back to the *Discipline*. We go to the amended committee report, and that is not the same.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, thank you. Vance you wish to say something?

SUMMERS: The way I understood . . .

BISHOP MORGAN: Before we vote.

SUMMERS: The way I understood the question was, would everything remain the same, that's status quo. And what is in the legislation maintains the same number of bishops that are currently serving . . . delegates . . . I'm sorry.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, if you would register you vote when the light appears, please . . . Just a minute. Stop the vote. Do you have a point of order or a question regarding the procedure? You've had your chance. Yes, ma'am. Yes, sir? Go to microphone 7.

JOHN CORSON (California-Nevada): My question is, if we wish to retain the present language of the *Discipline*, do we have one vote or two votes in order to accomplish that?

BISHOP MORGAN: Are you addressing me or the chair?

CORSON: I'm addressing you, Bishop.

BISHOP MORGAN: Would you please repeat it, please?

CORSON: The question is, if we desire to retain the current language in the *Discipline*, do we have two votes on the material before us or one vote?

SUMMERS: So if we wish to retake?

BISHOP MORGAN: The only thing that is before you is the legislative committee's report.

SUMMERS: And if we vote no, we go back to the current *Discipline*.

BISHOP MORGAN: You go back to the . . .

SUMMERS: Or we stay there.

BISHOP MORGAN: That is correct.

CORSON: Yes. That is correct.

SUMMERS: I just wanted to be very clear that that's where we were. Thank you.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. You ready to vote? Now if you will register your vote when the light appears. All right, "Yes," 389; "No," 503. And it fails. Yes, Microphone 4.

(Motion to Apportion on General Conference Delegation in Place of Membership)

STEPHEN P. WENDE (Southwest Texas): Given this vote and its implications, I move that the General Church Asking budgets be apportioned on the basis of delegate count rather than membership. If seconded, I'll explain it.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, it's been seconded.

WENDE: I am proud and honored to be a pastor in the United Methodist Church and I will abide by whatever the General Conference decides, but we have severed any clear and meaningful relationship between our delegations, their counts, and the membership back home. In the South Central Jurisdiction, 1 delegate represents 11,000 members in the pews; in the Western

Jurisdiction, 1 delegate represents 7,400 in the pews. That disparity is so significant that we need to go forward with integrity, and I believe our money should reflect the reality of the vote just taken.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, now you'll need to bring a copy of that motion, or give it to the page. All right. The motion is before you. Would you like to speak for or against it? Yes. Right here to microphone 8, please.

KENT M. MILLARD (South Dakota): Bishop, I would like to speak against the amendment. I think that we are a fellowship of one body and one church, a global church, and I think we should defeat this, and keep the system the way it is. If you start talking about money, I just noticed that the Western Jurisdiction pays $13 per member for general church askings, and the Southeast Jurisdiction pays $11 per member. So the giving in the West is higher per member. And he is using some different figures.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. There has been 1 speech for, 1 against. Are you ready to act on this?

CAROL GLEASON (California Nevada): No.

BISHOP MORGAN: Do you have a speech? Yes ma'am. Go to microphone 7. One-minute speeches.

GLEASON: I wish a clarification of what we are voting on.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, when we get ready to vote, we will let the secretary read this to you. The motion as it . . .

MARSHALL: I don't have it.

BISHOP MORGAN: Is it in your hands yet, Carolyn?

MARSHALL: No, it's not.

BISHOP MORGAN: We don't have the motion up here yet. All right, anyone who would like to speak for or against? Over here, yes. Go to microphone 2, please. Then I'll come back over here. We have had 1 for and 1 against the motion. We need that motion up here as quick as possible.

T.TERRELL SESSUMS (Florida): Mr. Chairman, to speak for us, Those of us who are Americans remember the slogan, "no taxation without representation." We also remember the United States Supreme Court's ruling in the case of Ball v. Mann. One man. One vote. It's fair. This motion is very fair. I think that some think that they perhaps have self-interests that need to be preserved. But I'd let you know that our conference now has the highest apportionment of any in the church. We have very diverse membership in our conference, as is true in the other areas, too. Now I think this motion is preeminently fair. I hope you support it. Otherwise, it is going to be very difficult for us to persuade many of our friends and members why we ought to pay our apportionments.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, is there someone that would speak againat? Yes, Ma. Sweet. Go to microphone 4, please.

ELIZABETH SWEET (Southern New England): I would ask us, as we look at this, to also look at where we have just voted missional dollars. Does this mean that we then put X amount of dollars to Boston, because Los Angeles gets them? What about the Central Conferences? Are we asking them to come up with dollars on this same basis? Wo've opened a whole Pandora's box. I would speak strongly against this, unless . . . I come here to vote for The United Methodist Church, not for what belongs in my town or in my conference. We're here representing the total church, not one conference.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, there's been 2 speeches for and against. Let me read to you the motion. "I move that the General Church Asking budgets be apportioned on the basis of delegate count rather than membership." If you will vote when the light appears on this motion. "Yes," 332; "No," 565. It fails. Turn back to the committee now.

SUMMERS: That concludes our work for this time, Bishop.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Thank you brother, Vance. We now turn to Rex Bevins and the Legislative Committee on Discipleship. Brother Bevins.

C. REX BEVINS (Nebraska): Bishop Morgan and members of the conference. The Discipleship legislative committee has 1 item that completes our work, as far as we have been able to track it, at least. I am going to call on Chuck Jones, one of our subcommittee chairs to present it. And Bishop, following that, I would like 30 seconds of personal privilege, if I may, please.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Blue book page and number.

CHUCK JONES (California Pacific): Bishop Morgan, remaining members and observers of the General Conference, I draw your attention to the blue *DCA*, p. no. 540.

(Calendar Item No. 1641; Ministry of the Laity)

About halfway down on the left column, Calendar Item No. 1641 entitled "Ministry of the Laity." You will find the exact wording of the petition in your white *DCA*, p. no. 1115, in the left column. It is Petition No. DI11132-1218. This is the insertion of a new subsection in the *Book of Discipline*. If you want a cross reference, you would find it in the *1988 Discipline*, p. 516. It is an addition to par. 1218, to be 1218.9, in "Ministry of the Laity, Leadership, and Ministry Development."

In effect it is an enabling clause to allow for lay persons to deliver consecrated elements to those who are not able to attend congregational worship services. The legislative committee recommends concurrence by a vote of 89-0-0. It is before the house, Bishop.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. It's before you--properly before you. Yes. Go to microphone 9--or 14 would probably be closer.

RAY BRANTON (Louisiana): I would question whether this item is not against the Articles of Religion, which forbids the reserved sacrament.

BISHOP MORGAN: I think the issue with the article is that the consecration is of the elements not . . . this is dealing with distribution of the elements, is that correct?

BRANTON: That is correct.

BISHOP MORGAN: Then I would think it would be in order. Yes. Right here in the very middle; go to microphone 12.

BILL HARVEY (East Ohio): I don't see the relationship of that to what is in no. 8. Wouldn't it be more appropriately a new no. 9?

JONES: That is correct.

BISHOP MORGAN: It says that in the petition.

JONES: If you read carefully, the notation in the blue *DCA*, it notes that it is to be .9, not an amendment to .8.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Over here, microphone 5. Brother Herschel.

HERSCHEL SHEETS (North Georgia): I would like to oppose this recommendation for 2 or 3 reasons. One, it comes in a section of *The Book Discipline* having to do with the work of the Board of Discipleship, not with the work

of the pastor nor with specific ministries of the laity. The wording is not clear. The intention seems to be that the pastor is to train lay members to use appropriate words and actions in serving Communion. But it says that the pastor is to use appropriate words himself or herself in training them. And pastoral care of elderly and shut-in persons is a very important part of the ministry of the pastor. I would not want to do anything to discourage a pastor from carrying out that responsibility. And this comes close to blurring the distinction between the responsibilities of ordained and non-ordained persons.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. That's a speech against. Is there a speech for? Yes. Over here, in the very corner. Go to microphone 1. We had one speech against.

HAMILTON: Bishop this is "For." Are you ready for "For"?

BISHOP MORGAN: Yes. Yes, sir.

HAMILTON: I serve as a diaconal minister on a staff were we have as many as 80 to 90 shut-ins. And my judgment, for a Stephen minister or a diaconal minister or a lay person to serve the elements following the consecration by the senior minister or the ordained clergy would be appropriate.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. There have been 2 speeches against; 1 for. I hear a speech "for" now. OK. Trying to move around. Yes, ma'am. Right here. Go to microphone 8 or 13, whichever you . . . no. 8. This is to be a speech for.

MARY EBINGER (Baltimore): I would definitely speak for this, because I feel that there are many times that the elements are consecrated. But we as lay persons and as a pastoral counselor, and also the ones that were mentioned before, would be very appropriate and very meaningful and necessary in the ministry of the laity. Thank you.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. We've had 2 speeches for and against. Calendar Item 1641 is before you. If you will register your vote when the light appears. "Yes," 703; "No," 184. And it carries.

JONES: Bishop Morgan, may I have 30 seconds of personal privilege?

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. I'm going to time you.

JONES: Please do. Polonius to Hamlet: "What are you reading, Sir? Words, words, words." There's an unsung group at this General Conference that has kept the words before those of us who served as chairs and subcommittee chairs: and that's all that recording secretaries of the committees and the subcommittees. And I would ask that they rise at this time so that we can acknowledge all the work they did to keep the words correctly for us.

BISHOP MORGAN: Here, here. That's super. Turn now to Rex Bevins, chair of the committee, for a closing comment.

BEVINS: Just want to express my appreciation to my vice-chair, Ann Sherer, and to my secretary, LaVon Wilson, and to some wonderfully competent subcommittee chairs: Don Haynes, Mary Brooke Casad, Bernard Keels, V. L. Daughtery, Lucinda Holmes, and Chuck Jones. Bishop, this completes the report of the Discipleship Legislative Committee.

BISHOP MORGAN: Here, here. Let's give them a hand for completing their work. All right. I see a hand back here at microphone 14.

(Consider Impact of UMCare)

BULLINGTON: I'd like to move that this body direct GCFA to develop a procedure to consider the impact of UMCare upon the annual conferences, and to adjust the apportionments on that basis. If I can have a second, I'd like to speak to it.

BISHOP MORGAN: It's supported.

BULLINGTON: Whereas UMCare has helped a lot of conferences with their health care cost, I come from a conference that's going to be adversely impacted by it. The estimates vary from $190,000 to almost half a million dollars--the annual impact on our conference. Since we have, by our support of UMCare, helped others to free up monies and, at the same time, have committed more of ours, it seems to me only appropriate that those who have now more expendable income help with the apportionments more and that those who are feeling the adversity of this be given some relief during this quadrennium.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. I'm sure that's in order. If you would support that motion, would you show your hand please--that they'll have counsel and support from . . . All right. If you would support the motion, would you show the hand please? Down. If you oppose that, would you show the hand? All right. I was moving . . . sensing, I thought, the Spirit here. Does anyone like to speak against that motion? I didn't mean to move too quickly. All right. If you would record your will by voting when the light appears please--if you support this motion. Just a minute, please. Brother Bullington, you haven't had time to get it to us. Would you please repeat your motion before we vote. I'm sorry. I want to move you fast, but I'm sorry to move you too fast.

BULLINGTON: I move that the General Conference direct GCFA to develop a procedure to consider the impact of UMCare upon annual conferences and to adjust the apportionments appropriately on that basis.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. You've made a speech for. Anybody like to speak against this? Yes. Right here on Microphone No. 13.

DAVID DOLSEN (Rocky Mountain Conference): My question is, since this is an adjustment of the apportionment formula, will this not require a reconsideration of Report No. 8, which is the apportionment formula which we have already adopted?

(Calendar Item No. 1082; Limit Membership on Agencies)

BISHOP MORGAN: I think it is in order. It's to ask them to study it. It's not asking them to . . . .we need a copy of the motion for the bulletin so we will know what we are voting on here. If it does adjust the apportionment, then it would need to be reconsidered. I think the point is well taken. It would need to be reconsidered in that light. All right. There is no motion to reconsider. Is there a motion to reconsider? All right. We'll turn now to the Committee on General and Judicial Administration. Carolyn Johnson.

JOHNSON: Bishop and members of the General Conference, it is my pleasure to bring to you some items from the Legislative Group on General and Judicial Administration. Our chairperson, Dr. Walter Kimbrough, has, regrettably, had to leave the site of the General Conference, so I will try to help us move through the legislation. The first item that we have . . . we will go through some issues that relate to general program agencies. The first item that we have will be found as Calendar Item No. 1082, and it's found on p. 364 of your *DCA*.

BISHOP MORGAN: Would you give the page again, Carolyn?

(Calendar Item No. 1082; Limit Membership of General Boards, Councils, Agencies)

JOHNSON: Yes, it's p. 364 of the *DCA*, Calendar Item No. 1082. And it would be helpful in terms of your own reference to use p. 1183 in the white *DCA*. This relates to Petition 12174, which is a petition to limit the membership of general boards, agencies, and councils to 50 members each. The Committee's recommendation was nonconcurrence, and I would recommend that you sustain that. Our vote was "Yes," 45, favoring nonconcurrence; "No," 13, for nonconcurrence. And there were 10 persons not voting.

BISHOP MORGAN: So you have a minority report with this?

JOHNSON: No, there is no minority report with this one.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Excuse me, I was following something else on you here, and you switched on me. Once again, what is the Calendar Item and the page?

JOHNSON: The page is 364. It's Calendar Item No. 1082. The reference in the Advanced white copy of the *DCA* is p. 1183, and the title of the petition is "Limit membership of general boards and agencies and councils to 50 members."

BISHOP MORGAN: And the recommendation of the Committee is . . .

JOHNSON: Is nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. The recommendation of nonconcurrence of the committee is now before you. Yes. Turn to Microphone No. 13.

DAVE STANLEY (Iowa): I just want to point out, we hear again and again from those whose tithes and contributions pay for all of this: Why do you spend so much on meetings? One agency, I understand, has spent over $300,000 on 1 meeting--over $1 million on it's meetings in 1 year. This proposal calls for a top limit of 50 members on each commission and agency and gives the Council of Bishops the authority to do the necessary allocation and adjustments to maintain its inclusiveness. I think it's time we start putting more of our money into ministry and mission and less into meetings.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. That's a speech against it. Anyone like to speak for? Yes. 6.

V. L. DAUGHTERY (South Georgia): If it is in order, Bishop, I would like to amend from the No. 50 to 72 with a representative from each annual conference in The United Methodist Church.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Is there a second? Brother Daughtery, come back and give the amendment again. It's to move from 50 members to 72 is the amendment. Is that correct?

DAUGHTERY: To amend shall have no more than 72 members with at least 1 member from each annual conference of The United Methodist Church.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Yes. Go to microphone 4, please.

PHIL SUSAG (Southern New England): I'm in sympathy with what has been suggested, but I'm concerned that seems to eliminate any representation from the Central Conferences. I wonder if the maker of the amendment would like to say something that would put some representation in from the Central Conferences.

BISHOP MORGAN: He did not . . . Brother V. L., microphone 6.

DAUGHTERY: I would accept that addition that there be representation from the central conferences . . . from each annual conference . . .

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. So you amend your own amendment here?

DAUGHTERY: With permission of the house. Yes, sir.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Yes. Right here, please, Go to microphone 3. The amendment is before us to increase the No. from 50 to 72 and make provision for Central Conference membership. That is what is before us right now.

UNIDENTIFIED: If you make provision for Central conference, then the number is not 72 anymore. Is that right?

BISHOP MORGAN: That would be correct.

UNIDENTIFIED: Well, I'm against the amendment, but I'm against the whole thing. So should I wait to speak? I'm against the whole thing.

BISHOP MORGAN: You're against the whole thing . . .

UNIDENTIFIED: Yes.

BISHOP MORGAN: . . . so I think you are in order ma'am. Yes, you're in order to speak.

UNIDENTIFIED: OK, good. I ask you to vote against this. I think you need to look at each board on its own merit, as to what they are doing.

BISHOP MORGAN: Excuse me, you are against the amendment and the proposal, as well, so you are in order.

UNIDENTIFIED: OK. I urge you to vote against this. I think that you need to look at each board and agency and what their responsibilities are. I think that as a member of the Board of Global Ministries . . . we have in that Board of Global Ministries the Women's Division. So I guess you are saying that if we have 72 members, that a portion of them would have to be representatives from the Women's Division, which automatically would cut out other representatives of your conferences. We just cannot cut out people it's a part of . . . so I urge you to vote against the entire piece.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Would someone like to speak in favor of the amendment? Brother Braswell, go to microphone 13.

KERMIT BRASWELL (North Carolina): I move that we refer this to GCFA to bring back to the next session of the General Conference.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. The motion is to refer, not just the amendment but the whole matter, to the GCFA. Is there a second? Is it supported?

All right. Is that motion seconded? All right. The motion to refer this matter, all before us, to the GCFA. Is there . . . ? Yes. Over here, please, to the microphone 6. The matter of referral is all that is before us right now.

AUGUSTA CARRUTH (South Georgia): Yes. Thank you. I would like to amend that, to say that this should be referred to the GCOM instead of GCFA, because the GCOM is our program agency.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. The amendment is to refer it, rather than GCFA, to the GCOM. Is that supported? All right, that amendment to the referral is before us. Turn right here to microphone 8, please. Only a matter of referral is all that is before us.

EWING WERLEIN JR. (Texas): Bishop and members of the conference, I would request that you vote against the

referral. I served on a general board of this church. The particular one I served on had about 45 members at the time. It is an effective size to have. I also serve on the board of trustees of our Southern Methodist University. I came through the scandalous period. The board, at that time, consisted of more than 80 members. When we came through the scandal, we reduced the board's size to 40 or 45 in order to have an effective governing board. It is wasteful to have more, and I cannot believe that we cannot have, in this church, boards that will be effective and representative and inclusive--that consist of 50 or, if you please, 72 plus the Central Conferences. I would ask you not to refer this, which would simply kill it.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Your time is . . . One speech against. Is there someone who would speak for the motion to refer to the text? Go to microphone 6.

TEX SAMPLE (Missouri West): I do want to speak for the motion to refer, because I'm basically against the action. The reason I want to refer it is this: This is a very big decision. It's being made very quickly by this body. We need a lot more thought about it. I, for one, am particularly concerned about what boards that small would do in terms of adequate ethnic representation--and adequate representation from women. We are moving to the spot in the 21st century, probably around 2040, where the majority of the people in the United States will be made up of what are now people called, by many people, ethnic minorities. In other words, as a total group, they will be the majority of the people in the United States. If we go into the 21st century with unrepresentative boards and agencies, we are in deep trouble.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, Brother Sample. Back here in the back. All the way in the back, to microphone 14 there.

JOHN P. MILES (Little Rock): I call to suspend the rules, in order to call that all before us.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. You've heard the motion to suspend the rules. If you would suspend the rules to consider all that is before us, on this matter, would you show your hand. Down. If you oppose. If you will vote by the machine. If you will register your vote when the light appears. If you would suspend the rules on all that is before us to vote. All right, you having suspended the rules. The vote is "Yes," 810; "No," 105. My understand is the motion was to suspend the rules to . . . now, the question is to consider the previous question on this matter, or all that is before us this matter? All right, if you would support that, would you show your hand. Down. If you oppose. And the chair clearly sees that it has 2/3 vote. Now, what is before us first of all is the amendment to refer to GCOM. If you would support that amendment, would you register your vote when the light appears. That amendment fails. "Yes," 398; "No," 506. Now the amendment to vote on the referral to GCFA.

JOHNSON: Bishop?

BISHOP MORGAN: If you would . . . Yes.

JOHNSON: Bishop, may I have my last speech now? Because if that should prevail, then there would not be a chance.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. You are right, Carolyn; thank you. I'm sorry.

JOHNSON: Thank you. Members of the General Conference, on behalf of the committee, I would encourage you to vote against referral, and then hopefully later vote to sustain the committee. I'd like for you, in the moment that you are glancing, to remember that the items you have raised from the floor have indeed been taken care of. The committee was concerned, first of all, about the principle of making sure that, even though this is Par. 805, what precedes it in Par. 804, that each annual and missionary conference will have an opportunity for representation, and also the fact that in 8021C, we already have representation from Central Conferences. So I would encourage you to please vote against the motion to refer. And to sustain the committee and its vote of nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, now then. If you will register your vote on the referral to GCF&A. Vote when the light appears. Whatever your vote is. All right, the motion to refer to GCFA fails. The vote is "Yes," 175; "No," 741. Now, the Daughtery Amendment to increase from the 50 to 72, with Central Conference membership included. If you will support that amendment, vote when . . . not if you support. Will you vote when the light appears: All right, the amendment fails "Yes," 439; "No," 464. Now the report of the committee is before us. If you would support the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence, would you register your vote when the light appears? Or whatever your vote. All right, you support the committee. "Yes," 568; "No," 348. All right, next?

JOHNSON: Thank you, Bishop. We'll continue with issues that relate to general agencies. And to that end, our next topic will be general agency headquarters and a staff location report. And I would call on Jean Dowell to bring that report to you.

BISHOP MORGAN: Ms. Dowell.

(Calendar Item No. 974; Locations of General Agencies)

JEAN DOWELL (Minnesota): I am one of the vice presidents of the General Council on Ministries. The item that you will be dealing with can be found in the blue *DCA* on p. 355. It is Calendar Item 974. Petition No. 10866. You may wish to refer in your red *DCA* to the report, which you can find on p. 563. It is a report on the general agency headquarters staff location, a report of the General Council on Ministries and the General Council on Finance and Administration. This report now comes to you on behalf of both of those councils. This report represents work that was done by the General Council on Ministries and the General Council on Finance and Administration. In relationship to an assignment which was given to them under Par. 1006.25, and 907.2 of the *Book of Discipline* respectively. The matter is before the General Conference then on behalf of both of these Administrative Councils. I would like to present Mrs. Clelia Hendrix and the Rev. Donald Klarup, who will speak concerning this report. And then following that report, you will have the action of the legislative committee brought before you.

CLELIA D. HENDRIX (South Carolina): Bishop Morgan and members of the General Conference. I bring to you the report from the joint committee from GCOM/GCFA that is found on p. 563 of the red book. In the essence of time, I'm not going to give you the full report that Don Klarup and I had planned to give you, but we are going to merely highlight the report for you, and hope that you will read it at some other time, or that you have already studied it.

You will note on p. 563, right hand column, there is the mandate given in the *Discipline*. Since this is a Disciplinary joint committee established by *Discipline*, and you hear reports from this at each General Conference. We have acted in concert with the committee that is listed on the bottom of the right hand column on p. 563: 3 members from GCOM, 3 members from GCFA. This is a quadrennial review committee to study the site locations of all the general agencies of The United Methodist Church, and to talk with staff. We feel that we have done an in-depth study of this during this quadrennium, and you will see on p. 564 in the left-hand column, an accounting of the work done by the committee. One thing that we did--that we think that should be noted, is the fact that we took into consideration the historical and contractual reasons for location of each of the general agencies of The United Methodist Church. We visited each one of these sites and talked with members of the staff on site. We also reviewed financial statements of each of the general agencies, and in addition, we met with the representatives of the committee that had been appointed to study the moving of the Board of Global Ministries, to see how it related to this mandated committee by the *Discipline*.

We have also discussed the possible implications of the location of general agency headquarters and staff, and the possible impact of current explorations occurring in the church relating to the structure of the church. You will note on pp. 564-565 and the 2 ensuing pages, a brief summary statement of each of the site locations of United Methodist Church general agencies. I hope that you will read these carefully. It will give you a comparison of these various agencies in their headquarters locations and staff. We have included a comment about . . . brief statement about the facility, location, space, staff, and off-site locations, if any. Rev. Don Klarup, who served as secretary of this committee, will continue with this report.

DONALD G. KLARUP (South Dakota): Bishop, members of the conference. I would summarize the findings of the committee as three.

First of all, there are inconsistent policies in work conditions among the agency headquarters. None of them are posh. Some have modest, but adequate space and work environments. Some are seriously overcrowded, with counter-productive work environments. The need is to develop consistent policies and funding, so that all general agencies have adequate work environments.

The second finding is that our headquarters locations need to be analyzed for: the image of the church they project, their witness, their economy, their size, and how they facilitate communication within the church and beyond.

Our third finding is that we have found that most general agencies are located where they are for historical and traditional reasons, and because that's where the church had available buildings at the time of merger in 1972. But in most instances, our agencies were not located where they are for missional or strategic purposes. The agencies believe they are well-placed, but to our knowledge, there has never been a comprehensive plan of headquarters location reflecting a long range, overall mission and strategy of the church. We believe this is needed.

Therefore, we recommend that these analyses of all general headquarters locations and staffs, be an integral part of the examination of the church's overall mission and vision, together with related connectional, structural matters to be carried out in the 1993-1996 quadrennium, under the leadership of the General Council on Ministries. In cooperation with the Council of Bishops, the General Council on Finance and Administration, the Commission on Central Conference Affairs, and other groups in the connection. Until this analysis is completed, the General Council on Ministries and the General Council on Finance and Administration recommend that all general agency headquarters be retained in their present locations for the 1993-1996 quadrennium. The adoption of this report, and both the majority and minority positions in Calendar Items No. 974, which will be presented in a moment, we believe are not inconsistent with the previous General Conference action regarding the location of the General Board of Global Ministries in Calendar Item 154, *DCA* p. 232. That action directed that the Board not be moved prior to 1996. This is consistent with the recommendations in this report, which asks that no agency headquarters be moved during this quadrennium. The minority report also affirms the need for study of other agencies, but asks that there be no duplication or expenditure of further monies for a similar study of the Board of Global Ministries.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, Donald, thank you. Carolyn?

JOHNSON: Yes. Bishop, to follow up with that, the framers of the minority report have decided not to present that. So on behalf of the committee, I would move recommendation, the recommendation of concurrence. Our legislative committee voted 56 for concurrence, 18 against, and 1 not voting.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. It's properly before you now. The minority have withdrawn their report, and a lot of our action. If . . . all right, yes, right back here, please. Brother Smallwood, go to microphone 14.

WILLIAM C. SMALLWOOD (Mississippi): This is a point of information. In view of the fact that there is a study committee, which will be composed of some of these same people, even though the minority report has been withdrawn, will these be consolidated or will there be an additional cost to the church for 2 committees to study this?

JOHNSON: That I would have to check with Dave Lundquist or Jean Dowell.

DOWELL: This is one of the ongoing responsibilities of the council. There will be no additional cost.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Any other questions? All right, if you will . . . yes. Microphone 4.

KIRBYJON CALDWELL (Texas): Calling the chair's attention to p. 568, 2nd full par., "We are aware that a serious examination of the church's overall mission and vision together, etc., etc.." Will the structure and organization also be looked at? is one question. And the 2nd question is, this is, may sound like a crazy notion, but do you think it would be possible for the Council of Bishops to consider soliciting the professional consultant services of a professional management firm on a *pro bono* basis, or thereabouts, so that an objective entity standing outside of The United Methodist Church can take a good look at us and make recommendations accordingly?

JOHNSON: I can't speak for the Council of Bishops, but I would hopefully be assured that, if the General Council on Ministries were to do the study, that

they would do it with every appropriate means by which they would seek their consultation. Now I, you would have to, I think you could ask permission for Dave Lundquist or Jean Dowell to speak, in terms of whether you specifically are asking for consultant services of persons who are not United Methodist, but that would be the best response I could give you. Jean, would you want to speak to that?

DOWELL: The intent would be to coordinate, looking at this in terms of organization as well, yes.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, and I don't speak for the Council of Bishops. Are you ready to vote? If you will register your vote when the light appears, on Calendar 9 . . . on Calendar Item 974. All right, "Yes," 738; "No," 132, you have sustained the committee.

(Calendar Item No. 1418 Proposes General Board of Evangelism)

JOHNSON: Thank you. Bishop, our next calendar items relate to a proposal for a General Board of Evangelism. You will find that in your *DCA* on p. 467, and it's Calendar Item 1418. Calendar Item 1418. You may find it helpful to have the original petition in front of you; that is in the *Advance DCA*, the red book. That is on p. 671. We will be looking at Petition 11055. If you look at the lower 3rd of p. 671, you will see that the petition, the establishment of a General Board of Evangelism, sets out several recommendations that include budgetary items, the number of directors, an annual budget, and also includes the . . . also includes transferring some responsibilities of the General Board of Discipleship to the newly created or proposed General Board of Evangelism. The committee's recommendation is nonconcurrence with a vote of 56 for, 10 against, and 3 not voting. Because of the budgetary, the structural issues, both of the proposed new board as well as those of the transferring of responsibilities from an existing board. There is a minority report, and, bishop, I would seek your counsel, in that the minority report, as we have been instructed earlier, is, in this sense, an exact, would return us back to the original. So whether or not it is in order or not would be your decision to decide.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Back in the very back, Brother Dunnam, microphone 14. We're on Calendar Item 1418.

DUNNAM: Is a move for reference in order?

BISHOP MORGAN: Yes, sir.

DUNNAM: I move that this item be referred to the Council on Ministries, the General Council on Ministries. Two hundred thousand people signed . . .

BISHOP MORGAN: Is there a 2nd to that? All right, you may go ahead, brother Dunnam.

DUNNAM: Two hundred thousand people signed the Memphis Declaration requesting this. But we're aware that kind of action cannot take place at this General Conference. We do believe that there's been a tremendous blurring of the responsibilities of boards and agencies, witnessed even in some action that we've taken here, such as where we've placed some of our special mission and ministry projects. So I move that we refer this to that committee of the General Council on Ministries that studies the mission and ministry of the church, and that they give special attention to structure in the church for ministry and mission.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, that a motion or amendment to refer, and there's 1 speech for. Anybody want to speak against the referral? Yes, right here, against referral. All that's before us, referral. Microphone 8.

KLARUP: I'm not sure this is against, it's more a point of information, please. I was on the legislative committee dealing with this, and kind of the keystone of all of this is the assumption the study is going to be carried out by the Council of Ministries, and that all of these items coming before us will be taken into consideration in that study.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Sounded like a speech for referral there. All right, anybody against the referral? All right, you're ready to vote on the motion to refer. I hear some . . . yes, right here. Microphone 2, please. And I had said to myself, I'm going to look to the left and the right, but . . . because I know you've been ignored a lot. Excuse me, microphone 2.

RESSIE MAE BASS (Florida): I rise to speak against reference. First of all, we do have the place designed and defined where this is lodged. And I cannot imagine us creating another structure, because given the nature and feelings that I've sensed from this conference, we cannot afford to create this, and even if we could afford to create it, it doesn't make sense. And from my perspective, the Memphis Declaration does not dictate, for me, what the direction of this church is. We have a responsibility as delegates to look at the totality of the program of this United Methodist church, and make responsible decisions. So I urge you to vote against reference.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, the amendment to refer 1418. Anyone else like to speak against? We've had 2 for and 1 against. Are you ready to vote? If you would support the amendment to refer 1418, vote when the light appears, please. All right, it does not; it's not referred. It is before us now. Excuse me, the vote was "Yes," 446 for referral; "No" 465. It is still before us now. Anyone would like to speak for or against the calendar item? Are you ready to vote on the calendar item? Right here, please. Go to microphone 4.

GREGORY D. STOVER (West Ohio): Bishop, I would like to speak against nonconcurrence. I believe our structure makes an important statement about our understanding of ourselves as the body of Christ and our mission together. Wesley said there is no holiness but social holiness, and he also said that his preachers had 1 thing to do, and that was save souls. I believe as we look at our structure 200 years later, I wonder if it reflects that same biblical balance that Wesley had. When Harry Denmam left the board of evangelism, it had 45 staff persons on that board. Today, it has 8, I understand, soon to be reduced to 7. Consistently over the years, the Board of Evangelism, the section on evangelism, has been reduced in budget and in staff, and I believe that reflects somewhat of a imbalance in our church that needs to be restored. I hope we will vote "no" nconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: Your motion . . .

STOVER: Excuse me, I hope we will vote . . .

BISHOP MORGAN: Your speech is against the recommendation of the committee.

STOVER: Against nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: Against the recommendation of the committee. Over here. Is there a speech for the committee recommendation? Go to microphone 7, please.

JAMES M. BRYAN (Missouri West): If I've heard 1 thing from all of our

people at home, it is that what we don't need is more structure. What we need to do is make the structure we have more effective. Let's get the message to the Board of Discipleship that we want a more effective program of evangelism. Let's not create another full structure for committees, for meetings, for budgets, and for more demands on dollars that are already stretched too thin.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. One for and 1 against. You ready to vote?

JOHNSON: Bishop?

BISHOP MORGAN: The minority report just seems to be a rationale why not to support the committee. So the vote is before you. If you would support . . .

JOHNSON: Bishop?

BISHOP MORGAN: Non . . . the committee's rec . . . yes. Let me say what you're going to be voting on. If you . . . you will be voting on the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence. All right.

JOHNSON: Yes, I would again encourage you to sustain the committee's report, primarily on the rationale by which we were bringing to you the issue of nonconcurrence. The issue, as you read it, that, 1st of all, this board would have to be established before and funded before the 1996 General Conference, that it requires a move of change within the Board of Discipleship without proper evaluation on whether it has indeed done its work yet so far, and that it also includes with great specificity some budgetary and membership items for which may be inconsistent with current Disciplinary passages.

BISHOP MORGAN: OK, so if you support the committee, vote "yes," if you do not support the committee, vote "no" their recommendation when the light appears. All right, you have supported the committee's recommendation. "Yes," 632; "No," 283. Carolyn?

JOHNSON: Thank you. Yes, we have 2 petitions, the 2nd one also relates to a creation of a General Board of Evangelism. The page no. in your *DCA* is p. 361. It's Calendar Item No. 1044, and for reference, it is in the red *DCA*, exactly where you were a moment ago, on p. 670. Because of the action we had taken previously, the committee then recommended nonconcurrence--54 favoring nonconcurrence, 12 against nonconcurrence, and 3 not voting, and I would also move that recommendation.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. In light of your last action, if you would support the committee's recommendation, nonconcurrence, would you show your hand, please. Down, oppose, and it'a ordered.

JOHNSON: Thank you. This will be --I hate to use the word "last" because you might get excited, and it's not--but it's the last of those parts of our report on general program agencies. We will now look at *DCA* Calendar No. 995, which you will find on p. 357. Again that's p. 357, Calendar Item No. 995. The Petition No. is 11485, and it will be helpful if you will turn in your white *DCA* to p. 1198, p. 1198 in your white *DCA*. The original title, as you see, is "The Committee to Study Expanding United Methodist Mission in Alaska." As the subcommittee and the legislative committee reviewed the petition, it has prepared several amendments. And may I say that as those amendments were printed, they are not printed in the order that you would read them in the petition. So if you will bear with me, I will try to give it to you in the order that you would read it. And I recommend, our amendments are as follows: that the title will be changed so that the word "committee" would be deleted, and substituted would be "GCOM." And in addition to the word "mission" in the title, we would add the word "and ministry." So the title would then read, "GCOM to Study Expanding United Methodist Mission and Ministry in Alaska." If you go down to the beginning of the petition in the "whereases" on the 1st line, you notice that the petition says, "whereas Alaska is geographically at the center." And while the committee did not dispute that statistically, we felt that it might be important to say, instead of "at the center," "at an important point."

JOHNSON: If you move further down through the petition, in the last par., the one that begins, "Therefore let it be resolved . . . ", . . . you will find the words, "direct the General Council on Ministries to . . . ", and our amendment is to delete the words "form a committee," so that the way it would read is that the . . . direct the General Council on Ministries to study, and we should take out an extra "to," I'm sorry, " . . . to study the possibilities of expanding the United Methodist church mission," and then the add the word "ministry" in Alaska.

Now as we deliberated, there are several questions that I'm sure you would ask, so let me try to anticipate those 1st. I know someone will ask the question: Why did this not go to the Board of Global Ministries? The legislative committee was assigned it and felt that by adding ministry and by reading the body of the petition that, indeed, it was not only the issue of mission in Alaska, but a variety of ministries which would best then be coordinated and studied by the General Council on Ministries.

The same thing someone might ask, since the word "to study" is there, do we anticipate that there would be monetary or a financial figure to go along with this? And it was our understanding, and hopefully substantiated by staff present, that as a study with the General Council on Ministries, it would have to come under the General Council on Ministries' regular budget. So, given that, the committee recommends concurrence as amended, 58 for the concurrence, 15 against concurrence as amended, and 1 not voting.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, it is before you as amended by the committee. We will . . . yes, I see right here in the middle. Brother Hinson, microphone 4.

WILLIAM HINSON (Texas): The bottom of the last par. on p. 1198, "Therefore let it be resolved that General Conference direct the General Council on Ministries to form a committee to study the possibilities of expanding United Methodist Church mission in Alaska in the light of emerging economic, social, and environmental issues." And I'd like to add this amendment to the amendment, "and spiritual needs," and report its findings to the 1996 General Conference. If I have a 2nd, I'd like to speak to it.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 2nd.

BISHOP MORGAN: It's supported.

HINSON: A very short speech, bishop. I think as a church of Jesus Christ we're concerned not only about economic, social, and environmental issues, but I believe spiritual needs should come in there somewhere.

BISHOP MORGAN: OK.

JOHNSON: Bishop?

BISHOP MORGAN: Carolyn?

JOHNSON: Can I ask a point of . . . a question for the maker? As you read it, you read your amendment to include the

words "form a committee." Was that to reinsert that in your amendment?

BISHOP MORGAN: He was reading from the old.

JOHNSON: OK. Then we would be willing to accept that . . .

BISHOP MORGAN: I think the spirit of this amendment is to add spiritual needs.

JOHNSON: We would be quite willing to do that.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Yes, right here into microphone 9 or 14, whichever you desire. 9. What we're doing now is the Hinson amendment, and there is 1 speech for it.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We have a point of order.

BISHOP MORGAN: Excuse me, what is your point of order?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Did Carolyn accept that?

JOHNSON: Yes, I did, bishop.

BISHOP MORGAN: Oh, you did accept that?

JOHNSON: Yes, as long as it was clear that it was without . . .

BISHOP MORGAN: Oh, all right, all right. Yeah, that's good, that's good.

JOHNSON: Even though we're administrating through love spirit . . .

BISHOP MORGAN: Man, anytime you can . . . that's great. All right. Anybody object to them accepting that? Now, what do you have at 9, please?

JAMES POOLE (Louisiana): I would like to oppose this. I speak against it. I represent the smallest district in Louisiana. We have sent 2 work camps in the past 2 years to Alaska. Let's just do it.

BISHOP MORGAN: Thank you. Thank you. All right. He's against it. All right. It is before you now as amended. Are you ready to vote? If you will . . . Yes, excuse me. Brother Daughtery? It's been 5 minutes, hasn't it? It's time for you here. Brother Daughtery, come up to microphone 6.

DAUGHTERY: The same question I'd like to ask, what is this going to cost the Council on Ministries in the way of funding for this study?

BISHOP MORGAN: Carolyn?

JOHNSON: I would have to ask Dave Lundquist particularly what it would cost. The way the committee worked through it was that it would have to come under the GCOM's regular budget for whatever line items they have for studying, that it was not the committee's intent to recommend any additional funding to study that. In terms of the specific dollar amount, I would not be able to answer that, but I would ask, oh well . . . My backup is gone, folks . . . I would have to refer to someone . . . .

BISHOP MORGAN: The question is well taken, so it needs to be answered.

JOHNSON: Yes. With the . . . if Dave Lundquist is available, he could perhaps come and help us or . . .

BISHOP MORGAN: Is it Dave or someone else? Will you allow Dave Lundquist to speak to this at microphone 13 without objection? David, microphone 13. Dealing only with the financial matter.

DAVE LUNDQUIST: The General Council on Ministries has a provision in this budget for matters like this. As Carolyn has said, it's not clear and it's not possible to say exactly what it would be, but it would be within the realm of a budget that's planned for studies or referrals from the General Conference. I wish I could be more specific, but I cannot be. There is provision within the normal budget of the council.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, back to microphone 6.

DAUGHTERY: Mr. chairman, I would like to have an estimate. I've got to go back and ask Fargo and Statenville and Mt. Zion to put money in their World Service budget to finance studies of this nature. If the question is asked of me, if someone reads, they're studying this particular need in Alaska, I want to be an informed superintendent, and I can say one of our general boards is spending $100,000 or $200,000 of your World Service money to study.

BISHOP MORGAN: I really believe that Brother Lundquist has given us the best answer he can give us under these circumstances. Are you ready to vote on this? All right, if you would register your vote on calendar 995 when the light appears, please. The Alaska count.

All right. You voted "Yes," 700; "No," 194 to support the committee's recommendation. It is carried. Carolyn?

(Calendar Item No. 1104; Update the Language of the Constitution)

JOHNSON: Yes. Members of the General Conference, we are going to switch gears now. You know, our committee title is General/Judicial Administration. We have completed the general program issues. It's time now to turn to those issues that relate to the judiciary. The first items that we have relate to the Constitution of The United Methodist Church, particularly 1 on the judicial system. You will need p. 365 in your *DCA*, we will be looking at Calendar Item 1104. It refers to Petition 11404, which you will find in your *Advance DCA*, p. 1178. If you want to have further material in front of you, you might want to have par. 61 of your *Discipline* ready. This petition relates to updating the language of the Constitution as it reads in par. 61. The petition reads by changing "ministers" in the third line to "clergy," as it details the judiciary system. The committee recommends concurrence: 51 for the change, 0 against, and 2 not voting.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. This would require a 2/3 vote; it's Constitutional. Any questions? All right. Are you ready to vote? If you will vote when the light appears. All right. "Yes," 816; "No," 70. And it is supported.

JOHNSON: Thank you. We have another constitutional matter. You will find it in the *DCA* on p. 366. It's Calendar Item 1109. Now, despite all the wonderful means of technologically tracking petitions, this one got lost. But we found it. So if you have your *DCA* from Thursday, May 7, p. 127, you will find the exact printing of the petition. Again, that's your *DCA*, p. 127, which is the one from Thursday, May 7. We are looking in the *Book of Discipline* on par. 004. The topic is inclusiveness of the church. The petition reads: "Therefore, all persons without regard to race, color, national origin," and the petition asks that we insert the word "status" to the statement on the inclusiveness of the church. The recommendation of the committee was 47 for, 19 against, and 4 not voting.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. You've heard the recommendation of the committee. It's a constitutional matter. You must vote 2/3. All right. If you will vote when the light appears. All right. You've supported the committee. "Yes," 680; "No," 189. It carries the 2/3 vote. All right. Carolyn?

(Calendar Item No. 1159; Fundamental Principles and Joint Review Process)

JOHNSON: Yes. Thank you. Now we need to move on to issues that relate to

the Task Force to Study Chapter 8 and the whole issue of judicial review process and trial. The item that we will refer to has been lifted from the Consent Calendar. It is on p. 370 of the *DCA*. It's Calendar Item No. 1159. I'm going to ask that if Reginald Ponder is available to come to the stage--he chaired that subgroup--he might be able to provide some additional information should the body have questions.

BISHOP MORGAN: Or you might just wish to go to microphone 8, Brother Ponder--or 13, or whatever. I mean, just for convenience. Microphone 13, Brother Ponder.

REGINALD W. PONDER (North Carolina): This item has been lifted from the Consent Calendar, and you can see the vote of the legislative committee that has to do with the trial procedures in par. 2624. And I'd like to ask the chair to recognize Dr. Ben Feemster, who was a member of the chapter 8 study committee as well as a member of our legislative committee and subcommittee, for a motion of substitution. And then I'll be prepared to respond to that.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Microphone 6.

BEN FEEMSTER (Central Texas): I move to amend par. 26241H. It's the bottom of the right-hand column on p. 634, line 6 of the last par. The amendment is to delete the words "beyond reasonable doubt" and insert the words "clear and convincing evidence." If I have a second, I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP MORGAN: It's supported.

FEEMSTER: I had the privilege of serving as secretary of the very fine chapter 8 task force, and we were pleased that almost all of our recommendations are on the Consent Calendar. During discussions, we discussed at length what the burden of proof should be for a trial court. The present discipline ignores this matter. We debated between reasonable doubt as over against the preponderance of evidence. We finally decided on "beyond reasonable doubt" because the preponderance of evidence is insufficient when a person's career is involved. Since this passed our legislative committee, several lawyers and judges have talked with me about their concerns. Criminal proceedings use "beyond reasonable doubt," but is not used in administrative hearings. Preponderance evidence is usual proof in civil case, but that simply means 51/49 of the evidence. I do not think this is enough protection when one's livelihood is involved. Clear and convincing evidence is between the 2 and would protect the rights of the accused and of the church. And this has the support of the officers of the task force who are present here, the 3 bishops on the task force, and the 3 attorneys.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. You've heard this. Any . . . ? Yes. Microphone 13, Brother Ponder.

PONDER: Bishop Morgan, Dr. Feemster informed me of this, and I checked with the general council of The United Methodist Church. And on behalf of the committee, I am prepared to accept the amendment.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. You've accepted the amendment. Any objections to that? All right. Then it's before us. Anything else you want to say, Carolyn?

JOHNSON: No, thank you.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. They have accepted the amendment. If you would support . . . if you would register your vote now. If you support the committee, vote yes; if you do not, vote no when the light appears.

All right. You've supported the committee. "Yes," 863; "No," 27. And it is sustained. I have an announcement to make. I only make about 1 out of 5 they give me back here. But the GCFA will need to meet immediately in room 207, I understand. OK? The General Council on Finance and Administration in room 207 at 3:45. Well, that's about right now, isn't it? OK, Carolyn?

(Calendar Item No. 1162, Trial Proceedures)

JOHNSON: Yes. I should tell you that we have 12 items, and I'm about to present to you the 9th one so, hopefully, you'll know where we are. The 9th item is on trial procedures. It is found in your *DCA* on p. 370. It is Calendar Item No. 1162. Calendar Item No. 1162, and it relates to p. 660 in your red *DCA*, which is para. 2624 in *The Book of Discipline*. We have . . . you will note that the votes would indicate that it should be on the Consent Calendar. The computer does not agree, so we're bringing this to you--the committee's recommendation. And if you would look on p. 660, you will see that the petition itself seeks to change the trial from being open on petition of the accused to any member of The United Methodist Church to just being open. The committee recommends nonconcurrence: 52 favoring nonconcurrence, none against nonconcurrence, and 3 not voting.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Calendar 1162. I see a . . . right over here. Brother Sweet. Microphone 4. Committee recommends nonconcurrence.

ROBERT K. SWEET JR. (Southern New England): Bishop, I oppose the move for non-concurrence in the fact that sometimes members of The United Methodist Church are representing the press, and it is impossible to exclude those who are not United Methodist. I speak from experience. It puts the trial court in a very difficult position. It puts United Methodist Communications--which ought to be communicating such information for us--in a secondary position. And so I would oppose the . . .

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Is there a speech for? Yes, over here. Microphone 6.

FEEMSTER: We voted nonconcurrence because the chapter 8 task force has already taken care of this. It is in the approved paragraphs that are on the Consent Calendar.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Just to keep bookkeeping straight here, if you would support the recommendation here, would you show a hand please? Down. Opposed? It is in order.

JOHNSON: Thank you, bishop. Yes, our next item is on p. 237 of the *DCA*. It's Calendar Item No. 210. The subject is an administrative and judicial procedures manual. You might refer in your *Advance DCA* red edition to p. 618. The content of the petition is to make sure that, given all of the changes that you have approved for administrative and judicial procedures, that, indeed, a manual be published that would detail those procedures. You will see that the committee voted "For", 0 "Against", and 1 not voting. It is not on the Consent Calendar because in the body of the petition you will notice a dollar sum.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. It is before you . . .unanimous support of the committee. If you would support the committee's recommendation, would you show the hand, please? Down. Opposed? And it is ordered.

(Calendar Item No. 546; Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

JOHNSON: Thank you, bishop. We're ready, now, to move to a 3rd aspect of the committee's work, which is the review of those issues that relate to special days and Special Sundays. I would ask you to turn to p. 285 in your *DCA*. We will be looking at Calendar Item 546. This calendar item refers to the observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. It will be helpful, because of the amendment that we wish to bring and the minority report, for you to have your *Advance DCA* open to p. 673. It's the red *Advance DCA*, by the way, p. 673. The committee . . . the legislative committee moved to amend this petition by deleting the 3rd para. which begins "on that day close the bishop's office," and the 5th para. which begins "not schedule any other conference meetings on that day." The vote was 70 "For," 6 "Against," and 2 not voting. There is a minority report which would seek to replace the items that have been deleted. Again, by your interpretation to this point, that, indeed, would be . . . could be interpreted to not be in order. However, we have asked the person to be prepared to speak to that.

BISHOP MORGAN: I think it would be in order as an amendment, but not as a minority report.

JOHNSON: All right.

BISHOP MORGAN: If the person will make it.

JOHNSON: So, given that the person representing those of that opinion is here, and I would ask him to come forward. Frank Trotter.

FRANK E. TROTTER (Baltimore): Bishop, we only seek to add back in para. 3 instead of both of the paragraphs, so we consider it a true minority report. so however . . .

BISHOP MORGAN: I would rather deal with it as an amendment because it doesn't replace the whole thing, and so let's deal with it as an amendment. We can get to it.

TROTTER: I'd like to make an amendment, then, that we add back into the petition para. no. 3 as you find in the petition. As I understand, may I speak to it?

BISHOP MORGAN: And is there a 2nd? Yes, it's seconded. All right, brother Trotter.

TROTTER: As I understand our Christian faith, Christian words and Christian behavior go together; and when the 2 are merged, then faith is complete. This is the only holiday on a federal level to lift up the life of an African American. And in the subcommittee when we made the motion to reinsert para. 3, it lost by 4 votes: 40 to 36. There was a minority report signed by over 25 of the committee to bring this to the floor. We feel that, without this para., it is absolutely meaningless. It is cheap talk. This action has made a Martin Luther King holiday into a Martin Luther King thought for the day, and we would encourage you to support the amendment to the majority action.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. The amendment is before you. Yes? Right here, please. Move to microphone 7 in the Oklahoma delegation.

LUCILLE V. VANZANT (Oklahoma): Bishop, am I in order to speak for the amendment?

BISHOP MORGAN: Oh, yes ma'am. That's what's before us. You have 1 minute.

VANZANT: I speak with a very heavy heart at this time. I am sponsor of Winnie Wood High School Black History Club, and we were preparing for our Martin Luther King birthday. These students know that every opportunity I'm quoting something of our United Methodist church in the area of race relations in its policies or in its actions. And one of our bright young students, who is also president of our club--and, by the way, all of these students are Baptist, and they've been trying to convert me--as we were preparing, and then afterwards, he told me, "Lucille, you're always talking about your church." He said, "In this little town of less than 3,000 people"--and let me hurry on, bishop--"everything closed up." But he noted that the Methodist church was business as usual, and that upset me. And he told me and--excuse me, 1 sentence, bishop . . .

BISHOP MORGAN: 1 sentence.

VANZANT: Right. He told me, he said, "Lucille, you've been quoting and quoting and quoting." He said, "Where is your Methodist church? Are they so busy they can't take 1 day to observe this great American?" And I cried for 2 days because it seems like we're in that area, and I'm only asking: What can you tell me to tell that young student?

BISHOP MORGAN: Oh, Lucille, all right. Thank you. Anybody else want to speak? Right here in the very middle, please. And go to microphone 4. Now, we've had 2 speeches for the amendment. Are you speaking against the amendment? That's all that's in order.

JULIUS ARCHIBALD (Troy): I'd like to give you an answer to that question. The United Methodist Church is in the business of saving souls. We can't take days off from saving souls. Much as I honor Martin Luther King, I think the greatest tribute we can pay him is to continue the work that he died doing--and that's the work of bringing racial peace in this country and redemption, and all those other kinds of things. That is not the kind of thing that we need to take time off and have a good time. Now, if we're going to honor him, if we're going to have a program of some sort and really honor him, fine. But let's not take the day off to go on a long weekend someplace, or on a picnic, or something like that.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. There's another speech against the amendment. What is before us is the amendment to replace para. 3. I see in the very back, right there . . . the woman delegate in the beige suit. 15.

RHODA PETERS (Louisville): Am I in order to speak for the amendment?

BISHOP MORGAN: No, ma'am. Only against it. We've had 2 for it. Is there someone who wants to speak against the amendment? Right here in the front. Microphone 3.

JOHN ROSS THOMPSON (Western Pennsylvania): Am I in order to amend the amendment?

BISHOP MORGAN: Yes.

THOMPSON: I move that we amend that amendment, so that it reads, "on that day, we recommend that we close," and then the rest of that 3rd paragraph.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. I think that's the spirit of the whole resolution, but that amendment . . . is it supported? It is seconded. You may speak.

THOMPSON: May I speak to it?

BISHOP MORGAN: Yes, sir.

THOMPSON: I come from a conference which does close its conference office on Martin Luther King Day, and I support it wholeheartedly. However, I think the way it reads, it looks like a mandate. And I believe that we should strongly encourage this.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, then the amendment is simply to encourage this. Are you ready to vote this? I sense that you are. If you would support the amendment to change the language in par. 3 to "recommend," would you show your hand, please? Down. Oppose, would you show? And it's ordered. It becomes a part of the amendment. Now, the amendment as amended is before you. To restore 3, are you ready to vote? If you would support that raise your hand, please. If you oppose that, raise your hand. And it is ordered. And it is replaced there. Now the whole calendar item is before you as amended by replacing 3. If you would support the calendar item now, as amended, show your hand, please. Down. Oppose. And it is ordered. And I think it's good to know that a number of our offices have already observed that, and we thank you. All right, Carolyn?

JOHNSON: Yes, bishop, I would like to take a moment just to say to the conference, I hope you watched the discussion, and I wish you could have been in our legislative group because we have talked a lot so far about the differences that divide us. It was very interesting to be in a discussion, where you couldn't tell the players by race, gender, location. People were on all sides of the issue, not because they were against, but because they wanted to make this very full.

(Calendar Item No. 206; "May" as Christian Family Month)

And I think that's something to celebrate in this General Conference. We will move on to our last item. And that is on page, it's Calendar Item 206; it is also on p. 235 of your *DCA*, I'm sorry conference, it's on p. 236 of your *DCA*. You might want to have the *Advance DCA* turned to p. 667. I think I told you p. 667. And I think I have just told you something incorrectly. If I may have a moment, I'll use my markings, and not that of the *DCA*. 671 they tell me, that's where I was. Can you believe it? Thank you very much. This relates to Petition 10971, which was to establish May as Christian Family Month. The committee's recommendation was to vote . . . I don't think this is correct, but let's go with it as is in the *DCA*. It says here that our committee recommended concurrence with May as Christian Family Month, "For," 46; "Against," 20, and 1 not voting. So that's want I'll approve.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. That's what your recommendation is. All right. You ready? Yes, question right here, Brother Gilland. Microphone 3, please.

JIM C. GILLAND (Western North Carolina): I move to amend, substituting the word "home" for "family." If I have a 2nd, I would like to say a word about it.

BISHOP MORGAN: It's supported.

GILLAND: It coincides with the Festival of Christian Home, which is already on our calendars, and "family" has a variety of meanings nowadays. There are probably 12 or 13 accepted definitions for "family." Whatever form a family takes, the home can be Christian.

BISHOP MORGAN: Al right. You have heard the amendment. All right, if you would support the Gilland amendment, will you show your hand? Down. Opposed? And it is carried. All right, it is before you now. You're ready to vote on Calendar Item 206. If you will, raise your . . . if you'll support the committee, raise your hand, their recommendation. Thank you. Down. Opposed? And it is ordered. Now I wasn't going to give you a break, but these old men behind me said we need a break. And so I'm going to give you a 9 1/2 minute break. OK? You got to get back in here now, OK?

JOHNSON: Thank you, bishop.

BISHOP MORGAN: You're through, aren't you?

JOHNSON: Thank you.

(recess)

BISHOP MORGAN: OK, Brad, lead us in a verse of a hymn. Please return to your seats. 462. Turn to 462. Stop talking and start singing.

(song)

BISHOP MORGAN: Thank you; be seated. We took 10 1/2 minutes that time, but we're doing well. We're going to turn . . . let me say something, so many of you have addressed me and said, I have a matter of personal privilege. If you have matters of personal privilege and things of this nature, please see the Courtesy Committee on this, so we can move and expedite these matters. And they'll bring those together and share with us. Let's turn now to the Committee on the Ministry. Rosa Washington will be acting as chair this afternoon. Please come to order now. Cease your talking and give your attention to the podium.

ROSA WASHINGTON (California-Nevada): I am vice-chair of the Legislative Committee on Ordained and Diaconal Ministries. Our chair, Dr. Dennis Campbell, isn't here with us. He asked me to give you his regrets. He had to leave last evening to return to North Carolina to an important trustees' meeting at Duke, and also today is graduation at Duke. And as a dean, he needed to be there, so he isn't here with us. At this particular moment, I would like to introduce to you the persons who worked so hard on our committee. And one person on our committee who works so hard, one night, she spent the entire night here, and most nights, she did not go to bed until 4 in the morning. But I'd like to tell you . . . I'd like all of you to stand up. Mary Elizabeth Moore, our secretary, and she works so hard. I was signing petitions at 11 last night. Behind us are subchairpersons; here we have Bill Crouch; Ted Walters--and those of you who didn't know who Ted is, Ted is our new judicial person--; Joy Carr; Jerome DelPino; and Linda Rudy. You may be seated. I'm sorry, Doris Rudy. In case someone happens to ask me a question, which I hope you don't, I will ask those persons behind me, if we don't know. We will get through really fast, if you will cooperate.

BISHOP MORGAN: Amen.

WASHINGTON: Our committee, as I said, I think we had the hardest task of all the legislative committees. There are 11 committees. We received almost 600 petitions in our committee, as well as the ministry study. So our committee had 25% of the petitions. Today the legislative committee will bring before you 27 calendar items. We will go through them very fast, if you would sit down. The committee has identified a total of 65 petitions which will be included in the referral to the Council of Bishops, as adopted by this General Conference on May 13. We have a completed list of the 65 calendar items, and it will be forwarded to the Council of Bishops for that information. And they're there for you to find whenever you need to see them. I would like to first move, I would like to move, bishop, that . . .

BISHOP MORGAN: Move.

WASHINGTON: I'm moving.

BISHOP MORGAN: Go right ahead.

WASHINGTON: Remember they said don't talk too fast for translators. And I talk real fast. I am originally from Alabama, and I talk fast. I would like to move that editorial changes be allowed in the *Discipline* to assure that language related to the report of the Commission for the Study of Ministry is omitted.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, I think you'll receive that; if you would approve that, show the hand, please. Down. Oppose?

It is in order.

WASHINGTON: OK. If you get all 3 of your books, put them side by side, we'll follow along, and we'll get through this really fast. All right. Take your blue book. Turn to p. 306. And when you get to 306, turn to Calendar Item 764. If you want to look at the red book . . . I mean the white book, 1279. Petition 12056. Episcopal supervision. The committee votes concurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. The committee recommends concurrence. Calendar Item 764. I do not see any hands. Are you ready to support the committee on this? If you will, register your vote when the light appears. "Yes," 757; "No," 38.

WASHINGTON: Same p., 306. Calendar Item 766. White book, 1279. Petition 11341. Limiting bishops' tenure. We vote nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. The committee recommends nonconcurrence. If you will support the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence, register your vote when the light appears. "Yes," 667; "No," 152.

WASHINGTON: P. 377.

BISHOP MORGAN: You're going, Rosa, and I'm with you.

WASHINGTON: Thank you.

BISHOP MORGAN: Yes, sir.

WASHINGTON: 1225, Calendar Item No. Red Book, 899. Petition . . . Am I going too fast? 10641 has to do with the appointments to various ministries. The committee recommends concurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Calendar Item 1225. The committee's recommendation is concurrence. All right. You ready to vote? If you will register your vote when the light appears. Calendar Item 1225. "Yes," 765; "No," 27.

WASHINGTON: Page 475.

BISHOP MORGAN: And the committee is supported. You are doing very well.

WASHINGTON: 1504, Calendar No. [Page] 475. 1504. Red book, 887. Petition 10412. Diaconal minister's relationship to employer. We vote nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: Committee's recommendation is nonconcurrence. Seeing no hands, if you will register your vote when the light appears. "Yes," 773; "No," 35. The committee is supported.

WASHINGTON: Page 475 again. 1507, Calendar Item. Petition 1333, I mean p. 1333 in the white book, Petition 11638. Conference committee on episcopacy. Nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. The recommendation of the committee is nonconcurrence. I do not see any hands. If you will record your vote when the light appears. "Yes," 736; "No," 74. The committee is supported.

(Calendar Item No. 1686; Cabinet and Appointment Making)

WASHINGTON: 545, the page. The calendar no. is 1686. The red book is 911. Petition No. 10923. Cabinet and appointment-making. Nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, the committee's recommendation on 1686 is nonconcurrence. Seeing no hands, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 781; "No," 52. The committee is supported.

WASHINGTON: 546 is the page. The Calendar Item No. is 1703. The white book is 1320. The Petition No. is 12127. Process of appointment-making. Concurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Calendar Item 1703, for the committee is concurrence. I did not see any hands. Oh, yes, I do. Right back here. Go to microphone 15, Bradley. Oh, I was told not to use names.

BRADLEY WATKINS (Central Illinois): In respect to those who are being translated and for those of us, like myself, who are having trouble keeping up with finding the page, can we have a pause after the page no. is given before the next red book and that kind of date are given?

WASHINGTON: Yes, I'll slow down.

WATKINS: Because I've gotten lost, and we've voted some items on the superintendency and cabinet. And I don't know what you just voted on me.

WASHINGTON: OK, I'll slow down.

BISHOP MORGAN: Just voted you out. That's all right.

WASHINGTON: The p. is 612. What's the problem? Oh, sorry, you didn't vote.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. If you will support the committee's recommendation, vote when the light appears. "Yes," 766; "No," 54. The committee is supported.

WASHINGTON: The p. is 612.

BISHOP MORGAN: In the blue book?

WASHINGTON: Always. Calendar No. 1734. The red book, 921. Petition 10377. Homosexuality and the ministry. Nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: The committee's recommendation is nonconcurrence. Seeing no hands, if you will vote when the light appears. "Yes," 712; "No", 122. The committee is supported.

WASHINGTON: 612 again. 1735, the white book. 1278. Petition 11230. Update the language of the Constitution. Concurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. This is a Constitutional amendment--takes 2/3 vote. You will vote when the light appears.

We're in a vote right now. "Yes," 802; "No," 25. I heard my name. Over here. And the committee is supported. You were asking--excuse me--from the floor, during the vote. I'm sorry. No. 6.

UNIDENTIFIED: Could she give us 1 sentence about what the petition is about as she waits for the people to catch up?

BISHOP MORGAN: On the concurrence matters?

UNIDENTIFIED: On all of the calendar items. We're not having time to find them.

BISHOP MORGAN: They're asking for a sentence . . .

WASHINGTON: Well, I'll just give it for them, I suppose.

BISHOP MORGAN: . . . on the calendar items. Just the title. All right. You're on 613 right now. No, very seriously, some of this we felt like--and we negotiated this--and we didn't need a speech from each one of the presenters. But she will give a sentence here to give a better description.

WASHINGTON: I'm going to have Ted Walters, the judicial person, to stand here. I'll give you what it's about. If you want some more, I'll tell Ted to tell you.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. It's good to have the judicial person there. That's good. All right.

WASHINGTON: OK. Did we vote?

BISHOP MORGAN: Yes.

WASHINGTON: OK. 613, next door. Calendar Item 1752. Petition 12397. Now, what I need to say here: There were 20 petitions on accepting homosexuals into the ministry. They were all the same. We chose 1 from the 20, and we nonconcurred on them all. Now, if you want Ted to say something, he will. One word.

BISHOP MORGAN: I think that's clear. I think that's clear. See hands? All right. 1752 is a calendar item. If you will support the committee, vote "yes"; if you do not support the committee, vote "no". Please vote when the light appears. All right. The vote is "Yes," 759; "No," 123. Committee is supported.

WASHINGTON: Same p., 613. Calendar Item 1753. Still in the white book, 1282. 11104 is the petition, and this has to do with relation of ordained ministries to ministry of all. Nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. You want to say something about that, Ted?

THEODORE WALTER (South Carolina): No comment. That's adequate. It's par. 402 in the *Discipline*.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, if you would support the committee, vote "yes". If you would not support, vote "no". Vote when the light appears. "Yes," 778; "No," 70. Committee supported.

(Calendar Item No. 1753; Relation of Ordained Ministry to Ministry of All)

WASHINGTON: Again, 613. Next door, 1754, but you're back in the red book. 887. Petition 10012. It is to retain the par. on ordination of homosexuals, and we concurred.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Not seeing any hands, register your vote when the light . . .

WASHINGTON: You have a hand over here, bishop.

BISHOP MORGAN: Oh, excuse me. All right. Yes, microphone 9, sir.

JAMES W. LOCKWOOD-STEWART (California-Pacific): I'm under no illusion that there will be any change in the conference and its actions this year, and we have stated pretty clearly our position. But I feel badly knowing the no. of people who are in pain for all of these items to go by so quickly without at least 1 acknowledgement that there are people with incredible gifts and graces who are being denied access to the ordained ministry of our church and that we the poorer because of it.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Anyone else? All right. 1754 is before you. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 696; "No," 192.

WASHINGTON: You're still on p. 613. We have 5 petitions relating to this item. They were all the same. We chose 1. 1755 is the calendar no. The red book, 889. The petition, 10414. It has to do with certified candidates. Nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: Calendar Item 1755. The recommendation is nonconcurrence. I do not see any hands. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 804; "No," 56. The committee is supported.

WASHINGTON: Three pages over, 616. Calendar Item No. 1793. Go back to your white book, 1294. Petition No. 11776. Appointment of ordained ministers from other conferences. And we voted concurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. On Calendar Item 1793, the recommendation is concurrence. I do not see a hand. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 819; "No," 32. The committee is supported.

WASHINGTON: 617, next door. Calendar Item 1797. You're still in the red--I mean the white book--1317. And you're going to be in the white book for quite some time, so just stay in the white book. Petition 11695. It has to do with the duties of the superintendent--what your superintendent is supposed to do. And we nonconcurred.

BISHOP MORGAN: I won't touch that one. All right. Calendar 1797. I see a hand back here. Go to microphone 10, please.

BECKY HAASE (California-Pacific): Bishop, much the same concern has been expressed. We are going very quickly. I see this is 1 that has quite a divided vote, and I would like to hear something more about this and why there was considerable opposition.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Someone from the committee like to . . . ? People, I apologize if it seems that we're going fast. I realize what we have before us, and I'm trying my best to facilitate the legislation. You just stop me any time, and we'll just do what you wish to do. And you will, I know you will. So, if you will please answer this question for us.

WASHINGTON: And I'm only going fast because he doesn't stop me. Now, Bill Crouch will tell you.

WILLIAM CROUCH (North Texas): The petition follows in the par. 520.5 which asks the district superintendent to require of each clergy person a report of his or her program of continuing education, and it adds the words "and spiritual growth." We thought on the 1st place that was not an appropriate place to ask for that kind of report, and we thought that adding that kind of report--and it having been turned into the district superintendent--was not an appropriate way to deal with the matter of spiritual growth.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, yes? Go to microphone 4, please.

GEORGE D. McCLAIN (New York): I was the co-author of this petition and of several others that seek to add spiritual growth to the phrase "continuing education." This has received support in some of the other committees, at least, and I think it makes a lot of sense to understand continuing education in a holistic way. I think, in many ways, it's being already understood this way and I think it's important to spell it out. I urge defeat of the nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. A speech against the recommendation of the committee. Yes, right in midway here. Go to microphone 9.

HELMUT NAUSNER (Austria Provisional): I was a part of that legislative committee. What we tried to find out if continuing education has something to do with knowledge. This you can test. Spiritual growth is on a different level. How will you test that? You can get into an encounter and find out how pious the person is, how much he has understood the Bible, how his prayer life is; but you cannot test it like math or other kind of things. For this reason, we thought it is not proper to put it in here in connection with continuing education.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. That's a speech, Dr. Nausner, against . . . I mean, in favor of, the committee's report. In the very back, back here, please go to microphone 15.

We've had 1 speech for and 1 against.

KATHLEEN ROBINSON (Central Illinois): I have a question for the commit-

tee. Did we not add "spiritual growth" with the phrase "continuing education and other areas"?

WASHINGTON: Yes, we did.

ROBINSON: And I also believe several petitions that we've been voting nonconcurrence were because there was concurrence moved on other similar petitions, and we've not been reminding the body of that fact. And I'd like to be reminded.

WASHINGTON: It's 1 of the things I said in the beginning. We had almost 600 petitions to deal with, and so many of them had the same kinds of language where we included . . . , and so I didn't say that to you in the beginning because I assumed you had read what was in front of you.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Right here in the middle. Go to microphone 7. On Calendar Item 1797.

BOB PIERSON (Oklahoma): I was chairman of the legislative subcommittee dealing with this in the local church section. We voted concurrence with it. In terms of the staff-parish committee asking that kind of question, I would urge us to affirm the importance of asking that kind of question and vote against the recommendation of the committee.

BISHOP MORGAN: That's 2 speeches against. Is there another 1 for? Ready for the vote? I'm not seeing a hand. If you would . . . yes, there's a hand and a card back in the very back. Go to microphone 15. I like to recognize these people on the back row.

HOWARD MASON (Peninsula): I want to ask the committee if they recognize the word "program" in both of those sentences. "Program" for continuing education and "program" for spiritual growth.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. If you'll answer that quickly so we can move along.

BILL CROUCH (North Texas): It was a matter of the difficulty of reporting this sort of thing which reduces it to paperwork--when spiritual growth ought to be a matter of a person's own intent and progress and not have to be reported to a district superintendent.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Are you ready to vote? All right. Calendar Item 1797. If you will support the committee, you vote "yes"; if you do not--in their recommendation of nonconcurrence--if you do not support them, you vote "no" when the light appears. All right. You have supported the committee. 513 "Yes,"; "No," 386.

(Calendar Item No. 1813; Ministers From Other Denominations)

WASHINGTON: Page 618. Petition . . . I mean Calendar Item No. 1813. In the white book, 1294. Petition 11497. It has do with ministers from other denominations. Nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: Is there another sentence you can give us, more than just "ministers from other denominations"?

WALTER: This particular petition suggests to include that the cabinet appoint or be assigned a district to an individual who is coming from another denomination that they might be reviewed by that district committee on ordained ministry--prior to meeting with the full board, if necessary.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. The recommendation is nonconcurrence. I do not see any hands. If you will vote when the light appears on Calendar Item 1813. Recommendation from the committee is nonconcurrence. You've supported the committee vote. "Yes," 773; "No," 75.

WASHINGTON: The next 3 petitions--and I'll ask Ted to say something if you need--they all have to do with the qualifications of ordination. They have the same title but different content. All on p. 619, Calendar Item 1824. 1295 is the page in the white book. Petition 10164. Nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: Ted, do you want to say more about that?

WALTER: Well, basically . . . for example, if you've got the page, subscribing to teach United Methodist doctrine as delineated in 68 and 69, just listing several additional qualifications for ordination which we felt should not be included.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. The recommendation . . .

WALTER: . . . and cared for in other areas, also.

BISHOP MORGAN: Just a minute. All right. If you would . . . Yes, brother Kent. Microphone 3.

HARRY KENT (South Carolina): Am I reading this properly? It says nonconcurrence. The petition said to retain par. 431. Nonconcurrence means we eliminate it. Is that what you intend?

WASHINGTON: Wait until Ted returns, and he'll answer you.

BISHOP MORGAN: This is a very important question.

WASHINGTON: Would you answer him?

BISHOP MORGAN: The way you're recommending it sounds like . . .

WALTER: Calendar 1824. That recommendation should be concurrence, or you should vote against the committee if the recommendation is stated that way.

BISHOP MORGAN: You're saying the recommendation on 1824 of the committee is concurrence--to retain the language.

WALTER: Yes. It's been adopted. This is one of those where we have 3 or 4 recommendations; we only adopted 1. We still are retaining the par. 431. We did not delete it. This is just 1 of the others.

BISHOP MORGAN: I think it would be clearer to the body, as I would understand it, to vote concurrence than nonconcurrence on this. What is the recommendation of the committee? The committee. The recommendation of the committee on 1824 is nonconcurrence. Yes, right here in the front. Microphone 3. You have a point of order or what? I have somebody at microphone 3.

FRANK GAYLORD (Wisconsin): It may help us if the committee could tell us which petition they did accept.

WASHINGTON: The Petition No. is 10164.

WALTER: To be sure, I would suggest that we vote against the committee so that we retain the par. and there will be no question about it.

BISHOP MORGAN: The committee is requesting that you vote against their recommendation, and that will retain the par. I think that's what several of you wanted to say. You understand what we're voting about now? We're on calendar 1824. They had recommended nonconcurrence, but their recommendation is you vote against what they recommend. So--this is really confusing--if you will support, if you will vote when the light comes on. If you vote "yes", you will be voting nonconcurrence, but the committee advises you to vote "no". All right? Vote when the light appears.

All right. You've supported the committee with your vote for "no." "Yes," 63; "No," 814. All right, committee?

WASHINGTON: OK. The next, same page, no. 619.

WALTER: Just to clarify so that you don't think we don't know what we're doing, this . . .

BISHOP MORGAN: Oh, we know you know what you're doing.

WALTER: Calendar 1887 was on the Consent Calendar, and it retained the paragraph. So, we retained it twice, and it's all right.

WASHINGTON: OK. 619.

BISHOP MORGAN: Just a minute. Do you have a point of order? A clarification. Go to microphone 11. That covers everything--a clarification.

CARLEN BLACKSTONE (Eastern Pennsylvania): My understanding is that if we voted either concurrence or nonconcurrence that we would simply eliminate that petition and that, therefore, there would be no change. And I am simply raising that in case it comes up in the future. It was a needless petition in the 1st place, so I don't think we really needed to act on it.

BISHOP MORGAN: Thank you. All right, go ahead, committee.

WASHINGTON: 619, 1825, 1295, 11107. The same topic, different content. Nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, the committee recommends nonconcurrence. Anything that you want to say, Ted?

WALTER: No, I don't think I want to say anything about that. This deals with . . . again, this is the one that relates to subscribing to teach. The United Methodist doctrine is delineated in par. 68 and 69 of the *Discipline*. This is already cared for under the duties of qualifications for ministry.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, the recommendation of the committee is nonconcurrence. Please vote when the light appears. You support the committee, "Yes," 802; "No," 66.

WASHINGTON: Same pp., 1828, 1295, 11895. Same topic, different content. Nonconcurrence.

WALTER: Didn't. This had reference to deleting the words "in marriage, in celibacy, in singleness."

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Your recommendation is nonconcurrence. All right, I do not see any hands or any cards. All right, you will vote when the light appears. You support the committee, "Yes,"; "No," 119.

WASHINGTON: Same pp. 1829, 1295, 12284. Requirements for ordination. You want to tell them what it's about?

WALTER: This is a rather long paragraph that deals with persons who have become in full connection, that they must be, and remain, a member in good standing in The United Methodist Church. Any person who joins another denomination or religion should automatically relinquish membership in the annual conference and ordination. And the effect of this legislation is retroactive to cover all living persons of United Methodist clergy who joined other denominations or religions.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Recommendation?

WASHINGTON: It's nonconcurrence. Come on up.

BISHOP MORGAN: Calendar Item 1829.

CROUCH: This item, as many of you will all ready know, is directed at a specific person who in fact acted in this fashion. We voted nonconcurrence for 2 reasons: One was that single cases, we thought, made bad law. And the 2nd was that we thought this was a matter for the board of the ministry in an annual conference to care for.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. In the very back. Come to . . . yes, you, microphone 15.

ELIZABETH ST. CLAIR (Peninsula): The number that you gave us and what you're talking about do not correspond.

WASHINGTON: We discovered that.

ST. CLAIR: Would you please check your nos.?

WALTER: The number should be, at the top of the page, 1295. The statement to require all clergy to believe in is ascribed to our doctrine. That's the 1 we are nonconcurring with.

(Calendar Item No. 1829; Requirements for Ordination)

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, is that clear now? All right, 1829 is before us. The recommendation of the committee is nonconcurrence. I see no hands. Vote when the light appears.

WASHINGTON: Page 619.

BISHOP MORGAN: Just a minute. "Yes," 745; "No," 102. You have supported the committee.

WASHINGTON: Sorry. Page 619, Calendar Item No. 1827. In the red book, 896. 10985 is the Petition No., and again it has to do the with qualifications of ordination.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, and your recommendation is nonconcurrence.

WASHINGTON: Nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, Calendar Item 1827. All right. Vote when the light appears. "Yes," 779; "No," 71. The committee is supported.

WASHINGTON: 620. 1837 is the Calendar Item, in the red book also, 894. Petition 10983 has to do with the requirements for election to associate membership. Nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. The recommendation is nonconcurrence. I do not see a hand. Vote when the light appears. "Yes," 794; "No," 54. The committee is supported.

WASHINGTON: 620. 1838. 895. 10984. Requirements for admission.

WALTERS: All of these relate to deleting the words in marriage . . . on fidelity in marriage, and celibacy in singleness.

WASHINGTON: Nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. I am not seeing any hands. Calendar Item 1838. Vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 729; "No," 134. The committee is supported.

WASHINGTON: Pp. 625, 1897, 897 in the red book. 10784. It has to do with the order of the elders.

WALTER: This has to do with nonconcurrence in deleting the words "may include laity." It leaves it optional that the laity may be included in the ordination service.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Calendar Item No. 1897. The recommendation is nonconcurrence. I do not see a hand. If you'll vote when the light appears. "Yes," 745; "No," 128. You've supported the committee.

WASHINGTON: 625 is the page, 1900 is the item; 893 is the page and 10982 is the petition item. It has to with the qualifications for election to probation.

WALTER: This, again, has to do with the deleting the words "in marriage and celibacy in singleness."

WASHINGTON: Nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, the recommendation is nonconcurrence. Calendar Item 1900. I do not see a hand. All right, if you will vote when the light appears. "Yes," 753; "No," 123. The committee is supported.

WASHINGTON: The last item, aren't you happy? . . . 627, 1919, in the white book, 1141, 12333. It has to do with

approve and adopt the ordination of homosexuals. The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, you've heard the recommendation. If you would vote when the light appears. Oh, excuse me, I see a hand here. Excuse me. Stop the vote. Go to microphone 10.

JIM LAWSON (California-Pacific): Bishop, I want to just say a word about this because it seems to me that we've been voting on a great variety of the same petitions. And the way in which I, in many ways, object to these petitions being nonconcurred is that I think in the whole discussion we are creating measures or the selection of those who are to be ordained, taking it out of the hands of the local congregation. Historically, we have seen in the local congregation the place where the fellowship recognizes that a person has been called. And in my mind, this is a departure from that historic task of the congregation that is in fellowship with all of those who hear a call of God, and then who recognizes those graces and then informs the district, and the conference, and the bishop that here is a person who's called. We can testify, too, because we've lived with him or her and we see the grace of God in that person's life.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. The time is . . . All right, would anyone like to speak? This is against the recommendation. Anybody would like to speak for the recommendation of the committee? I do not see any hands. You will vote when the light appears. "Yes," 710; "No," 186.

WASHINGTON: Bishop, we discovered that there's 1 other petition.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right.

(Calendar Item No. 1830; Qualifications for Ordination)

WASHINGTON: On p. 619. It has to do with some of the same things we've talked about. Calendar Item 1830, Petition No. 12119. Qualifications for ordination. And Ted will tell you what it's about. I think he already addressed it.

WALTER: Yes. It's a rather lengthy one. It's the bottom right-hand corner of the page on 1295, and I think rather than read that, I'll let you look at it. We read it inappropriately for another 1 we were looking at.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Calendar Item 1830 is what is before you. The recommendation is nonconcurrence. I do not see any hands. You will vote when the light appears. "Yes," 795; "No," 58. The committee is supported.

WASHINGTON: Bishop, before I sit down, 1 of the persons on our panel has asked to say something, but I would like to take this moment to thank the entire committee. But I would truly like to thank Ted and Bill Crouch. It is so important in working in the committee. As a lay person, I learn a lot. I learn a lot by the people who have really, truly studied the *Discipline*. There are things that I've studied, but I have not studied the way they have, and it's truly a joy to have them on. I didn't call on Jerome. You've heard Jerome already. We already know what Jerome knows. So it's..it is a joy to have them here to work with and then to support me as a lay person, and I appreciate that. But a this moment, Linda Marshall would like to say something, if you would grant her that.

BISHOP MORGAN: Sister Marshall.

LINDA MARSHALL (Yellowstone): I'm speaking on my own behalf, but I trust on the behalf of the majority of our legislative committee. At one point during the deliberations of the legislative committee, someone said he felt it was like Christmas Eve and we were trying to put together a bicycle without the instructions. You might know that this is in reference to the ministry study report. What we found, however, was that we not only had the instructions for that bicycle, but we already had models in existence to guide the construction. I look forward to the next 4 years as the Council of Bishops and other appropriate boards and agencies work together to put not only this bicycle together, but to maybe even add some bells and whistles. As a diaconal minister, I'm excited with this model of ministry, which will offer a clear distinction of the general and representative ministry of this church. I look forward to the day when persons called by God may follow their gifts into ministry, utilizing their strengths and talents on behalf of the church in a fully affirmed, recognized, and ordered ministry. That because their ministry is thereby matched with their talents, they will serve with excellence and joy. And, I am eager to see and experience how God will guide us in this process to discover creative ways in which this new model can work to respond to the ever-emerging needs of the church and the world. Thank you.

BISHOP MORGAN: Thank you, so much. Now, I know that the conference would want to express their appreciation of the work of this legislative committee. Thank you so very, very much.

BISHOP MORGAN: We've had 2 legislative committee chairpersons to have to leave that are in the conference for busy activity, and both vice chairs have really carried the day. And that was on the General Judicial Administration here on this committee. We're grateful. Brother Charles.

CHARLES JORDAN (Northern Illinois): Bishop and members of the conference, we'd like to move to the Legislative Committee of Independent Commissions with Gil Caldwell.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, brother Caldwell.

GILBERT H. CALDWELL (Eastern Pennsylvania): Bishop Morgan. There are 3 items that we have: 2 related to Communications and 1 related to Religion and Race. The first of these items is Calendar Item 71, p. 171 in the blue book. It relates to the resourcing of the local church coordinator on communications.

BISHOP MORGAN: What's the calendar item?

JORDAN: Calendar Item 71.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. On 171.

JORDAN: The item related to adding to the resourcing process for the local church coordinator, an item related to local church video production. The legislative committee voted against this--nonconcurrence--as we conferred with each other and with Communications, believing that this already is happening in terms of the resourcing and it was unnecessary to add this specific, for this might open the Pandora's box. And, therefore, the action is nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, the recommendation of the committee is nonconcurrence. Calendar Item 71. Are you ready? I don't see a hand. Vote when the light appears. "Yes" means you support the recommendation of the committee in nonconcurrence. And you do support the committee, "Yes," 860; "No," 19.

CALDWELL: The 2nd item, Bishop Morgan, Item 247, p. 240 in the blue book. It is a Religion and Race concern item. It is the requesting of a task force for the study of racism in rural areas. The task force would involve the Board

of Global Ministries, Church and Society, and the United Methodist Rural Fellowship. Some raise questions about the financial implications in conference with the general secretary of Religion and Race. The funding would come out of staff travel, and thus the funding would be internal. The committee recommended concurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, you've heard the recommendation. Calendar Item 247. Yes, sir, go to microphone 6, I imagine.

CHARLIE COFER (South Georgia): Bishop Morgan, In light of what's been happening across this great nation of ours, I vote . . . I move that we . . . I'm sorry, I don't move. I do not concur with it for the simple reason that we've got lots of places we need to spend that money and that study time rather than in the rural areas. We need to spend that time and any money we can lay our hands on in the urban areas.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, you do not support the recommendation of the committee. Would anyone else like to speak for, or against? Yes? Right over here. Is that a hand there? Or are you just . . . All right. I'm trying to move around the room. Microphone 11, please. Calendar Item 247. We've had 1 speech against the recommendation of the committee.

BARBARA SHELDON (Kansas West): Indeed, there is racism in the rural areas. I urge that we support this.

BISHOP MORGAN: You speak in favor. "Yes," in the rear here. Yes, ma'am? Yeah. Go to microphone 15. Item 247, 1 speech for and 1 speech against.

DELIGHT WIER (Central Illinois): I'm speaking in favor. This situation is happening in the rural areas, as you well know, and we want to support this resolution. We call for a study of racism in rural areas.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. Do you want to speak against . . . 2 in favor. Are you ready to vote? All right, Calendar Item 247 is before you. The recommendation of the committee is concurrence. Vote when the light appears. You have supported the committee. "Yes," 758; "No," 143.

(Calendar Item No. 251, Media Release Disclaimer)

CALDWELL: Then finally, Bishop Morgan, communications item . . . it is on p. 241. Calendar Item 251, p. 241 in the blue book, Calendar Item 251. It is a media release disclaimer. The petition suggested that in press releases there should be a mention of the source from whence the release comes and a disclaimer indicating that that does not represent the views of the total United Methodist Church. The committee voted nonconcurrence 62, 1 against, 3 not voting, feeling that, in fact, as we conferred again with persons in Communications, that there is some identification of source and that this would cause more confusion and would not be helpful. We therefore vote nonconcurrence.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, you've heard the recommendation--nonconcurrence in the committee. I do not see a hand. All right, if you will vote when the light appears. And the committee is supported. "Yes," 776; "No," 115.

CALDWELL: Thank you, Bishop Morgan. This completes the work of the legislative committee and independent commissions. Thank you.

BISHOP MORGAN: And we salute you, my friend. Thank you, Brother Caldwell. We'll turn back to our calendar . . . agenda . . . calendar.

JORDAN: We would not begin anything else, since we're so close to the time of adjournment . . . the time of recess, rather. I wish that were true. As of 3:45, we had 350 items remaining that we've moved rather quickly. We've moved quite a bit since that time. There are 4 committees: Financial Administration, Conferences, Global Ministries, and Church and Society, and then we need to hear from GCFA. I would ask that the legislative chairs of Financial Administration, Conferences, Global Administration, and Church and Society please meet on the platform with Bishop Jack Tuell, the presiding bishop, at 7:15 p.m. this evening. That is all I have this evening.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, over here. Go to microphone 1, please. I think we're ready to leave here so we can come back and get back to work. Microphone 1.

PRISCILLA "DEE-DEE" BUFFINGTON (Oregon-Idaho): If it's in order, bishop, I would move that this body recommend or request that the Council of Bishops, over the next quadrennium, set aside some of their work to engage in study and reflection upon our denomination's theology behind the Eucharist and bring back a report to the General Conference in 1996 for the church's reflection. And if there is a 2nd, I'll speak to it.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, you'll need to get us a copy of that. All right.

BUFFINGTON: OK. I am very much in sympathy with my brother's concern in needing to see that 80 homebound people receive the sacrament, and I am not concerned particularly about who is duly authorized. I am concerned that the action that we took authorizing or permitting laity to serve the sacrament to homebound people implies a theological understanding that I don't believe is in accord with our denomination's thinking.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, thank you. Is there someone who'd like to speak in opposition of the motion . . . the amendment? Yes. Go to microphone 7. We must move now. I don't believe we can take anymore motions after this 1. We must move to recess. Go ahead. Microphone 2. It's there.

TOM A. DONELSON (Kansas East): I thought we had pretty much discussed this a little bit earlier, but my concern would be as this. Number 1, as I understand, and being a laity there's nothing in any pieces of literature or anything that has been discussed. First of all, we're still saying the clergy is consecrating the elements, and that is to me the key element. The fact that the laity may participate, is in fact not changing the act of the sacrament itself but only enhancing . . . .

BISHOP MORGAN: All right. The motion was to form a study group and refer it for study.

DONALDSON: I'm . . . OK.

BISHOP MORGAN: Brother Sayre. I mean, excuse me, microphone 2?

CHARLES SAYRE (Southern New Jersey): This motion is for a full-blown study by the Council of Bishops. We're in the pausing moments here. This is an order of a major study, and I think, without more reflection, we need to defeat this.

BISHOP MORGAN: All right, you're against the motion. Anyone to speak for it? Yes. You have a big voice, but I don't see your body! All right, are you ready to vote on this? If you would support the motion to refer this study to the Council of Bishops, vote when the light appears.

I mean, you know, vote is what I mean. All right, it is not sustained. "Yes," 207; "No," 669. I turn to the secretary for announcements.

CAROLYN WAKOM: A request has come for an update on Bishop Hancock's condition. I'm glad to report to you that he is making satisfactory progress, and you would also like to know that arrangements have been made for Mrs. Hancock to have an apartment here in Louisville and to remain here until he is able to return home. In addition, the report on the offering that was taken for Pages and Marshalls is $11,016.

BISHOP MORGAN: Well, that's great. All right. I'm going to turn to Thom White Wolf Fassett at microphone 13 to dismiss us with a closing prayer, who is the secretary of the General Board of Church and Society.

THOM WHITE WOLF FASSETT: Shall we join our hearts in prayer?

(prayer)

Friday Evening
May 15, 1992

Bishop Jack Tuell, presiding

BISHOP JACK TUELL: Will the conference please come to order? Will you please move to your seats as quickly as you can? In 2 minutes, we are to begin the evening session. We'll ask our song leader to lead us in number 261: "Lord of the Dance." Please move to your places as quickly as possible.

(Hymn)

If you'll take your seats, please. Take your seats. Will all the delegates to the General Conference please move to your places. Take your seat as soon as possible. Will you come to order, please? Please come to order. We want to move on. You'll remember that the order of the day calls for us to have our worship at 9:45, and I always like to be at worship on time. So we'll all hope and pray for that. We now are ready to turn to our chairperson of the orders of the day, Charles Jordan. Excuse me, courtesies first.

PHYLLIS FERGUSON (Pacific Northwest): If Pat Miller from the South Indiana Conference is here, would you come forward? And while she's coming, would Ed Paup of the Rock Mountain Conference go to No. 14. He's gone. Is Pat Miller here?

BISHOP TUELL: Where's everybody going?

FERGUSON: Oh, you're there. I'm sorry.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Do you have a matter, no. 14?

ED PAUP (Rocky Mountain): Yes, please, bishop.

BISHOP TUELL: In matters of courtesies, yes, go ahead.

PAUP: With appreciation to our friends in the Louisville area for providing such a significant location for us and giving us such a tremendous time during the General Conference, we also want to acknowledge that we in the Denver Area and the Western Jurisdiction, those in the Denver area, Yellowstone and Rocky Mountain conferences, are very much looking forward to hosting General Conference in 1996 in Denver. And we would like to have persons from those 2 conferences stand and show you our better sides.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. OK. Very good.

FERGUSON: I will just read this from Pat Miller. "I celebrate the fact that we are a global church. I also celebrate the fact that this General Conference has enabled non-English speaking delegates to express their opinions and concerns in their own languages . . . "

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you.

FERGUSON: "I hope our next General Conference will provide the delegates the opportunity to here the proclamation of the Word of God by one of our brothers or sisters in his or her own language."

BISHOP TUELL: OK. Thank you very much. That is a step forward, a giant step forward, in our General Conference, and we're grateful for that. There was a delegate from Cuba with a matter. Are you ready with that courtesy matter? Not yet. All right. Yes, I recognize the delegate in the white.

JEAN HENDERSON (Holston): Bishop, I would like to offer a brief resolution to the conference. May I do that?

BISHOP TUELL: You may try it.

HENDERSON: All right. Whereas the General Conference Secretary, Carolyn Marshall, has made effective use of electronic equipment to process petitions and expedite the work of the legislative committees in plenary sessions of the General Conference, and whereas the preparation of the *Book of Discipline 1992* and the *Book of Resolutions 1992* has been improved by this technology, be it resolved:

1) the General Conference Secretary, Carolyn Marshall, be commended for this efficient method for tracking the petition process of our church, and

2) that the General Conference Secretary and Commission on the General Conference, and the United Methodist Publishing House be authorized to evaluate this process following General Conference and develop plans for continued perfection of an appropriate system to receive petitions, carefully process the consideration of the issues, and accurately prepare the *Book of Discipline 1996* and the *Book of Resolutions 1996*.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. It's before you. Is there any question about that? If you'll approve, lift a hand. Opposed? It is carried. Now, we don't want to have a lot of motions and courtesies, because they should really go to a committee. If this is something really important . . . no. 9.

HUBERT BLANCHARD (Louisiana): Bishop Tuell, I have a question on the Judicial Council ruling on the healthcare plan. Did the council consider the possible liability that the general church may have on the mandated health insurance proposal? Have we forgotten the Pacific Homes matter so soon? It calls, it calls to our conference . . .

BISHOP TUELL: Just a moment. You're asking them a question? You'll have to ask that of the Judicial Council.

BLANCHARD: Well, that's what I'm asking you to ask them. You have more clout than I do.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, you're asking a question. I haven't looked around to see if they're here, but they've heard it. So I guess they can think about that.

BLANCHARD: I'm asking a question.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, thank you.

BLANCHARD: Is this not a matter that has been decided to this date by the annual conferences, the base body of the church?

BISHOP TUELL: OK, thank you very much. Now we're ready to turn to calendars . . .

CHARLES JORDAN (Northern Illinois): I'm talking with my coordinator. These are the items. I would say one

thing that because we are going to receive a report from the General Council of Finance and Administration, I would ask that we move that the rules be suspended for the purpose of distribution of materials.

BISHOP TUELL: You've heard this motion to suspend the rules in order that we can distribute the materials right now to be considered later this evening. If you'll approve, or if you do not wish to approve, vote when the light appears. "Yes," 735; "No," 25. The rules are suspended and the material may be distributed. I hope the pages and so forth are ready to do that as quickly as possible.

JORDAN: The first . . . the first legislative committee to come before you will be the Legislative Committee on Conferences with Vance Summers. That will be followed by the report from GCFA. Then we will return to the Legislative Committee on Conferences. Following that, Financial Administration with Sandra Lackore. Following that, Church and Society with James Lawson. And then Global Missions with Twick Morrison. We have been informed by the coordinator that we have approximately 121 calendar items left.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Let's go.

VANCE SUMMERS JR. (West Ohio): Good evening. I'm Vance Summers from the Conference Legislative Committee. Please turn with me to p. 336, blue *DCA*, Calendar Item 784. This is a legislative matter which was dealt with on the first day of General Conference. It prevents persons from receiving any other compensation other than the per diem that is for all delegates. A similar motion was passed the first day of General Conference. We vote a concurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Apparently this is the same motion that was adopted earlier. Anyone who would wish to speak? All right, then, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 771; "No," 25. It prevails.

(Calendar Item No. 13; Lay Delates to General Conference)

SUMMERS: Page 167 of the *DCA*, blue. This is Calendar Item 13. On our last . . . one the other times when we were before this General Conference, you voted all of the items . . . one item, perhaps, I should say--one item related to delegates, lay delegates to General Conference, Jurisdictional Conferences, and Central Conferences. This calendar item deals with all the others that were nonconcurred.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. It's before you. Are you ready? Please vote when the light appears.

SUMMERS: The next one is Calendar Item . . .

BISHOP TUELL: Just a moment. "Yes," 828; "No," 25. It prevails.

(Calendar Item No. 791; Assignment of Bishops)

SUMMERS: Well, I think we should roll while we can. Calendar Item 791, 524 of the blue *DCA*.

BISHOP TUELL: Page 524?

SUMMERS: 524. Calendar Item 791.

BISHOP TUELL: Please give the page first. It helps.

SUMMERS: 524, blue *DCA*. You will find it on 337. Strike that one. Look for it on page 524 of the blue *DCA*. Calendar Item 791. This issue has to do with the assignment process of bishops. The recommendation is that a bishop may be assigned for a third quadrennium. The legislative committee action was concurrent as amended, 52-5-0. There is a minority report, which will be shared by Glenn Kohlhepp.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Minority report.

GLENN KOHLHEPP (Western Pennsylvania): You will notice that the minority report would ask for a fourth quadrennium assignment of a bishop, which would extend the present system. Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord! The present normal term for a bishop to be assigned an area is 8 years. Currently, an annual conference may request, for missional reasons, the extension of that residency for an additional 4 years. This amendment would allow for a bishop to be reassigned yet another term.

Paul Detrick at the Center for Parish Development, in a 1983 study, indicated that 4-6 years of an assignment are transitional in nature, leaving 2-4 years of an 8-year assignment for mutual decisions concerning the focus of ministry in an annual conference within an area. The office of bishop is integral to the work of the church. We're convinced that longer assignments for bishops can revitalize the annual conference in the same manner that longer pastoral appointments strengthen charges in local churches. This amendment maintains the basic 8-year limit on assignment, unless a longer assignment is deemed, by all concerned, to be in the best interest of the jurisdiction. It's time to provide for this kind of flexibility. Please consider seriously the opportunity provided in the minority report. God bless you all.

BISHOP TUELL: OK, thank you very much. Now, as I read the minority report, I believe the only word that has changed is the word "third" to "fourth."

SUMMERS: Correct.

BISHOP TUELL: So, I'm going to treat this as an amendment rather than getting into all the business about substitutes and everything. Does that sound all right with the house? Good. All right. So, it's an amendment before us. Is there discussion on the amendment? Yes. Microphone No. 4.

DIGHT W. CRAIN (Southern New England): I would speak against this amendment and against the original petition. I think some of the church people have forgotten when we had long-term episcopal assignments. We have an 8-year rule. We made an exception for missional reasons, for 12. Now we're going to keep going on and on. And in those jurisdictions that have relatively few bishops, it will make it very difficult for assignments to be made. And I feel that this is not in the best interest of the church. I urge that it be defeated.

BISHOP JACK TUELL: Thank you. Yes, someone for? In the yellow coat? Are you speaking for the amendment?

RICHARD L. WRIGHT (West Virginia): We have found in our experience in the annual conference that having our bishop for a longer time has been an asset to our conference for very missional reasons. But we also feel that the church needs to look at this limitation on the very bodies that are responsible for the assignment of bishops, which are the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy and the Jurisdictional Conference itself. Bishops are not limited in appointing pastors. These bodies ought not to be limited in appointing bishops.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. We've had 2 speeches for. Is there someone who wishes to speak against? Are you ready to vote? All right. Please vote when the light appears. We're on the amendment that would allow a 4th quadrennium under certain circumstances. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 201; "No," 694. The amendment does not prevail. We now are on the main motion.

Any . . . ? Do you wish to vote? All right. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 702; "No," 181. The motion carries.

SUMMERS: Page 337, blue *DCA*.

BISHOP TUELL: 337, blue *DCA*.

(Calendar Item No. 792; Conference Agency Membership)

SUMMERS: Calendar Item 792.

BISHOP TUELL: Calendar Item 792.

SUMMERS: Let me give you some deletions, please, because of printing errors. Delete the word "attached" after substitute. Delete "substitute for 10599."

BISHOP TUELL: Do you see what he is talking about? It's right in the 3rd line of 792. The word "attached" is struck; and then 3 lines down, what's the . . . ?

SUMMERS: "Substitute for 10599." Delete that as well.

BISHOP TUELL: Delete that phrase. All right. Go ahead.

SUMMERS: It is for conference agency membership. There is a substitute attached. The legislative action is concurrence as amended.

BISHOP TUELL: All right.

SUMMERS: The other twist to this is that there was a minority report which was determined is not a minority report; it is to retain what is currently in, you see, so the maker and signers of that minority report withdrew it.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. That's been withdrawn, so we actually cross out all of the minority report. And we have this matter before us now. Is there a discussion? Yes? No. 4. No. 4.

RICHARD NICODEMUS (New York): We are not reporting as the minority group. I'm from the New York Conference. I'd like to offer an amendment, please?

BISHOP TUELL: All right.

NICODEMUS: I'd like to have the 2nd par. deleted and replaced with the following par. It should read as follows: "In doing this, the annual conference shall utilize mandated structures currently in existence." If I have a 2nd, I'd like to speak to that.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. It's been seconded.

NICODEMUS: Bishop, we struggled with this issue for a very long time, and what has deeply troubled us is the use of the permissive word "may" in the petition as we see it. In addition, the phrase "other mandated structures not withstanding," seems to us, offers and actually encourages exclusionary practices required by their elimination. I wanted to make a few brief points. First, we had no way of knowing what these mandated structures were. We struggled through this, and we perceived them to be windows of opportunities which are designed to offer . . .

BISHOP TUELL: Just a moment. What's your point of order? No. 1, what's your point of order?

ARVIN LUCHS (Oregon-Idaho): Bishop, this amendment would seem to be simply what we would be returning to if we voted nonconcurrence with this.

BISHOP TUELL: I don't think it'a necessarily directly contradictory, so I rule your point of order out. Go ahead.

NICODEMUS: We were struggling with the issue of what mandated structures were, and we found them to be windows of opportunities designed to offer hope for the disadvantaged and the disenfranchised in our society. Secondly, we ask ourselves what are these mandated structures which would be affected by this legislation?

BISHOP TUELL: You need to wind up.

NICODEMUS: We found that they would be the United Methodist Women, the United Methodist Men, the board of laity, the Board of Global Ministry, and so on.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Thank you. Your time is up.

NICODEMUS: I request that we vote against this motion.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Thank you. Now would someone wish to speak against that amendment? Yes I see . . . go to microphone 7.

CHARLES HEFLEY (North Indiana): The amendment takes everything out of the petition, due to a Judicial Council ruling, 707--as it is in which the attempt is to return it to--indicates that all the "shalls" must be. We're asking for some flexibility to be able to do some things creative in structure. If you'll notice, the 1st part of that amendment, or that petition, indicates that all the functions and the connectional relationships shall be maintained. And we're concerned about nos. being identified as you have to have this amount of nos. on the committee or commission. We'd like flexibility, and we feel this gives us the option to do it. I hope that you would support the petition.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you very much. Someone wish to apeak for this amendment that's been offered by Mr. Nicodemus? I don't see anyone. Anyone wish to speak against? Are you ready to vote? We're voting on the Nicodemus amendment. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 191; "No," 646. The amendment does not prevail. We have before us this item now. Are you ready? Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 776; "No," 111. The measure passes.

(Calendar Item No. 1300; Speaking for the Church)

SUMMERS: Page 453, blue *DCA*. Calendar Item 1300. Speaking for the church.

BISHOP TUELL: Give you a little bit of time to be sure you find it. Page 453, 1300. The recommendation is nonconcurrence. Are you ready? Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 786; "No," 78. The committee recommendation is sustained.

SUMMERS: Page 455, blue *DCA*. Calendar No. 1325. It relates to lay observers elected to the board of ordained ministry. All clergy members and all elected lay members or observers to the board of ordained ministry may attend and shall have voice in the clergy aession. Only ordained clergy in the full connection may vote. The committee voted concurrence with substitute as amended, 41-14.

BISHOP TUELL: This matter is before you, yes? Microphone No. 3.

MARCUS FANG (Wisconsin): In light of Calendar Item 1739 on p. 612, I need to offer an amendment to make it consistent with the other. I move to amend a petition by adding the words after the sentence in line 15, between "full connection" and "may vote," these words, "and the elected lay members of the board of ordained ministry."

BISHOP TUELL: Would you please explain that again? Line 15 from the top of the page?

FANG: Yes, 455 in the bold--if you count down to line 15 where it says "only the ordained clergy in full connection"; then you add these words, "and the elected lay members on the Board of Ordained Ministry." May I explain why, bishop?

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, you may.

FANG: The whole idea of this petition from the Wisconsin Conference Board of Ordained Ministry was to recognize the crucial role played by the lay observers and to encourage their future participation. Hence, this petition to change the status of the lay observers of the board of ordained ministry to lay members of the board of ordained ministry. And this has already been taken care of by the other Petition, 1739. I so move.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. The chair needs to observe that, in the chair's opinion, this raises Constitutional issues; and it would appear to me that, depending on the vote on this matter, you may wish to seek a Judicial Council ruling. But I think it's only fair to raise that issue. All right. Yes? Are you speaking against the amendment that's been offered?

BILL CROUCH (North Texas): The item that we adopted--or would be adopted because it's on the Consent Calendar--No. 1739 specifically says lay members shall have a vote except on matters prohibited by par. 36, article 2, in the Constitution. In light of that action, it may very well be that we will want to vote nonconcurrence on this item presented in this way, because this avoids the Constitutional issue--the one . . . the other one that is presently on the Consent Calendar.

BISHOP TUELL: I see. All right. Thank you. It's a speech against the amendment. Anyone else wish to . . . ? Yes? Microphone No. 7.

THOMAS FLINN (Baltimore): I have a question, bishop. In your estimation, what was on the Consent Calendar? Does that give the right of lay observers to be voting members except on Constitutional issues?

BISHOP TUELL: I have not studied that 1, so I'd have to look at the wording. And I'm not sure that right now that's relevant to this discussion. Do you think it is?

FLINN: Yes, I do.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. What page is that on? And the no. is?

SUMMERS: 1739.

BISHOP TUELL: 1739. And your question again, is?

FLINN: Whether or not, by voting this down, where does that leave the other petition that was passed? I thought we could get out of this dilemma by simply adding the words "except on Constitutional issues" to the amendment that was just made, and I think that should correct it. And I would propose that, if that would clear up the issue.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, 1739 refers to the board of ordained ministry and to lay persons elected, and it gives them a limited vote on matters in that board other than matters prohibited by the Constitution.

FLINN: Yes. And that's . . . the reason I'm saying that is, if that has passed, I'm very happy with that. But, in turning this down, does that have any effect on that petition? In turning down the petition that's in front of us at the present time?

BISHOP TUELL: This petition . . . let me read this petition again. This is talking about an executive session of the annual conference, and the other is talking about membership on the board of ordained ministry and the limited vote there.

FLINN: OK.

BISHOP TUELL: I think they're 2 separate issues.

FLINN: Thank you very much. You've cleared it up.

BISHOP TUELL: All right.

Now we have the vote of the amendment of the Wisconsin delegate before us. Are you ready to vote on that amendment? Let us, then, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 293; "No," 533. The amendment does not prevail. We still have before us the measure. Is there any further discussion of this particular item? Excuse me? Yes, no. 9, in the black blouse, I guess, with the necklace.

MARILYN M. HUNTINGTON (California-Pacific): I have a question of the chair. When it talks in the amendment about clergy members of the annual conference being seated in the executive session, does that include probationary clergy members?

SUMMERS: That's defined in another paragraph. That is not defined here. Two clergy members are . . .

BISHOP TUELL: Well . . .

HUNTINGTON: And so the answer is no. You are not opening that up to probationary members.

BISHOP TUELL: That is 701.1. It describes all the different classes of clergy members. So, presumably, in answer to your question, this paragraph does say that all clergy members of the conference may attend and shall have voice in the clergy session. It seems to me that, well, I don't know if I should comment on that.

SUMMERS: My understanding is whomever the General Conference defines as clergy members would be the person who would be there in the clergy session.

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, no. 9.

HUNTINGTON: Well, I just believe that that's a significant shift in how we have defined the executive session of the annual conference. I know that it says that full connection persons can have . . . only full connection persons have vote, but even to have probationary members as a part of the executive session is a major shift. And I don't have an amendment ready, but I think we need to consider that.

BISHOP TUELL: I believe that there are other provisions in the *Discipline* still in place that allow the conference to declare an executive session. Is that still in place? All right. Are there other discussions on 1325? Are you ready to vote on this matter? All right. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 593; "No," 278. The motion prevails. 1325 carries.

SUMMERS: Page 453, blue *DCA*, Calendar Item 1296. The subject is "Inter-Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy." This states a process to affect transfer of bishops to cross jurisdictional lines. Our previous action was concur. Our action was concur with similar Petitions 12252 and Calendar Item 795. And, therefore, our recommendation here is nonconcurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. This is slightly different than the others, right?

SUMMERS: Yes, it is.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Recommendation is nonconcurrence. Please vote when the light appears. All right. "Yes," 808; "No," 61. The item is passed.

(Calendar Item No. 1292; 100 Years at Scarrett)

SUMMERS: 453 again. This is Calendar Item 1292, "Celebrating 100 years of lay education in the tradition of Scarritt-Bennett Center." And this is a resolution recognizing the role of Scarritt-Bennett in lay education. The legislative committee's action is concurrence. 6500.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Any question? Please vote when the light appears. Oh, I'm sorry, excuse me. No. 14. no. 14.

JIMMY CARR (Mississippi): This petition asks for special privilege to ask all the persons who had some relationship with the Scarritt College, Scarritt Graduate School, or, now, the Scarritt-Bennett Center to at least stand. We have the executive director of the Scarritt-Bennett Center, Maxine Clark Beech, and then the president of the board, Marilyn Winners, with us; and we're excited that this institution, in different ways, has served The United Methodist Church for 100 years.

BISHOP TUELL: Why don't we wait and vote, and, if we pass it, we'll have them stand. All right. Right over here. Microphone No. 4.

ANN SHERER (Texas): While we're celebrating Scarritt-Bennett, I'd like to add an amendment to this motion. I would like to amend the motion to recommend that our boards and agencies meet at Scarritt-Bennett, where we can meet for $26.00 a day, room and board.

BISHOP TUELL: All right.

SUMMERS: Bishop that's part of it already. It's already here.

BISHOP TUELL: Is it? The chair informs me that is already a part of the motion. Okay? Are you ready to vote? Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 870; "No," 32. The item passes. Now, in accordance with the suggestion, would all persons who have had association with Scarritt, Scarritt-Bennett Center, throughout its long and illustrious history stand for a moment? Would you do that? Thank you very much. All right. Go ahead.

(Calendar Item No. 152; District Director of Religion and Race)

SUMMERS: Blue *DCA*, p. 526, Calendar Item 1521: "District Director of Religion and Race." The action is concurrence as amended. 6210.

BISHOP TUELL: It's before you. Is there any question? The recommendation is concurrence. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 816; "No," 57 [757]. The matter passes.

SUMMERS: Page 266, blue *DCA*. Calendar Item 342: "Election of a Conference Lay Leader."

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Page 266, Calendar Item 342.

SUMMERS: Legislative action, nonconcurrence. 6401.

BISHOP TUELL: It's before you. Are you ready? Please vote when the light appears. 808, "Yes"; 42, "No." The recommendation of nonconcurrence is agreed with. Yes, right here in the front row. No. 3.

JACK PATTERSON (Western Pennsylvania): The question in our group is "Why are we dealing with these?" The last 4 or 5 have been zero, negative, or 1 negative; and I guess maybe there's something here that we don't understand.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, we'll get an answer to that.

SUMMERS: They were taken from the Consent Calendar.

BISHOP TUELL: They were lifted?

SUMMERS: Lifted.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, whoever the 5 people were decided not to debate. Yes? Now is this . . . what is this you have? No. 4.

ROBERT K. SWEET (Southern New England): Bishop Tuell, I move to suspend the rules in order to lift the number of names required to lift it from the Consent Calendar.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. The motion is to suspend the rules for that purpose . . .

SWEET: Maybe I will need to rephrase the motion differently.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, just don't argue with . . . Go ahead.

SWEET: . . . since it's already been lifted. But I can do that, I think.

BISHOP TUELL: What's your motion?

SWEET: If the rules are suspended.

BISHOP TUELL: No. You're suspending the rules for what purpose?

SWEET: In order to facilitate voting on everything that has less than 15 signatures, in one fell swoop.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. The motion is to suspend the rules for that purpose. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 580; "No," 299. The rules are not suspended. No, that's 66. It takes 66 and 2/3. OK. Go ahead.

SUMMERS: Bishop, we have one item on par. 608, which our secretary, Sue Messenger, will share with you.

(Reconsideration of Calendar Item No. 1314)

SUSAN D. MESSENGER (Northern Indiana): Bishop, we ask for reconsideration of Calendar Item 1314, which refers . . .

BISHOP TUELL: What p. no., please?

MESSENGER: Sorry, p. 454 in the *DCA*. This refers to the *Discipline* par. 608.

BISHOP TUELL: Calendar item?

MESSENGER: 1314.

BISHOP TUELL: OK.

MESSENGER: And we are asking for reconsideration so that the 3 points in par. 608 can be brought into conformity.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, did you vote with the prevailing side?

MESSENGER: Yes.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. This is a motion for reconsideration. If you will reconsider, lift the hand. Opposed? Well, it is easily 2/3. It's reconsidered, it's before us again.

MESSENGER: What we would add to this paragraph, or this petition, Calendar Item 1314, which is found in the white *Advance DCA* on p. 1092. And it refers to the *Discipline* par. 608. The petition is on the very bottom of the left-hand column, Petitions to the General Conference, Petition Item 11803.

BISHOP TUELL: OK.

MESSENGER: What we would propose is that in 608, 5.5, petitions must be postmarked by National Postal Service no later than 120 days, rather than 60 days, and in .6, if petitions are transmitted by a means other than the National Postal Service, they must be in the hands of the petition secretary no later than 90 days prior to the opening session. This will bring us into conformity of your action previously.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. So you're offering this now as an amendment to the earlier item.

MESSENGER: Yes, sir.

BISHOP TUELL: Right?

MESSENGER: Yes, sir.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. This is an amendment. You've heard it. Any questions? Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 787; "No," 103. The amendment prevails. Now would you offer the motion as amended. You can just say that.

MESSENGER: I'll just say it then.

BISHOP TUELL: I offer the motion as amended.

MESSENGER: I offer the motion as amended. Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: OK. OK. It's before you. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 840; "No," 44. The matter prevails. Yes? Seeing people in the front row reminds me of my 1st General Con-

ference in 1964. Our conference drew the 1st row, and we were able to get the attention of the chair anytime. And we had a club called the 900 Club, and to be a member of it, you had to have made a motion that was defeated by at least 900 votes. Go ahead. No. 3.

PAUL V. CHAFFEE (Western Pennsylvania): I hope this is not one of those times.

BISHOP TUELL: OK.

CHAFFEE: Mr. chairman, I move to suspend the rules to allow the General Conference to deal 1st with those petitions carrying a negative vote in excess of 10 persons. And then, if time is still available, to deal with all others.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, it's a motion to suspend the rules to offer that kind of a motion. It's not debatable. If you wish to suspend the rules, or you wish to vote against it. Now, this has to be a question, this is not debatable. No. 13.

DAVID M. STANLEY (Iowa): How would this motion, if carried, affect the status of items that are found with a minority report?

BISHOP TUELL: I don't think that it would affect that.

STANLEY: Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. We're voting on suspending the rules for this purpose. Now, if this is a . . . no debate. If you wish to suspend the rules, please indicate by your vote, "yes" or "no." When the light appears. It's right in front of me here. All right, the rules are suspended. Why don't you offer that motion now. ("Yes," 710; "No," 189). All right, he's made the motion, and we ought to get the copy of that motion. But do you wish to speak to it? All right, right over here. We need the text of that so we . . . no. 2.

CHARLES W. PEARCE (Florida): I would like to amend that to 16 votes, instead of 10.

BISHOP TUELL: Didn't he say . . . 10. All right, then the amendment is to change it to 16. That is if they have . . .

PEARCE: 16 negative votes, sir.

BISHOP TUELL: 16 negative votes. All right.

PEARCE: That we vote on them all together at one time.

BISHOP TUELL: Is there a 2nd to this? Do you want to speak to that?

PEARCE: No sir, the house has heard enough.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, good. Anybody want to speak on that amendment? Do you understand what's before us? Well, some of you don't. I would like to get that in writing. You're supposed to have it in writing before you make it. Let's . . . why don't you just give it to us? Cut the red tape. All right. Well, all this says is move to suspend the rules. All right. Thank you very much. Thank you. That's what happens when you try to cut red tape, I mean, you know. All right, the motion is, we have already suspended the rules to allow the General Conference to deal 1st with those petitions carrying a negative vote in excess of 10 persons, and then, if time if still available, to deal with the other petitions. And the amendment is to make that number 16, carrying a negative vote in excess of 16 persons. Now the amendment is before us, changing 10 to 16. You want to speak to that? You must, well, there is someone with a card up, you want to speak to that amendment? That's what is before you. No. 9.

KENNETH L. CARDER (Holston): I would like to ask a question, please. I'm not sure what this means. We have a Genetic Task Force report that was approved by the legislative committee, but then it was pulled from the Consent Calendar in order to simply make a statement about that report. Does this mean that that report would not be adopted then?

BISHOP TUELL: No, it merely gives priority to those petitions carrying a negative vote of so many. It doesn't mean it won't get to them. It means that it will come later. You might not get to them.

CARDER: But if we do not get to it, that does not mean that the report would not have been approved?

BISHOP TUELL: Well, it depends what you do with it.

CARDER: OK.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, now, yes, way in the back. Are you speaking to the amendment to change 10 to 16? No. 15.

JEAN A. CRAMER-HEUERMAN (Central Illinois): I have a question. Is it true that if we did not act on some of these items because they were put toward the end, they would then simply be referred, and could not have the force of church policy?

BISHOP TUELL: Well, that is often an action that is taken, that they are referred out to the appropriate boards and agencies, and so forth. That can happen if the body decides to do it that way.

CRAMER-HEUERMAN: But if we were to approve this procedure, either as amended or as originally proposed, then we would automatically be saying that about those things that we did not act on.

BISHOP TUELL: No, I think not. You would not automatically be saying anything. It depends on the time.

CRAMER-HEUERMAN: Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Are you ready to vote now? Those . . . please vote on the issue of the amendment, putting the number 16 in, when the light appears. All right. "Yes," 471; "No," 445. The amendment prevails.

We now have the motion as amended, which is that we deal 1st with petitions carrying a negative vote in excess of 16, and then if time is still available, to deal with other petitions. All right, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 696; "No," 207. This motion passes, and we ought to . . . I hope that we can get this sorted out so that we can not lose time finding the ones with 16 or more. Yes.

VANCE SUMMERS: Yes, bishop, we will be able to sort those out very quickly. We have completed the work of conferences, and we thank you very much.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, we are ready now for the report of GCFA. Yes, No. 9.

(Request for Judicial Council Ruling)

HUNTINGTON: Bishop, would it be in order to ask for a Judicial Council decision regarding Calendar Item 1325, regarding the membership of clergy in the executive session of the annual conference?

BISHOP TUELL: I believe it would.

HUNTINGTON: I would so move.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, we have a motion that the action 1325 Calendar Item, that a request go to the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision on its Disciplinary and Constitutional standing. Are you ready to vote on that? Please vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 705; "No," 173. You have voted to ask the Judicial Council for this ruling. All right, are we ready? Is GCFA ready? Bishop Russell?

BISHOP JOHN T. RUSSELL: May I ask that Clifford Droke would come to the podium, please, to assist in our report. I'm sure you will give permission

to . . . of course, Clifford is a general secretary. The general secretaries are all seated here with voice.

CLIFFORD DROKE: There have been 2 reports distributed to you this evening. One is Report No. 16, the other is Report No. 18, which really is for information only. And then we have an additional report responding to requests that you have made. We want to present Report No. 16 first, "General Council on Finance and Administration Financial References." In presenting this report, we believe that we have responded to the action of General Conference in establishing a new fund, Mission Initiatives Fund, at the session this morning. So GCFA now brings its recommendation:

No. 1 is the allocation of the $2,512,000 from the World Service Fund for 1992 General Conference new programs. Basically it is the same as we presented this morning.

1A: the National Plan for Hispanic Ministry. The request was for $3,100,000. GCFA recommends $1,900,000 allocated in the following, ways you see, to those boards.

And then the B is the same as our request this morning.

The report adopted by the General Conference requests $1,200,000 for the program and its administration. GCFA recommends that $612,000 be included in the World Service Fund budget, the receipts be allocated to the General Board of Global Ministries.

Now, when we come to No. 2, Mission Initiatives Fund is the fund you voted this morning to establish. It's been referred to us, and GCFA has considered the matter and recommends the establishment of an apportioned fund to be titled, "Mission Initiatives Fund for the 1993-1996 Quadrennium." GCFA recommendation contains exactly the same totals and allocation of funds as provided by the General Conference action earlier today. Quadrennial asking for this fund will be $850,000 per year, to be apportioned to annual conferences using the same formula as is used in the World Service Fund.

Then you note that the funds will be distributed as follows, this was a part of the amendment. In fact, this was the amendment. We have listed the percentages that were voted. The dollar amounts for those percentages you will find on p. 2 of Report No. 18, the bottom of the page. Fifty-four percent to be administered by the General Board of Global Ministries, as provided in the plan adopted by General Conference.

The National Plan for Hispanic Ministry, 24% to be administered by the agencies listed in Section 1A of this report.

The Native American Comprehensive Plan, 12% to be administered by the General Board of Global Ministries.

And the Special Program Campus Ministry, 7% to be administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

The Committee on Older Adult Ministries, 1.5% to be administered by the General Board of Discipleship.

Developing Congregations for Deaf Ministries, 1.5% to be administered by the General Board of Global Ministries.

Then I call to your attention, the administering agencies are authorized to seek approval for additional funding through General Advance or World Service special gift channels and undesignated funds. No. 3 . . .

BISHOP TUELL: Excuse me, do you want to go through the whole report first, or do you want to act on this first one? Do you want to do the whole . . .

DROKE: I want to do the whole report, if that's all right.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, go ahead.

DROKE: No. 3, and No. 4, and No. 5, and No. 6 are the same as presented in the report this morning, and those were not amended. So we present the report at this time.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, this is before you, yes? This is all before us right at the moment. Go ahead, no. 6.

WALTER DERISO JR. (South Georgia): I raise a parliamentary inquiry, bishop. At the time this was referred this morning, I had made an amendment which was seconded; and it had not been acted upon, concerning the spending of church funds for alcoholic beverages.

DROKE: Yes, we're going to respond to that. The reason we did not put that here, we thought that was not appropriate for us to include that amendment in the financial references, but we're going to speak to that.

BISHOP TUELL: That's going to be coming up.

DROKE: Yes.

DERISO: Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you. All right, yes. No. 5.

JOE M. WHITTEMORE (North Georgia): I have a question on the information that is presented as Report No. 18. I believe the question earlier was to have a comparison of the total receipts for this quadrennium, as compared to the apportionments as they stand. Am I to . . . my question is, is the total receipts for the quadrennium we are in now, estimated, the total of the $84 million, the $88 million, the $91 million and the $95 million in the second column?

BISHOP RUSSELL: Bishop Tuell, we put that in a separate report as information. That was our understanding.

WHITTEMORE: That's my question. On Report No. 18, is the total estimate.

BISHOP RUSSELL: We're representing Report No. 16 now.

BISHOP TUELL: Right now, 16 is before us.

WHITTEMORE: Report No. 18 was presented to us as information.

BISHOP RUSSELL: Yes, it was.

WHITTEMORE: But my question is, on No. 18 is the total adjusted receipts for this quadrennium, does that total $359 million?

BISHOP TUELL: All right, we're going to get to that. We're going to have this presented. The treasurer informs me that they're going to get to that, but can you wait for that?

WHITTEMORE: Bishop, I would suggest that this has a very important impact on the decision that we are making at this time.

BISHOP RUSSELL: All right. Let me ask Clifford Droke if he would respond to questions on Report No. 18.

WHITTEMORE: All right, may I rephrase the question?

BISHOP TUELL: Clifford Droke will come up and you go ahead and ask your question.

WHITTEMORE: As I read these figures, the receipts for 1989 were $84,068,801; 1990--$88,301,405; 1991--$91,640,047; 1992--$95,420,171. That totals $359,000,429. My question is, is that correct? That represents 106, if we look at that compared to the apportionments of 475, that gives a figure of $116 million difference in what we've taken in in this quadrennium [audio tape is not clear] apportionments are for next quadrennium.

BISHOP TUELL: We're not arguing that point right now, we're just trying to get some facts.

DROKE: The answer to your question, "Was that total correct?" is, no sir. The reason it is not correct is because some of the numbers we supplied you are incorrect, and I'm prepared with new numbers. I knew sooner or later if we kept crunching enough numbers in 2 weeks, we would present something that was not entirely accurate.

WHITTEMORE: Could you just give us the correct figure for the quadrennium.

BISHOP TUELL: Surely, under 1992 adjusted receipts, the estimated number, draw a line through that and insert $95,656,000.

WHITTEMORE: So in round figures, that would mean that our receipts this quadrennium will be $359,625,000 in round figures.

DROKE: I have not run those numbers before you, as I look at this. Could I continue the corrections?

WHITTEMORE: OK. I guess my point, or my question, is, does this not represent a 32% increase in our receipts for this quadrennium, and our proposed apportionments for next quadrennium. I calculate that out to be 32% increase, and that's my question.

BISHOP TUELL: OK, thank you very much for that observation. OK.

DROKE: Bishop, the other numbers to correct, the percentage increase on, moving across the page on the same line where you've just inserted 95,656, scratch 4.12%, and insert 4.38%. And then its accompanying number, which now reads 85.02, insert 85.23, so that you've scratched 3 numbers, you've inserted $95,656,000. You've inserted 4.38%. You've inserted 85.23%. Those are the correct numbers.

WHITTEMORE: Bishop, my question is, does that represent a 32% increase? That's all I've asked.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, you've done the figuring, haven't you?

WHITTEMORE: Yes, sir, and I'm a CPA, but I would like to have the answer from the podium.

DROKE: I would be glad to give it to you, if you will allow me to do the calculation, sir. I don't have the total in front of me. I won't have a chance to do it. If the conference wants to wait while I do it at the podium, I'm willing. If the conference wants to move, I'll come back to you, sir.

BISHOP TUELL: You come back. OK, let's go ahead. He'll come back. He'll get it to you. Go ahead.

Go ahead.

BISHOP RUSSELL: All right, this is our recommendation on No. 16.

BISHOP TUELL: It's before you, No. 16, yes? No. 3.

FRANK L. DORSEY (Kansas East): I move suspension of the rule and call for the question.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, I think the motion is to suspend the rule in order to call for the question.

DORSEY: Yes, that's true.

BISHOP TUELL: Is there a second to that? All right, this takes a 2/3rds vote. It's not debatable. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 734; "No," 173. The rules are suspended. You want to make your motion.

DORSEY: Yes, I now call for the question.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, if you will proceed immediately to vote now, wish to vote on Item No. 16, vote when the light appears. "Yes," 737; "No," 170. You have called for the previous question. This is before you. We're now going to ask you to vote. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 702; "No," 215. No. 16 is adopted.

(Report of Audit and Review Committee)

BISHOP RUSSELL: All right. This morning questions were asked regarding a reserve fund. I would ask Dale Owen, who is a member of the Audit and Review Committee of GCFA to present a report.

DALE E. OWEN (Eastern Pennsylvania): I rise to respond to the request this morning, asking for a report on the review of the various general church boards and agencies' reserves. I'd like to say 4 things about it on behalf of the general council.

1: That information on reserves is available in the agency audits. We do see them on an annual basis in the Audit and Review Committee of the general council, and we do use them in the establishment of the budget line items that come to the General Conference on a quadrennial basis. You could see that, for example, if you'll remember when the World Service budget, for one, was before you, with the American Bible Society out completely. Their reserves are significant, and we did not feel that you would want to add some additional dollars to that particular agency.

Similarly, for the opposite reason, the Commission on Interreligious Ecumenical Concerns had some struggles with reserves, used them all, and therefore their line item had to be a bit larger.

Secondly, however, that information is not on a central database and I'm sure you would understand if I say that we do not have the audits here at the General Conference.

Thirdly, however, we cannot--because this was just asked this morning--since it's not on a central database, we don't have the audits here; we cannot produce the information that you request in such a short time.

But 4th and finally, however, we shall create--General Council met this afternoon and instructed the staff to create this report as quickly as possible and mail it to the following persons--it will be sent out as quickly as possible to the bishops, to all conference treasurers, and to others--members of the General Conference or any others--available on request by contacting the General Council office in Evanston. Friends, we have tried and that's our best response to your request.

There was a second request, Bishop, that was made, and I'd like to speak to that. The second matter surfaced again this morning, and it had to do with the financial material that was requested. And I'm here to say that the request and the style in which you requested it will be provided by the General Council in the Advance Edition of the *DCA* prior to the 1996 General Conference. I think those were the 2 matters, and unless there are questions, I hope that assists the house.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Yes, you have a question. There's a question over here, no. 4. Go ahead.

PHILIP W. CONNOLLY (West Ohio): Would it be possible to have that first report mailed to all the General Conference delegates?

OWEN: If you wish, we can do it. We contemplated it in the meeting, and didn't know if you wanted to spend those dollars, so . . .

CONNOLLY: I'd like to move that that report be sent to all General Conference delegates.

OWEN: Without any action, we'll be happy to do it, Mr. Bishop.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, there has been a motion made to send this to all General Conference delegates, the report. Please vote when the light appears. It does not prevail. I think they said they'd send it anyway, but we'll see. But, you voted not to by the vote. I didn't read the vote. I guess we ought to have that back for the record. "Yes," 369; "No," 495. The motion does not prevail. All right, John? Bishop Russell?

BISHOP RUSSELL: In the past, several General Conferences have directed GCFA and other boards and agencies of the church not to pay any voucher in which there are alcoholic beverages involved. That is the present policy. We would take that motion as a directive to GCFA to share that information once again with all the boards and agencies, unless this General Conference wants to make that amendment as a direction and vote on it tonight.

BISHOP TUELL: You say you're going to take that anyway?

BISHOP RUSSELL: We would take it anyway.

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, all right. GCFA, that is its policy. OK, thank you.

BISHOP RUSSELL: I think Cliff has the information and that finishes our report.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you very much. Yes, let's express our appreciation to GCFA. All right, back in the back, excuse me, Microphone No. 13.

GREGORY V. PALMER (East Ohio): In regard to the Connolly motion which was just defeated, I want to offer something, Bishop, that will perhaps help us get that information to the delegates by being more specific. And I'd like to test it with you, and you determine how appropriate it would be.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, give it a try.

PALMER: Well, to say that that information would be published in the final edition of the *DCA*, which will be coming to all of us anyway.

OWEN: They need the information too quickly. We have to get into the audits and into the general agencies and so on, and we do not feel we can get it done in time for the final wrap-up edition of the *DCA*.

PALMER: Very well. Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, thank you. Are we ready to proceed now? Yes, go ahead, Cliff. You have that information.

DROKE: Just to be sure that anyone who wants that audit information can receive it, you've heard the list it will go to. If you are to receive it when it has been compiled, about reserves, write me and we'll send it to you on request, anyone in the church. According to my calculations, and some of you have already heard me say the truth, none of my calculations are ever allowed to leave the office until someone who knows how to run these calculators does them, and make sure that I'm right. So, what you have is pocket calculator time. Fortunately, a lot of you have pocket calculators, and you can double check me. The total, including the estimated amount for 1992 of $95,656, the total estimated for this quadrennium is $359 thousand . . . million. Million, I'm sorry. $359,666,000. The difference between the 85-88 quadrennium total and the 89-92 quadrennium total would then be $52,230,000. According to the way I ran the numbers, that would yield a quadrennium-to-quadrennium increase, the total for 4 years compared to the total of 4 years, of a touch less than 17%.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Yes, no. 5, go ahead. Just a second.

WHITTEMORE: I hate to continue pursuing this, but we just are not getting the simple answer that we've asked for. The lady asked for it before we went to supper tonight. The question is, what is the percent increase in the quadrennium apportioned funds for 1992 to 1996? What percent increase is that over the estimated receipts for this quadrennium? This is one question that we have asked, and we still have not received that answer. We did not ask for the difference in the receipts in this quadrennium and last quadrennium. I'm sorry, but we just have not gotten the answer.

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, we're still working on it. OK.

DROKE: I apologize, sir, I did not catch your question. I have it now. It's 32.09%.

BISHOP TUELL: OK, thank you.

DROKE: The reason that I gave you the other answer is because I ordinarily compare apportionments to apportionments and receipts to receipts, but you can compare it across the other way if you wish.

BISHOP TUELL: OK.

WHITTEMORE: That was the question.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you. All right, now. Yes, back here. Microphone No. 13, I guess, 13.

SALLY B. GEIS (Rocky Mountain): I rise for personal privilege. As a member of the General Council on Finance and Administration, the mood of this General Conference has been very demanding of the staff of the General Council on Finance and Administration. And I think that the entire body should be aware of the fact that the questions we have asked, the demands we have made, have meant that most of that staff have stayed up all night at least 1 night, and other nights, 2 or 3 have had maybe 2 or 3 hours of sleep. And that I think we owe them a great debt of gratitude for the way that they have been able to respond to what we have needed.

BISHOP TUELL: That's right. Thank you very much.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you very much. Now we are ready to proceed. Yes? No. 10.

BECKY HAASE (California Pacific): Bishop, I think one more piece of information needs to be added to this last discussion. As Cliff Droke suggested, usually you compare apportionments to apportionments and receipts to receipts. If you are going to compare receipts to apportionments, I think it would be fair to look back one quadrennium and see that the apportionments for 1989-1992 exceeded the receipts of the previous quadrennium by 36%. I think that it is not fair to compare different things; and if you are going to do that, you need to do that on a parallel basis. We do not expect to get, unfortunately, our apportionments 100%. That has not been our historical pattern. And I think we do need to look historically if you're going to cross lines there, too.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you very much. All right. Yes. Charles Jordan.

JORDAN: Bishop and members of the conference, in response to the rule change of those in excess of 16 votes being first--we have 3 legislative committees left: Financial Administration, Church and Society, and Global Ministries. And they will rotate. Taking first; those in excess of 16, each one, and then going back. And that'a the way we will proceed.

BISHOP TUELL: All right.

SANDRA KELLEY LACKORE (Southern New England): Bishop and

members of the General Conference, Kermit Braswell will present the pension-related items that we have left.

(Calendar Item No. 458; Membership of Board of Pensions)

KERMIT BRASWELL (North Carolina): If you'll please turn in the blue book to p. 277, Calendar Item No. 458, p. 376 in the *DCA*, Item No. 10549. We move concurrence. It has to do with membership of the Board of Pensions. And the petition calls for the membership of the Board of Pensions . . . that you add to the beginning the following words, "It is recommended that the board will be composed." Concurrence is moved.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. It is before you. Are you ready? Excuse me. All right. In the blue book, p. 277, item 458. In the red book . . . 376 in the red book. All right. I want to be sure you have that. Are you ready? Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 780; "No," 69. This matter prevails.

(Calendar Item No. 450; Lien on Pastor's Pension Account)

BRASWELL: Page 276 in the blue book, Item No. 450. The red book, p. 377. Move concurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: It is before you. Yes, number 7.

RAUL B. ALEGRIA (California-Nevada): Bishop, I would like to move to refer Calendar Item 450 to the General Board of Pensions and the General Council of Finance and Administration. If there is a second, I would like to speak to this item.

BISHOP TUELL: It is seconded.

ALEGRIA: Item 450 deals with the removal from *The Book of Discipline* language which permits the placing of a lien on the pastor's pension account if pension and benefit apportionments haven't been paid. These provisions have been a part of our *Discipline* for over 100 years. There is legal and historical support for liens on pastors' pensions, evidenced by pastor decisions of the Judicial Council.

The General Conference should refer this item to the General Board of Pensions and GCFA and request that the General Board of Pensions and GCFA request a private ruling letter from the Internal Revenue Service on this matter. I feel that the General Board of Pensions already has authorization through the administration of pension plans adopted by the General Conference to bring such plans into conformity with tax laws and regulations. A private ruling letter would bring clarity to this issue. I urge you to retain it.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. The motion is to refer to GCFA and to the Board of Pensions. All right.

BRASWELL: Bishop, Tuell, may I just say one thing? He is speaking to the wrong petition. This only relates to record keeping, and it's changing it from keeping the record for the clergy to the churches.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, did you hear that? Raul? It's titled, is it not, "Proportional Payments for Pastoral Support"? Isn't it?

ALEGRIA: My understanding, Bishop, was that that particular item was in relationship to proportional payments for pastoral support--and that this particular item relates to that.

BISHOP TUELL: Kermit, is this what you're talking about, Kermit?

BRASWELL: It does not relate to liens. It just relates to the keeping of the records.

ALEGRIA: But the filing of the lien is a part of the record keeping system that is implied by the General Board of Pensions, and they've indicated that they are no longer accepting liens by annual conferences. This is the reason this particular language is brought to this General Conference, and I would urge a private ruling letter to bring clarity. I think this has financial implications to the annual conferences. I think it would imply, eventually, deterioration of our connectional system if we were to permit this to occur.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Is there someone who wishes to speak against the motion to refer? Question. All right.

VICTOR GOLDSCHMIDT (Northern Indiana) I may be the only one in this whole room that is confused. But are we addressing Calendar Item 450?

BISHOP TUELL: 450 is what I understand.

GOLDSCHMIDT: And is that supposed to refer to 10388 on p. 747 of the red book?

BISHOP TUELL: Well, 747, I don't find anything here.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Well, lets back up now. We're looking at 450.

BRASWELL: 450.

GOLDSCHMIDT: And it refers to petition FA 10388?

BRASWELL: Page 377.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Wait a minute. Hold on. I am completely confused, Kermit. Are we looking at 450 or 451? I think that this is like tomato soup right now.

LACKORE: Excuse me, its on p. 377.

BISHOP TUELL: 377?

LACKORE: Top left.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Are we looking at 450 or at 451?

BISHOP TUELL: 450.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Gentlemen, I am very sorry. I'm going to be stubborn because I am confused. Kermit, please look at item 450. Is that the one that we are addressing? Where is the typographical error? The titles don't match, the numbers don't match, nothing matches. No it does not. It's the petition number FA 10388.

LACKORE: Excuse me, sir. Petition No. 450 refers to the red book, p. 377. Hold on, can you hold on just one second.

GOLDSCHMIDT: I am holding on.

LACKORE: Proportional payments for pastoral support. Proportional payments for pastoral support. 450.

BISHOP TUELL: That's the top left-hand side of p. 377, isn't it?

LACKORE: Page 336, there's a correction.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Could you please also give us the correct Petition No.?

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, Grady.

LACKORE: It is Calendar No. 450. 10388.

GRADY KNOWLES (California-Nevada): Excuse me, if I can help . . .

BISHOP TUELL: Go ahead.

KNOWLES: There are 2 petitions with the no. 10388. One of them is on p. 377 and the other one is on the page that is listed under the calendar item. That's why there is confusion. What the legislative section is trying to refer to is petition 10388 on p. 377.

BISHOP TUELL: OK.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Then, have we lost the petition? Has the second 10388 ever been acted upon? On 747?

BISHOP TUELL: Well, I don't know, but we're acting on this one now. All right. We have a motion to refer. It is before you. Yes. Microphone No. 9. Is this against referring or . . .

ROBERT STEVENS (Pacific Northwest): Yes, it is.

BISHOP TUELL: All right.

STEVENS: Bishop, I respectfully suggest that this is only a matter of record keeping. It has really nothing to do directly with the lien provision. That's some other paragraph that has been dealt with and a separate Calendar Item. I believe the issue would be moot on this Calendar Item.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Thank you. Are you ready to vote now? On the motion of reference, please vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 478; "No," 352. It is referred. All right.

KERMIT BRASWELL (North Carolina): Finished.

BISHOP TUELL: Yes. I should call your attention to the fact that, unless you have a point of order, you're not suppose to speak up. All right. Go ahead.

DON HAND (Southwest Texas): I have 5 items that I would like to draw to your attention. The first. . . .

BISHOP TUELL: Can you hear all right? Speak up.

HAND: I have 5 items that I would like to draw . . .

BISHOP TUELL: Is this . . . an urgent matter? Well, no. 15.

LAVON WILSON (Central Illinois): Bishop, it would help us if they would slow down long enough to give us a page number and then the petition number. We cannot keep up, and when we're talking about it that's what's caused part of the confusion. Just slow it down about a half of a pace. And please speak clearly. We can't hear it way back here. Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you very much. I wasn't hearing you either.

HAND: I'm standing in a different location now, does that help?

BISHOP TUELL: Not much.

(Calendar Item No. 928; Responsibilities of GCF&A)

HAND: Can you hear now? Can you hear now? Very well. The first item that we have to call to your attention is in the white book, *DCA* p. 1153. It is Petition No. 12269. It appears on p. 351 in the blue book, and it is Calendar Item 928.

BISHOP TUELLL: OK, just hold it a minute, until everybody gets that.

HAND: Let me repeat it again. White book, 1153; Petition No. 12269.

BISHOP TUELL: In the upper right-hand corner.

HAND: Blue book, p. 351. Calendar Item 928.

BISHOP TUELL: Top of the first column.

HAND: As you can see, this petition charges the GCFA with imposing and policing a cost of meetings policy for all agencies. There are no precise guidelines. The committee was of the opinion that it would be difficult to administer and voted nonconcurrence by a vote of 40, 23, and 9. The committee recommends nonconcurrence.

(Calendar Item No. 933; Fiscal Responsibilities Regarding Abortions)

BISHOP TUELL: It's before you. Are you ready? Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 731; "No," 175. It is adopted. All right. Nonconcurrence.

HAND: The next item appears on p. 379 of your red book. It is Petition No. 10203. It's on p. 351 in your blue book, calendar no. 933. And again that's p. 379 of your red book, Petition No. 10203; p. 351 in the blue book, Calendar Item 933. This directs that no funds will be . . . or that the council shall be responsible for ensuring that United Methodist funds are not given by any board, agency, committee, council, or commission to any organization or institution that performs abortions for purposes of birth control or gender selection, or that promotes or supports the use of abortion for these purposes. And I would point out for your consideration, that this is consistent with the provisions of par. 71G in the statement of Social Principles. Your committee voted to concur with this recommendation on a vote of 44-20-4.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. This is before you. Yes? Over here. We'll get around in a minute. No. 4.

BILL LAWRENCE (Wyoming): I rise to oppose concurrence as recommended by the committee, specifically because it appears to me that among the institutions which receive United Methodist dollars are hospitals which may very well be performing abortions in the ongoing work of their medical practice. And I do not know how a decision could be made about the basis on which such procedures were being performed for their patients.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Thank you. That was a speech against concurrence. Is there a speech for? Anyone else? Yes? No. 13.

DALE JONES (Kentucky): Bishop and members of the conference, this petition came from our annual conference.

Quick background: It originated with some United Methodist Women's leaders in a local church unit who were being troubled with people who were either leaving the unit or not wanting to pay their pledge, because of their perception about church support for abortion. The petition is not accusatory in any way in its word or intent, but it does provide a consistent statement, along with things that are already in that section of the *Discipline*, to support the Social Principles, and I think it will be very helpful to all of us in assuring people in our congregations that their church funds are not being used in violation of the Social Principles. The situation which the brother from Wyoming cited with hospitals that perform abortions, certainly medical abortions or any of those kinds of things, would not be involved here, just those that are in violation of our Social Principles. Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: Yes? No. 8.

SHIRLEY MARSH (Nebraska): I would point out to the body that the number of abortions that are performed in this country for gender selection is miniscule. This is not a Japan, where that is often used. It is a very, very miniscule number in the total United States. This is not something that can be proved in most instances, and unnecessarily ties the hands of our medical facilities. It is an endangerment for someone's life, unnecessarily, as they try to prove that their choice, their personal choice, is not in the category where we're not having the abortions in this country. Other countries do have a problem; we do not in the United States.

BISHOP TUELL: This is a speech against. Is there a speech for? Anyone? Yes? In the back, clear in the back. What color is that coat? Sort of red. 14.

MAYNARD MILLER (Minnesota): I would like to suggest, and I would make a motion if it is so in order, that we delete the reference to Japan in this other statement that was just made prior to me, because I would sure hate to see it in the papers that The United Methodist General Conference was Japan-bashing.

BISHOP TUELL: It was a statement of an individual. All right. Yes, no. 6.

SAMPLE: This is a speech against; is that in order?

BISHOP TUELL: I'm looking for a speech for right now. Yes? No. 9.

EVELYN LAYCOCK (Holston): I would like to just quote from *New Republic*, March 1992, concerning abortion for gender selection. "Geneticists and medical ethicists admit that more and more women are requesting fetal testing for reasons which cannot be linked to transmitting a gender-linked disease, such as hemophilia. According to these geneticists, many of these women go on to abort a wrong-sex fetus, usually a female fetus. Most of these abortions appear to occur among women from countries or groups where preference for male children is exceedingly strong. This constitutes sex discrimination of a particularly vicious kind. Gender-selection abortion is not a myth; it is an increasingly disturbing phenomenon."

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you. We've had 2 for, 1 against. Anyone else? Are you ready? No. 6.

SAMPLE: I want to say how complicated this can get in a hurry. What this means is that we're going to have a highly-organized pro-life organization across the United States raising an issue . . .

BISHOP TUELL: All right. What's the point of order? Go to microphone 13.

AL GWINN (Kentucky): I believe you've already had 2 statements against.

BISHOP TUELL: No, I had 2 for and 1 against.

GWINN: Could we have the secretary to check it?

BISHOP TUELL: Well, I'll ask the body. If you would uphold the chair's ruling that we've had 2 for and 1 against, please raise your hand. Opposed? All right, I think that carried by a pretty good margin. We'll vote on the machine, if you want to. If you'll uphold the chair or not, please vote.

SAMPLE: Can I speak?

BISHOP TUELL: The chair is upheld; go ahead, 6.

REX SAMPLE (Missouri West): What we're going to have is people making charges against United Methodist hospitals all over this country. We're going to have people raising questions about every kind of gift, every kind of bit of money that goes to any hospital anywhere, including Golden Cross, and everything else. We'd better leave our policy as it is--ask our hospitals to support us in our policy--but not make this kind of a motion. This is bedlam.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you. Now we've had 2 and 2. We're going to vote. And please vote when the light appears. All right, on . . . the committee recommends concurrence with 933. So, we'll . . . please vote, if you agree with the concurrence or not . . . it's 933 . . . when the light appears. "Yes," 358; "No," 558. It does not prevail. The motion is lost.

(Calendar Item No. 939; Prohibition of Funding of Gay Causes)

HAND: The next item is on p. 352 in your blue book, Calendar Item 939, which appears on p. 1154 in your white book. It is Petition No. 12393. This petition recommends the retention of the language in par. 906.12 in the *Discipline*, which prohibits the funding of any gay causes. The committee voted nonconcurrence by a vote of 36-24-8 for the reason that the committee had voted concurrence on a petition which erroneously appeared on the Consent Calendar under the category of nonconcurring, and let me give you the reference to that. It's in your blue book, p. 350, and it's Calendar Item 917.

The petition appears on p. 379 in your red book, and it is Petition No. 10550. That petition recommends the addition of 1 sentence to par. 906.12, that one sentence being,"This restriction shall not limit the church's ministry in response to the HIV epidemic." Your committee voted to concur with that petition by a vote of 66-6-2. Unfortunately, it appeared on your calendar as nonconcurrence. The committee did concur with that, and we would recommend that it be lifted from the Consent Calendar in order that you may express your will at this time, and then consider the first item I mentioned under Calendar Item No. 939.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, it seems like to me it would take . . . I think it would take a suspension of the rules to, at this point, lift it from the Calendar. Do you want to make such a motion?

HAND: Yes, sir. We do make that motion.

BISHOP TUELL: The motion is to be lifted . . . we suspend the rules in order to lift this item. What's the number?

HAND: The . . . 917.

BISHOP TUELL: 917 from the Consent Calendar. If you will suspend the rules for that purpose, indicate by lifting your hand. Opposed? More than a 2/3 vote. They are suspended, so we can go ahead and consider this petition, 917.

HAND: The committee recommends that you vote concurrence with Calendar Item 917.

BISHOP TUELL: The recommendation is concurrence with 917. It's before you. Are you ready? Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 841; "No," 69. The motion carries.

HAND: Consistent with your vote on this, Calendar Item 917, and consistent with the recommendation of your committee, we recommend that you vote nonconcurrence on Calendar Item 939, which I pointed out to you appears on p. 352 of your blue book, and which is on p. 1154 of the white book, Petition No. 12393, for the reason that this language is retained under Calendar Item 917.

BISHOP TUELL: It's before you, for nonconcurrence. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 802; "No," 101. Nonconcurrence is agreed to. Yes. All right. Connie Takamine.

(Calendar Item No. 18; World Service and Conference Benevolences)

CONNIE TAKAMINE (Rocky Mountain): OK, I have 6 items to bring before you. If you would turn in the blue book to p. 167, Calendar Item 18. This pertains to p. 1146 in the white *DCA*, and it's Petition 10055. This is in regard to par. 710 in the *Discipline*, and this petition would allow conferences to split World Service and conference benevolences. The committee voted nonconcurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, it's before you. Are you ready? Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 740; "No," 164. You have approved the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence.

(Calendar Item No. 1385; "Apportionments" Name Change)

TAKAMINE: OK, the next 1 is found on p. 462 in the blue *DCA*. This pertains to Calendar Item 1385. This is also found on p. 1146 in the white *DCA*, and this is in regard to Petition No. 11261. This pertains to par. 711, and in essence this petition would change the name of "apportionments" to "connectional ministries." And the committee voted nonconcurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, this nonconcurrence is before you. Are you

ready? Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 649; "No," 264. The recommendation of nonconcurrence is approved. We keep apportionments.

(Calendar Item No. 126; Conference Basic Salary Plan)

TAKAMINE: I don't think 1 of your bishops will be very happy about that. The next 1 is found in the blue *DCA* on p. 229. This is in regard to Calendar Item 126. It is found in the white *DCA* on p. 1148, and this is in regard to Petition No. 11710. And in essence this would amend par. 721 to allow conferences to establish a basic salary plan, and the committee voted nonconcurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, it's before you. Are you ready? Please vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 684; "No," 220. You have sustained the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence.

(Calendar Item No. 463; Equitable Salaries)

TAKAMINE: OK. The next one is found in the blue *DCA* on p. 277. This pertains to Calendar Item 463. The committee voted, and this is also found in the red *DCA* on p. 375 and is in regard to petition 10795. And I think it would be important for you to look at that, because the committee did vote this concurrence with amendment.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. It's before you for concurrence. Are you ready? No.

TAKAMINE: The amendment is actually found on p. 278 in the white *DCA*. This is pertaining to the paragraph on equitable salaries, and in this it would allow equitable salaries for some new types of ministries such as teaching parish in a station church or cooperative parishes.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Are you ready? Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 804; "No," 107. You have sustained the committee's recommendation of concurrence as amended.

TAKAMINE: OK. The next 1 is found in the blue *DCA* on p. 350. This pertains to Calendar Item 922. And this is also found in the white *DCA* on p. 1159, in regard to petition 12319. Now the essence of this is that a district cannot use the proceeds for mortgage properties that may have been abandoned or discontinued for budgetary purposes. And the committee voted nonconcurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: It is before you. Are you ready? Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 790; "No," 118. You have sustained the committee's recommendation of nonconcurrence.

(Calendar Item No. 951; Local Church Remodeling/Purchase)

TAKAMINE: OK, 1 last 1 also found on p. 350. This is Calendar Item 951.

BISHOP TUELL: No. 915? Do you have the petition number?

TAKAMINE: Yes, it's Petition No. 10822.

BISHOP TUELL: Page 353, apparently.

TAKAMINE: Sorry about that. Page 353. Yes. This is found in the red *DCA* on p. 389, in regard to petition 10822. The committee voted concurrence with amendment. Just a brief word about this. It's for approval of construction or purchase or remodeling for local churches, and this is to allow things for the purposes of churches to conform to the recent disabilities for American Act.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. It is before you. Yes. Microphone No. 8.

BILL QUICK (Detroit): That should read "where readily available," not "ready available." Just editorial change.

BISHOP TUELL: Where readily achievable?

QUICK: Readily, I guess.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you. Anything else? Are you ready? Please vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 870; "No," 30. You have sustained the committee's recommendation of concurrence. Yes?

BARBARA SHELDON (Kansas West): Bishop, under the 16 . . .

BISHOP TUELL: Is this, excuse me, is this a point of order? All right. Is it a parliamentary inquiry? Why don't you say it is, then you can go to the mike. No. 11. We're trying to keep the rules that you set. So, go ahead, no. 11.

SHELDON: If I cross my fingers, it's a parliamentary inquiry. A question for Connie, please. Connie, I'm rising to ask what has happened to Item 166, that was referred to GCFA in the action that was done the other day? What will happen to it there?

TAKAMINE: Well, I don't know. You'd have to ask GCFA.

SHELDON: Bishop, is it possible for me to make a statement about this item?

BISHOP TUELL: I don't think so.

SHELDON: Even for small-membership churches?

BISHOP TUELL: No. No.

SHELDON: Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you, and thank you very much. All right, go ahead.

LACKORE: Bishop, as I understand it, we're under the 16-count rule, and we may be back, but we may not be back. Can I thank my committee?

BISHOP TUELL: Yes. Do you think you may be back?

LACKORE: I hope not. The legislative team that completed the work of the Financial Administration Legislative Committee consisted of vice chair Ewing Werlein; secretary Velma Bunch; and subcommittee chairs Kermit Braswell, Don Hand, Connie Takamine, William Quick, Bruce Girton. And this was a wonderful experience, bishop, keeping control of everybody within the bar.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you. When you learn how to keep control of everybody within the bar, tell me about that, too. Yes, go ahead. No. 5. No. 5.

JAMES W. HOLSINGER (Virginia): Can I ask a parliamentary inquiry question?

BISHOP TUELL: All right.

HOLSINGER: Have we voted on Consent Calendar 7 and Consent Calendar 8 at this time?

BISHOP TUELL: I don't think so. Where's Charles Jordan?

HOLSINGER: It would be both 7 and 8.

BISHOP TUELL: We've not voted on Consent Calendar 7 and 8. We're going to do that . . . go ahead.

JORDAN: We were going to do that after the first round of the committees.

HOLSINGER: That's fine.

BISHOP TUELL: It's under control, Jim. OK. Who's next? Yes, excuse me. Somewhere under here I've got the order. Go ahead, Jim. Jim Lawson.

JAMES M. LAWSON JR. (California-Pacific): Chair of legislative committee No. 1. Bishop and friends, we hope we can finish up this evening because it looks like we have a series of motions which should be fun because each 1 of them has a minority report to it.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Just a moment, Jim. Let me just test the body a minute, and check about how our agenda looks, Charles. We have how many more reports beyond this committee's? We have 1 other? What I'm thinking

about is the matter of whether you want to think of a recess. All right. We are in recess for 10 minutes.

(recess)

. . . is going to happen in 1 minute! Will you please take your places? And will Connie Takamine, wherever she is, please come up to the platform? Connie Takamine is needed on the platform. Will the delegates please move to your places? I'm sure all of us are anxious to complete our work tonight, and we need to be about the business that is before us. Will the delegates please take your place now? Some of you are standing in the aisles talking; you can do that afterwards. Please, please take your places. All right, friends, please be seated. Just a moment. Please be seated.

Now, friends, I need your attention, please. Please give the chair your attention. I'm going to leave off the please, next time! Give the chair your attention! We have arrived at the order of the day; we will need a motion of some kind to extend the time. Don Ott, you'd better get the mike. No. 3. Don Ott, chairman of the Agenda Committee.

DON OTT (Wisconsin): I move the extension of time up to 45 minutes, Bishop.

BISHOP TUELL: Up to 45 minutes? The motion is to extend the time up to 45 minutes. You've heard that motion. If you will approve, lift the hand. Opposed? It is carried. Now, I recognize the gentleman here in the light coat. No. 7. No. 7. Please, please be in order. Please be in order. Yes?

TIM RUSSELL (Central Texas): I have a question, Bishop, concerning legislation we've just completed and the words that have been said here on the floor of the conference. Referring to par. 526, I mean par. 256 of the *Discipline*: "Responsibilities of the administrative board of a local church." 256.5: "It shall make proper and adequate provision for the financial needs of the church, including," and now skip 2 lines, " . . . World Service, conference, and other benevolences, other items apportioned to the church . . ."

. . . Including, and now skip 2 lines, World Service, conference and other benevolences, other items apportioned to the church by the proper authorities, and all obligations assumed by the local church. My question is, does that or doesn't that not mean that we expect every local church across our great denomination to raise the apportioned items?

BISHOP TUELL: The answer is yes. OK? Now I have a matter of privilege here. We have with us a person who we would like to have a chance for you to know. And I see the delegates in the back. Are you the delegates from Cuba? Yes, if you would please come to the Microphone, No. 11. No. 11. On-ce.

HUMBERTO FUENTES SANCHES: *(translation)* Mr. Bishop, we would like to ask for a moment of privilege, so that our bishop from the Methodist Church in Cuba may have the floor for a moment for this General Conference.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you very much. Will this body grant Bishop Ajo of Cuba this privilege? If so, lift your hand. Opposed? Bishop Ajo, will you come? Dos minutos.

BISHOP JOEL AJO: Bishop Tuell? OK, thank you. Bishop Tuell and delegates of this conference, I bring you greetings from the Methodist Church in Cuba, and I would like to ask our missionary to the U.S., Renaldo Hernandes, to read the statement we prepared, and respectfully request be printed as a part of the minutes of the session.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you.

(Cuban Bishop Addresses Conference)

RENALDO HERNANDES: The Methodist Church in Cuba has 1 annual conference, 8 districts, 108 local churches, 80 pastors, and some 5,000 members. The church was established in 1883. Thanks to God many new possibilities have been opened for us to share the redeeming gospel of Jesus Christ with the Cuban people.

Since April 1990, a series of new possibilities have been opening, thus allowing us to fulfill our mission. They are among others,

No. 1) Proclamation of the gospel and worship services in private homes, opening 90 new missions and attracting 30,000 people.

No. 2) After only graduating 1 Methodist student in the last 18 years we now have 13 students in the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas.

No. 3) 80 full-time pastors.

No. 4) The Center for the Communication of the gospel through audio and visual cassettes and printed materials.

No. 5) The Shalom Choir is proclaiming their faith in Jesus Christ for the last 10 years, in public places and on the national radio, and outside Cuba representing the Methodist Church in Cuba.

No. 6) The Methodist Nursing Home in Havana is a ministry that the church had developed to serve our brothers and sisters materially and spiritually in their retirement age.

No. 7) Ministry to young people and women.

No. 8) After not receiving Bibles for many years, the United Bible Societies, through the Cuban Ecumenical Council, has now been sending us biblical materials. We also thank The United Methodist Publishing House for their recent donation of Sunday school materials. This is the *kairos*, the time of God in Cuba.

BISHOP TUELL: Amen.

HERNANDES: This is being manifested in the signs that today nurture our hope to reach the establishment of a society with abundant life in Jesus Christ for all humanity, the kingdom of God. We invite our brothers and sisters in The United Methodist Church to join us in prayer and support for our ministry in Cuba today, so that together we can carry out the plan of God for our world. God bless you.

BISHOP TUELL: Amen.

BISHOP AJO: God bless you, and your work. Thank you very much.

BISHOP TUELL: One of the great moments of this General Conference. These words will be, of course, printed in the *DCA* record, so that you will have a record of the statement from the Methodist Church of Cuba. All right, Connie Takamine.

TAKAMINE: In doing the hand count, we, the Financial Administration Committee, overlooked 2 petitions, so I have 2 more petitions to bring to you. The first one is found on p. 276 in the blue *DCA*, and it's in regard to Calendar Item 444, and it's found in the red *DCA* on p. 373, and it's in regard to Petition No. 10896. And this is in regard to Par. 715 in the *Discipline*, and would amend the naming of the conference treasurer and director of administrative services, and the committee voted concurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: It's before you. Are you ready? Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 791; "No," 43. The recommendation of the committee of concurrence is sustained.

(Calendar Item No. 473; Spiritual Growth)

TAKAMINE: OK, if you would now turn to p. 278, this is Calendar Item 473. The text of this is found in the red *DCA* on p. 278. This is in regard to Petition No. 11682. Actually, it's found in the white on 1156, and this is in regard to Par. 921 and would add, this is in regard to adding spiritual growth to continuing education. The committee voted concurrence with this, I mean it voted nonconcurrence with this, can't read now.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. The vote of the committee is nonconcurrence. Any question? Please vote when the light appears. Excuse me, were you seeking the floor? I didn't mean to cut you off. No. 13.

JOE N. PEVAHOUSE (Memphis Conference): I had the feeling we acted on this petition from another committee this afternoon that related to the same matter. Am I wrong?

TAKAMINE: Well, it was a very similar matter, but this is in regard to Par. 921, and I think the other one was in regard to a different paragraph.

BISHOP TUELL: It was in regard to making reports to the D.S., the other one. Right? Thank you.

PEVAHOUSE: All right.

BISHOP TUELL: We have nonconcurrence recommendation before us. Are you ready? Please vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 672; "No," 209. The recommendation of the committee is sustained for nonconcurrence. All right, next, Jim Lawson again.

LAWSON: Bishop, we have a series of petitions that have minority reports to them, and I understand that we are to do those first. And so we will. Some of them do not have the 16 negative vote, but others . . . there are three of them that do have that 17 negative vote, at least.

BISHOP TUELL: I think this is in accordance with our motion earlier. Go ahead.

(Calendar Item No. 370; Civil Disobedience and Civil Disorder)

LAWSON: All right. The first one is p. 269. Calendar Item No. 370. Petition 10544. In the *Advance DCA* it's p. 126. The committee voted 75 to 15 for concurrence. It is a petition that puts into the Social Creed a statement, a continuing statement, about civil disobedience and civil disorder. There is a minority report, and that minority report is going to be given by Dave Stanley.

DAVID STANLEY (Iowa): Thank you, Jim. I wish Bill Bouknight, who had planned to make this report, had not had to leave, but he asked me to help him out. I'm glad to do it. Please, look at this one very carefully. We have a major issue here on both respect for conscious and respect for law. You'll see that the majority report will make 2 changes in par. 74E of the Social Principles. We agree with the first change. We, in the minority report, do object strongly to the second change, and we move to strike it. That is the change that adds to 74E these 6 words: "Or laws which are discriminately enforced."

Our present par. 74E states a great, important historic principle of our church. We have the duty to obey the laws, but God's law comes ahead of man's law and Christian conscience may sometimes require disobedience of an unjust law.

I strongly affirm that principle. But if these 6 new words are put into our Social Principles, our church will tell the world, "Now, folks, you can disobey a law merely because it is not fairly enforced." Please, think what this would mean. It's the wrong remedy for a real evil. Discriminatory law enforcement is a real and serious problem.

I object to it strongly, but my remedy is that I should lobby, persuade, work, organize, agitate for better enforcement, for better training of police officers, for the things that will eliminate some of the terrible discrimination in law enforcement that we know is going on. But if I disobey the law because it is not fairly enforced, I'm only making the problem of uneven enforcement that much worse. No law in this country, probably no law in this world, is ever enforced with complete fairness. We are still human. Suppose I think that tax laws are not uniformly enforced but they are enforced in a discriminatory manner. I suspect I'd have a lot of company in that opinion. If we adopt this new language, then, under our 74E language, I must first exhaust my legal remedies. While I would do that by complaining to the IRS--which would, of course, receive complaint with its usual compassion--I would then write my congressman, lobby my congressman, perhaps the president.

But if nothing happens, if the uneven enforcement by the IRS continues, then I can refuse to pay my taxes. And I auspect I'd have quite a bit of company. Fellow United Methodists, these 6 words, the words we are trying to strike out, are an invitation to anarchy. They also cheapen our historic stand for conscience and for the right and duty of conscience to disobey, in extreme situations, an unjust law. Please vote for our amendment.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you. Now let me . . . just a moment. Just a moment, please. I'm going to rule that this is, in fact, an amendment. It is not a substitute in the usual way, and we will consider that we now have the amendment before us. All right. Yes? You wish to speak to it? Eight. No. 8.

PHILLIP WOGAMAN (Baltimore): The problem with the law that is being enforced with discrimination is that those who are doing the enforcing are themselves breaking the law. In that kind of circumstance, for a person to disobey that authority--while, technically, it may be in violation of the law--in moral terms, it can be an upholding of law.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you. Now, does someone wish to speak for the amendment? Anyone wish to speak against? Yes? In the dark blue sweater, I think. No. 13.

PHIL AMERSON (South Indiana): The problem with this amendment is it doesn't go ahead and refer to the following sentences in the *Discipline*. Clearly anyone that does go ahead and break the law at this point goes ahead and reads, "Even then respect for law, should be shown by refraining from violence and by excepting the cost of civil disobedience." The clearest example I come up with that would demonstrate the need for this is the work that some of our agencies are doing in Southern Florida with the Haitians. Clearly there are troubles there around immigration laws, and we need to honor the choices that some of our own pastors may have to make--to select . . . to go against laws that are enforced in ways that are discriminatory against the Haitians, whereas others from European countries, from Anglo situations, are having ready excess.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Thank you. Now, does anyone wish to speak for the Stand amendment? Yes? No. 9.

CHRISTIAN RICKS (Missouri East): A member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. And I have listened all week to this conference bad-mouth law enforcement officers in every way they can. There are some of us that do our job right. We do it correctly. And I'm not real sure what this means, but I appreciated Bishop May when he said we need to be forgiving those law enforcement officers out in California. And everybody else here seems to have forgotten that, and taken cheap shots at the rest of us. And I think this is another cheap shot for those of us who do our job properly.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. We've had 2 and 2. We've had 2 speeches against; 2 for. We're going to vote now on the Stand amendment. Yes, which would eliminate the words laws or laws which are discriminately, enforced. Yes, you want to speak?

LAWSON: Yes. Someone has pointed out that David Stanley does not go far enough in that par. But one of the best illustrations of it is not only Haitians, but in 1960, many of us were arrested in Nashville for sitting in for lunch counters and where the law was applied discriminately, indiscriminately--and against only one class of people. And all of those charges were then dismissed, because courts did discover that that was the use of law as a gimmick, and not use of the law in a fair or just fashion. And we respected the law by being arrested and taking our knocks. It seems to me that Dave Stanley does not understand the meaning of civil disobedience with its long, good history of conscience building and helping to build a just society.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Now we're voting on the amendment under the minority report. If you . . . please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 436; "No," 469. The amendment loses. We are now on the Calendar Item 370. Are you ready? Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 636; "No," 270. The recommendation of concurrence is sustained. All right.

(Calendar Item No. 1343; Low Intensity Conflict)

LAWSON: The next 1 is on p. 457. Calendar Item 1343. *Advance DCA*, 1076, vol. 2. "Low intensity conflict." It is a resolution. There is a minority report, and Jim Holsinger will present that minority report. The committee voted 45 to 33 for concurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Jim Holsinger. The minority report doesn't appear in here, Jim.

JAMES HOLSINGER (Virginia): Bishop, we're actually on p. 609--where 1343 has been reprinted correctly.

BISHOP TUELL: I see. So this is the correct location? Ya'll have that? Page 609.

HOLSINGER: 609 is the correct location for Item 1343.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, go ahead.

HOLSINGER: Bishop, friends, first of all, let me tell you that you have a rare opportunity tonight, because it's very seldom that you will find 2 competing resolutions side by side on the same page. Normally, you have to search back and forth throughout the various documents that we have in front of us. This gives you a clear-cut opportunity to see these 2 resolutions on conflict.

The minority report is a timeless, comprehensive statement on conflict. The presenters of the minority report believe that it provides this body an opportunity to express its position on all conflict in a comprehensive fashion, rather than being faced with a position that may rapidly become dated in a rapidly changing period of world history. Therefore, we strongly urge you to support the minority report resolution for these reasons. And I would like for you to take the rest of the time that I have available and have an opportunity to read both resolutions. Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Thank you very much. We've had the majority and the minority report presented. Ordinarily, our rules call for us to go for any perfecting of the majority report. I see no one. Anyone wish to perfect the minority report? I see no one. You wish now to debate. Any debate on the minority report? You wish to vote? All right. We are on the minority report right now. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 494; "No," 382. The minority report is substituted for the majority report, and it becomes the majority report. It's now before you. Please vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 657; "No," 218. You have voted for this item as the minority report, it has become the majority report. All right, next.

LAWSON: At this time, Thalia Matherson, our vice chair, will present some of the next motions.

(Calendar Item No. 1588; Investment Ethics)

THALIA F. MATHERSON (North Texas): Good evening. Bishop Tuell and delegates to the General Conference. If you will turn in your blue *DCA* to p. 533, your white book 1065. The Item No. is 1588. 1588. The Petition No. is 11676. And it is "Investment Ethics." The committee recommended concurrence as amended with a substitute. We do have a minority report and the chair of the subcommittee, Susan Sherbrooke, will come at this time and then the minority report will be presented by David Stanley. Susan.

SUSAN D. SHERBROOKE (Pacific Northwest): Bishop Tuell?

BISHOP TUELL: Yes.

SHERBROOKE: I understand that the usual routine would be for me to be able to have the last word on behalf of the majority position, and I would like to reserve my right to say that until after Mr. Stanley has made his presentation.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Is this the minority now? As I read the minority report, let me just say that it sounds as though it's an argument against the majority report. Is it, or is it?

STANLEY: No, Bishop.

BISHOP TUELL: All right.

STANLEY: The minority supports the entire resolution except for 1 paragraph.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, go ahead.

STANLEY: We move to strike that 1 paragraph. The resolution as a whole is an excellent resolution. And the only part that the minority report would strike is Par. B.1B, which would prohibit owning stock or bonds of any of the 100 largest defense department contractors. Let me emphasize what our amendment does not do.

It is not an attempt to affirm or defend the management of our defense department or militarism or anything of that sort, or the present level of defense spending. I personally agree we can and should make significant reductions in our present defense spending and size and weapons of our armed forces, in today's world.

This is not an amendment that would authorize investments in companies making nuclear weapons or chemical or biological; we're totally opposed to those. You'll notice they are prohibited by Par. C and D, which would stay in. We support those paragraphs. Our amendment would not take them out. If we prohibit any investment in any business that does significant business with the defense department, that's among the top 100, what are we saying? I think we are saying it is wrong to produce goods for the Defense Department. Whether they be weapons or uniforms or medical supplies or whatever.

If we say that, aren't we really saying it is wrong, morally wrong, to have any armed forces in today's world? If our armed forces were unable to find any supplier of any of the things they need, I presume we would not have armed forces in being, or certainly not effective ones, for very long. Do we wish to make that statement? Do we yet live in a world where total unilateral disarmament would be a good thing? I respectively suggest in the kind of a world we live in, while major defense reductions are now in order, total disarmament would increase the risk of war, increase the risk of oppression, increase the risk of injustice.

Many of our United Methodists work for companies that are among the 100 largest defense contractors. Do we intend to say to them that the work they are doing is morally wrong, that they should quit their jobs? Think through what we are saying, and please do vote for this 1 amendment to an otherwise good resolution.

BISHOP TUELL: Now let me, I need to ask the minority-report makers a question. You know, you're against that 1 paragraph, but you don't move to delete it or anything. You just don't like it.

STANLEY: I'm sorry, Bishop, may I borrow a copy of the blue book for a minute? On p. 534, and I think our secretary, Don Pike--I checked this with him yesterday--will confirm that language lining out, there is an error. It should show that lining out is of par. B, as it appeared in the original petition. Our amendment, of course, proposes to line out par. B in about, it's in the middle column on p. 533 about halfway down. Under B1, that subparagraph B that begins, "ranking among the top 100 department of defense contractors." And our amendment, as we filed it, had the words, "strike par. B.1B." But that somehow got left out. I, Don Pike will confirm that, sir.

BISHOP TUELL: So it is your intention to delete that?

STANLEY: To delete the 1 par., B, under B1. And only that 1 paragraph.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Therefore, I am going to treat this as an amendment.

STANLEY: Yes, sir.

BISHOP TUELL: Of deletion. By deletion.

STANLEY: That's what it is.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Now, we've had the presentation already. Yes? Go ahead. No. 4.

GEORGE D. McCLAIN (New York): I rise to oppose this amendment.

BISHOP TUELL: Before we go into that, we do have . . . No, excuse me, go ahead. I'm sorry.

McCLAIN: I would first note for you that the basic document that is trying to be amended, does not provide for not owning any of the top 100 companies. Only those among the top 100 that have department of defense contracts larger than 10% of sales, and 5% of sales for non-voting securities. So please note that. We are only talking about a small number of the top 100. But these top 100 companies are, not purveyors simply of toiletries and trousers. They are the major weapons manufacturers which sustain the arms race, even when there is no longer a race. This is not a demand for unilateral disarmament. Our church's balanced position on disarmament is spelled out in our *Book of Resolutions*. The real question is, do we want our pensions paid out of profits from the sales of armaments? These criteria . . .

BISHOP TUELL: All right, your time is, you need to wind up.

McCLAIN: OK. I urge rejection of the minority report.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Thank you. The amendment is before us. We've had a speech against the amendment. Yes, No. 2. Yes? OK. We've had 1 for and 1 against. Go ahead, No. 2.

CHARLES W. EUREY (Western North Carolina): Would this affect pension investments?

BISHOP TUELL: Pardon?

EUREY: I have a question of you. Would this affect pension investments?

BISHOP TUELL: I think it applies to the church as a whole, doesn't it?

EUREY: Well, that is the way I interpreted it, and if so I would like to speak against this whole thing. I believe that the U.S. Internal Revenue Department recently had a ruling that you cannot invest for social purposes.

BISHOP TUELL: Just a moment. We are on the amendment. You have to speak on the amendment to delete, not the whole matter before us.

EUREY: Well, would you give me an opportunity to speak on the whole?

BISHOP TUELL: Well, I'll try.

EUREY: Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, over to the left. We have had 1 speech for and 1 against. We really should have a speech for it this time. No. 1.

RONALD BRETSCH (North Central New York): This is against the minority . . .

BISHOP TUELL: Is there anyone to speak for right now? Go ahead, no. 1.

BRETSCH: Bishop, I speak against the minority report, the amendment. I'd like to reinforce that this is the church's way of making money. And I would simply call our attention that the church, perhaps, should not be making money for any of its various programs, by the production and sale of war materials.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, thank you. Now is there anyone wishing to speak for? Yes? Point of information, go ahead. Microphone No. 3.

W. RANDOLPH SMITH (Texas Conference): It appears a word has slipped out, Bishop. In the middle of 3, it says "for the ranking among the top 100 DOD contractors, those receiving the largest volume prime contract works, for the past 3." 3 what?

BISHOP TUELL: Three what? Years?

SMITH: And if it's years, is it each of those years, or in any of those years? I don't think . . .

BISHOP TUELL: Does anyone have an answer to that question? All of those years, or any of those 3 years, he'a asking. Total of the 3 years, they say. All right, that was a question. Do we have anyone speaking for? Way back there.

BISHOP TUELL: Go ahead, to No. 10.

BOB SIDES (Louisiana Conference): Bishop, I served in the military for 8 years, 4 months, and 29 days. I'm proud of that service. I lost a son in Vietnam;

I'm proud of the fact that he served there. I see nothing wrong in defending our country. I see nothing wrong in having an army in today's world. I'd realize that we do not need, possibly now, the amount that we have, or spend the amount of money that we spend on defense, at the present time. But when we throw down our ability to protect ourselves, we're living in a dream world. There are going to continually be those who will rise in power. So, I speak in favor of the amendment. It does not say anything in there about the munitions at all; it talks about the service goods to the Defense Department. And I think we would be making a tragic mistake. Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you very much. Now we've had our 2 and 2. We give an opportunity, actually to the minority and the majority; if they have a word to say. Minority first? You wish to make a comment?

UNIDENTIFIED: I'll pass.

BISHOP TUELL: Pass. All right, go ahead. Majority?

SHERBROOKE: Thank you. On behalf of the subcommittee that spent a great deal of time on this proposal, I would point out to you that the paragraph that we've talked about so much here is really only a very minor change, and what is already an existing investment policy on the part of both the Board of Church and Society and the Board of Pensions. Our job in trying to put this together was to have a proposal that reflects a balance that United Methodists have traditionally maintained. On the 1 hand, we don't want to make money off the manufacture of war materials. That doesn't mean that war is always wrong, but it means we don't feel we want to profit from it. On the other hand, we want to give our investment managers the flexibilities they need to be good stewards of our money. We believe that Par. B, that's under consideration, does that. I understand from the work we did in committee that both the Board of Pensions and the Board of Church and Society have agreed that they can live with this particular formula. Neither finds it perfect, but they say they can work with it. I don't know what it's like in your local churches, but it seems to me that when we have agreement from those 2 very different perspectives, we should give thanks and run with it. I urge you to defeat the amendment.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, the amendment before us is to delete Par. B.1B. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 433; "No," 459. The paragraph is not deleted. All right, we have now before us the majority report; please vote when the light appears. Yes, what's . . . did you have a question? Number . . . we've had . . . all right, we've been speaking on the amendment, so you're right. Go ahead No. 2.

EUREY: Bishop, what I was alluding to, awhile ago, is that the Internal Revenue department recently made a ruling that pension funds cannot be invested for social aims. But thus, those investments must be made solely for the best interests of the people that they represent. And to do so, if you violate that, you could very well lose the exemptions that the Internal Revenue Department gives you. So, I want you clergy, and people who are covered by your pension funds, to think of that. I'd urge to vote against this.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you, and now is there someone speaking for the resolution. Yes, go ahead. Go right ahead. You're speaking for the resolution? No. 4.

DOROTHY RAVENHORST (Virginia): I'm speaking for the position of the Board of Church and Society Committee. For the past two quadrennia, I have represented units of the Board of Global Ministries on the Interface Center on Corporate Responsibility. And we have learned, as the Board of Pensions has also come into this group, that some of the social responsibility index corporations are doing better than some of the military funds that we have previously found. So this does not, in any way, prevent our church from being in socially responsible investment.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you very much. Now someone who wishes to speak against? Anyone speaking for? Are you ready? Yes? No, excuse me, I saw the wrong person. Please vote when the light appears. What's the question? No. 7.

VICTOR W. GOLDSCHMIDT (North Indiana): Mr. bishop, I really apologize, I'd be glad to abstain and not vote, but I'm very confused again. Does this mean that Items B.1E and F are included or excluded. Is the first question. I'm not speaking for or against, my friends, I'm trying to understand what I'm voting on. There also says, "also add a new No. 5 as follows in the far right column." I don't find a No. 4. And is this Part B appended to some other resolution which has an "A" on it, and if so where is it?

BISHOP TUELL: Can somebody help us?

SHERBROOKE: I don't blame you for being confused. The . . . yes, there is something with an "A" on it, to answer your last question first. And it is a petition that was passed on the Consent Calendar No. 5. And you will find that petition on p. 491-492 of your red book. It was handled in the Financial Administration Legislative Committee. And what you're looking at now is an addendum to that.

GOLDSCHMIDT: Thank you very much.

SHERBROOKE: You're welcome.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, I think we're ready to vote now. All right. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 583; "No," 320. The action of the concurrence is sustained. All right, next? We have reached 10:30, we're going to have to have a motion to extend the time. What? Yes. Well, do you want . . . let, turn to Don Ott. Don is agenda chair I mean, do you have any time to suggest, or . . . No. 3.

OTT: Bishop, I'd move extension of the time for 30 minutes.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, motion to extend for 30 minutes. If you'll approve, lift the hand. Opposed? It is extended. All right, go ahead.

(Calendar Item No. 1355; Preamble to the Social Principles)

SHERBROOKE: All right, I would ask you to turn your attention to p. 458 in your blue book, and look for Item 1355. The title is "Preamble to the Social Creed," and the original petition is found in your *Advance DCA*, p. 124. This petition requested that we change the language in the preamble to read "God the Creator." The subcommittee, excuse me, the legislative committee approved that change 46 to 36; it was a close vote. And we do have a minority report that has a different view of what we should've done.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, we have the minority report which I believe we would treat as an amendment, but go ahead. And I think, let me ask the body. You know, we haven't any rule about the

length of time for presentations. Let me suggest 5 minutes? 3 minutes? All right, how many of you would go along with 2 minutes? Opposed. OK, 2 minutes it is. All right, yes? What's the point of order? No. 13.

JERRY G. BREWSTER (Memphis): Mr. president, if you consider this to be an amendment, why is it not allotted only 1 minute of speech time?

BISHOP TUELL: Because I believe that the minority report is a status that is granted by this group that ought to be accorded the privilege of that, even though it may an amendment rather than a substitute. So, that's my reasoning.

BREWSTER: Is it a preferred amendment?

BISHOP TUELL: It has the status of a minority report, even though it's not a substitute, and I believe that your action in providing 2 minutes for this is in line with intent of the rules. All right, let's go . . . yes . . . we need to move ahead. Hope this will speed us up. No. 8.

DAVID L. SEVERE (Oklahoma): I believe that you have ruled before . . . the chairs have ruled before. This is the language that is now there. All you have to do is defeat.

BISHOP TUELL: It's not the language that's now there. Presently, it only says . . .

SEVERE: "Father" is there.

BISHOP TUELL: It's "Father". The main report says "Creator", the minority report says "Creator" and "Father." OK, go ahead.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes sir. In the Preamble we would like to retain the word "Father" and also accept "Creator." When you read paragraph 70, you find that we are referring there to the natural world. That's the Creator. In par. 71, we're referring to the earth and community. That is the family of God, and the family of God are the sisters and brothers and Christ. We refer to God as our Father.

Now we do know that in the history of that term, that all through history there have been fathers who have abused. In the time of Jesus, in fact, Herod the Great was one of the great abusers. He killed his own sons. He drowned one of his sons in a swimming pool in Jericho. He was a very abusive person. Jesus knew that. And yet, Jesus talked about a loving Father. You can take any good thing, any good concept, and make an evil of it. Jesus knew that but, he prayed, "Our Father . . . " And so, we believe, in the minority, that we ahould retain the word "Father" and retain the integrity of the Trinity.

Let me say this, that if you do vote for "Creator", which certainly you will be doing that anyway, that this is good and you'll feel good about it. But if you vote for God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, "Our Father," you'll feel better about it.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Now, do we have anyone speaking against the minority report? Yes, no. 12.

REBECCA KAY BARGER (Baltimore): I'd like to try a motion, if its proper. I'd like to move to suspend the rules so that we can vote on all that's before us.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, the motion is in order. If you'll suspend the rules, lift the hand. Opposed? They are suspended and we are going to proceed to vote on these matters. We have before us the minority report that has the words, "Creator" and "Father". We are going to vote on that now. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 540; "No," 362. You have made the . . . now, this is an amendment. You've adopted the amendment. We now have the matter before us as amended. Are you ready? Please vote when the light appears. All right. "Yes," 734; "No," 166. It is passed as amended. OK. Next.

DON M. PIKE (Central Texas): Bishop Tuell and members of the annual conference.

BISHOP TUELL: Can you hear all right?

(Omnibus Motion Offered)

PIKE: I'm secretary of the Church and Society Legislative Committee, and we want to put before you as an omnibus motion that will hopefully clear out about 10 petitions, all of which had zero, one or two negative votes. Six had zero, 1 had 1, and 3 had 2, and we can wipe them out all at this time, if you'll let me. And I think our technicians have a slide for us that can come up on the screen. I'll try to walk you through them as quickly as I possibly can. If you'd look on p. 339, Calendar Item 810. Excuse me?

BISHOP TUELL: Are you offering a motion to adopt all these?

PIKE: Right.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. It is before us.

PIKE: I move that we adopt the following 10 items as the committee has acted upon them.

BISHOP TUELL: OK.

PIKE: No. 339, 810. It is a petition relative to retain the present statement regarding abortion. The calendar found on 1022 of your white book, petition 11153. The vote was 85-2. We concurred. Then, if you'll look on p. 458. I believe the slide is there behind us.

BISHOP TUELL: Yes. Point of Order. No. 2.

FRANK FURMAN (Florida): Bishop, the point is, about an hour ago did we not agree and concur that any petition carrying a vote of less than 16 was automatically accepted on a consent, and why are we reviewing all of these, sir, unless they're minority reports or something? I don't understand, sir.

BISHOP TUELL: No, we didn't adopt the motion as you described it.

FURMAN: We did sir. We said first we were at 10, then 15, then we were at 16 on negative votes on any petition before us. What is the minimum count, sir?

BISHOP TUELL: It's 16.

FURMAN: Yes, sir, all of those had less than 16.

BISHOP TUELL: It didn't include minority. This doesn't have a minority report, right?

PIKE: Yes. It's true. It's our understanding that we were supposed to present these as a group as an omnibus motion as a means of clearing them out.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, let me ask the body, then. Do we have other items that have the 16?

PIKE: Yes.

BISHOP TUELL: Is it the wish of the body that we hear those before we hear this? Well, let me ask you. You have a rule that says you're going to hear the 16 ones. Yes, no. 13.

MERLIN ACKERSON (Iowa): Bishop Tuell, I would like to suspend the rules, because I think that these items that you've just put up on the board had less than 15 votes, but they were sort of in limbo unless we do something about them. I guess I would like to suspend the rules. I think I want to suspend the rules that we deal with all those items that are less than 16 votes negative in one fell swoop. In other words, endorse them, and say that these are the position of the General Conference.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. It's before you. If you'll suspend the rules that way,

raise your hands. Opposed? Well, they are suspended by a 2/3 vote. Go ahead.

PIKE: All right, we've explained the first one. If you would then turn to . . .

BISHOP TUELL: No. They don't feel it's explained yet.

PIKE: Excuse me? All right. 810?

BISHOP TUELL: Do you want to vote on them? All right. Please vote when the light appears on the entire matter before us. All right. "Yes," 800; "No," 100. You have sustained the committee on those items.

PIKE: All right, since you are in such . . .

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, was this a point of order? No. 4.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Some of those items appeared on the Consent Calendar. We have a Consent Calendar. Could we not vote on the Consent Calendar and then clear that?

BISHOP TUELL: They were lifted from the Consent Calendar.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm sorry, I beg your pardon. Can we vote on the Consent Calendar?

BISHOP TUELL: Oh, were going to get around to it, secretary.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Before it's time to adjourn.

BISHOP TUELL: Oh yes! All right.

PIKE: We didn't deal with all of these.

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, we did.

PIKE: All right, did you vote on all of those . . . ?

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, it's all done.

PIKE: OK. Good, I'm glad.

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, I know you can't believe it, but that's what happened.

PIKE: All right, we're rolling. Omnibus motion for nonconcurrence. Calendar 374 on 269, which is a vote of 76 to 14. Calendar 392 on p. 271.

BISHOP TUELL: Wait a minute now.

PIKE: It was 75 to 16. I don't have these on a slide. We couldn't get those generated, so you want to talk about those? 269?

BISHOP TUELL: Were they on the list?

PIKE: No, these were not on the screen. We did not have time to get them there. These have . . . some of them have less than 16 and some of them have more than 16.

BISHOP TUELL: Well. Give us the ones that have more than 16.

PIKE: More than 16. Calendar Item 1627 on p. 538.

BISHOP TUELL: Give us the page no. first, please.

PIKE: All right, excuse me. p. 538 in your blue book. Calendar Item 1627. Medical Rights for Children and Youth. Petition 10290. In the *Advance DCA*, p. 180. The vote was 54 to 17.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. It's for nonconcurrence.

PIKE: For nonconcurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: Are you ready? Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 801; "No," 70. The nonconcurrence is sustained.

PIKE: All right, the same, p. 538. Calendar Item 1623, found in the Advance *DCA* on 133. Petition 10283. The vote is 37 for and 23 against. The issue dealt with Forced Contraceptive Use and Sterilization. We recommend nonconcurrence, and we'll ask the General Board of Church Society to study that.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, nonconcurrence with references before you. Please vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 813; "No," 73. The nonconcurrence and reference is sustained.

DON PIKE: (Central Texas): All right a series of concurrence motions.

BISHOP TUELL: No. 4

GOLDSCHMIDT: I'm confused, are we on this saying nonconcurrence, or are we saying that it's reference?

BISHOP TUELL: It's both. We don't agree with it, but we're sending it over to Church and Society. Go ahead. That's what you did. Go ahead.

PIKE: That's right. P. 271 in your blue book.

BISHOP TUELL: 271.

(Calendar Item No. 398, Circumcision)

PIKE: Calendar Item 397, Health in Mind and Body. Concurrence as amended.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. This is for concurrence as amended. Are you ready? Please vote when the light appears. 799, "Yes;" 57 "No." It is sustained as concurrence.

(Calendar Item No. 398, Circumcision)

PIKE: Page 271, Calendar Item 398. Just below that, found in the *Advance DCA*, 1042. There was considerable sympathy within the committee. We recommend concurrence as amended.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, it's before you. Are you ready? Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 674; "No," 148. You've sustained the concurrence. Yes, no. 3.

DONALD W. HAYNES (Western North Carolina): I should like to try a motion which you might rule out of order. May I read it, sir?

BISHOP TUELL: Yes.

HAYNES: I move that the 1992 session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church sustain the action of the legislative committees for all petitions remaining on the calendar, except those which have minority reports.

BISHOP TUELL: Now, say that again.

HAYNES: That we sustain the action of the legislative committees for all petitions remaining on the calendar, except those which have minority reports.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, you'd have to suspend the rules to do that.

HAYNES: That is correct.

BISHOP TUELL: You move to suspend the rules for that purpose?

HAYNES: I move suspension of the rules.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, it's before you. It's not debatable. Please vote when the light appears, if you want to suspend the rules. "Yes," 593; "No," 277. You have suspended the rules. Yes? Now you're going to need to make a motion.

HAYNES: That's correct.

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, no. 4, what do you want?

WILLIAM H. HINSON (Texas Conference): This is a question.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, he's going to make a motion in a minute, but go ahead.

HINSON: Bill Hinson from Texas. Earlier in this session we were told that all unfinished business would be referred to the CF&A, the Council of Bishops, and the Council of Ministries. We were operating under that belief, sir.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. We're still in session. You can vote against his motion if you want to, but this is a new motion to do it a little different way. And we haven't adjourned yet. OK? So you need to make a motion now, the motion you made. No. 3. No. 3.

HAYNES: I move that the 1992 session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church sustain the action of the legislative committees for all petitions remaining on the calendar, except those which have minority

reports. I should like a chance to speak to that, sir.

BISHOP TUELL: Go ahead.

HAYNES: I think the mood of this conference has been that we have a high measure of trust in those legislative committees which have spent hours on these various petitions, and I believe I'd like to test the house on letting the legislative committee opinion prevail.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, does someone wish to speak against that? No. 14.

JOHN P. MILES (Little Rock): The last General Conference mandated a study on genetics. That committee has worked hard, and put it from our legislative committee on the Consent Calendar. We were told to take it off the Consent Calendar, so it could be presented before the body for approval. What, Bishop, where does this leave the genetic study?

BISHOP TUELL: It leaves it right where it is, unless you vote for this motion. If you vote for this motion, then you're going to . . . the motion will approve everything except that has a minority report. OK? That question, I think, was against the motion. Anyone speaking for the motion? Yes, are you speaking for the motion? Amendment, all right. No. 7.

MICHAEL COYNER (North Indiana): I move to amend by adding the words, "and also having 16 or fewer negative votes." If there's a second, I'll explain my thinking.

BISHOP TUELL: It is seconded.

COYNER: Included left on the calendar unadopted are some things where the votes are very close. I feel uncomfortable simply assuming we can approve those that only passed by 2 or 3 vote difference. I think the intention is to get rid of a lot of the things which were passed by great majorities, and by amending it in this way we would get rid of those in 1 fell swoop, and still be able to deal with those other issues which were close calls.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, you've heard the amendment. Does anyone wish to speak against the amendment? Right here, speaking against the amendment? Let's try to avoid getting this too convoluted. No. 3.

WILLIAM A. HINES (West Ohio): Bishop, we did earlier make a decision. Shouldn't this be reconsidered if it's going to be dealt with? We made a decision earlier that there would be referred to the Council of Bishops anything we didn't finish. Isn't this out of order, this particular motion? I'm asking for some kind of answer.

BISHOP TUELL: OK. My answer is that when we suspend the rules, you can change what you did before.

HINES: Without voting reconsideration?

BISHOP TUELL: That's my ruling.

HINES: Thank you.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Now we have the Coyner Amendment before us. Does anyone wish to speak against it? Yes. No. 13.

GEIS: I would vote against it, because I would affirm what was said about the original motion, that we trust the legislative committees. If there's not a minority report, then there's not a thoughtful group of people who really have a position ready to explain to us. Therefore we don't need to go through everything that has 16 votes.

BISHOP TUELL: Are you ready to vote now? Please vote when the light appears, on the Coyner Amendment about the 16. "Yes," 407; "No," 461. The Coyner Amendment is lost. We're now on the original motion, the effect of which, if you adopt it, will be to approve all reports except those that have a minority report. We will do that in this action right now if you vote in favor of it. Yes? No. 7.

KNOWLES: Point of information. Can anyone on the platform tell us how many items, roughly?

LAWSON: Well, if, at these moment we have 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6--6 reports with minority reports. Six of them.

BISHOP TUELL: All right.

LAWSON: Only 1 of which has a negative vote of more than 16. Two, I'm sorry, 2 of which.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Yes?

PIKE: Bishop Tuell, I'd like to try a substitution motion. That we concur with all committee actions with the exception of the Genetic Study Report.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. The motion is that we concur with all reports except the Genetic Study Report.

PIKE: Of Church and Society, of Church and Society is who I'm particularly speaking for.

BISHOP TUELL: Oh, you're not talking for the other committees?

PIKE: I don't want to speak for them. Go ahead, all right, all committees, all across the board, concurrent with all committee action with the exception of the Genetic Study Report.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, is there a second to that? You want to speak to it, or just want to let them talk about it?

PIKE: Leave it to the body.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Do you wish to speak to that? Are you speaking to that amendment? Yes. No. 8.

EWING WERLEIN JR. (Texas): Bishop, I would like to ask, before we vote to accept or to reject this kind of a proposal, how many of these petitions that we're maybe accepting on blind faith involve matters in the *Discipline* or changes in the *Discipline* of our church, and how many of them are just going in the *Resolution* book?

BISHOP TUELL: Well, do we have an answer to that?

JAMES LAWSON (California-Pacific): None of the remaining petitions have to do with the *Discipline.* They are all petitions of one form or another.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Yes?

LAWSON: . . . related to the *Book of Resolutions.*

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Now are you speaking against this amendment? No. 13.

JOHN BRAWN: Bishop, that's not true. That's only true for the Church and Society remaining action. There's remaining action in other legislative committees . . .

BISHOP TUELL: Do you have a number? Doesn't somebody keep a tally of this?

LAWSON: All right, Bishop. 1343 has to do with the change in the *Discipline,* the Social Creed only.

BISHOP TUELL: OK.

LAWSON: All the rest have to do with petitions that go into the *Book of Resolutions.* 114, that was held off the consent item--Consent Calendar--vote as a unanimous . . .

BISHOP TUELL: OK.

LAWSON: . . . report. We have one special consideration for you.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. We're trying to get a picture of the totality of all reports, but, you know, these time saving motions . . . Do we have an answer?

BRAWN: Bishop, I think I can offer a little bit of clarification. We have 5 petitions that affect the *Discipline,* but the committee recommendation is noncon-

currence. There is, however, a minority report on one of those affecting par. 75.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Can we go ahead and vote on these? We have the 1, the amendment that would have us vote on everything right now except the genetic business. And they said they want to go . . . Is this a question? All right. No. 8. We have . . . yes. Is that a point of order? No. I'm sorry; just a moment. I recognize no. 8. We'll come back to you in a minute, but please. No. 8.

RICHARD TIMBERLAKE (Holston): The motion by Mr. Pike was that we receive all of these resolutions as it happens that they are with--except the 1 on genetics. He did not mention the 6 that have minority reports connected with them. We had earlier said we would hear them separately. I want to be sure that we will.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, if you adopt this motion, you won't hear them.

TIMBERLAKE: Well, then may I make an amendment?

BISHOP TUELL: No, we've gotten too far already. I think we need to vote on this. You can vote them up or down. All right. We're going to vote now on the one . . . vote on everything except the genetic. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 415; "No," 467. You have not approved that. Now we have the original 1 back here--that we would vote on right now on everything. We would approve everything except those that have minority reports. We've had 2 and 2 speeches right now. We are ready to vote on it. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 619; "No," 245. You have adopted this motion which approves all matters except those that have minority reports. Now we are going to continue with reports. All right. What's the point of order? No. 12.

(Point of Order On Rule 34)

JANET STEPHENSON (Iowa): Bishop, I appeal a point of order or your ruling from the chair. Rule no. 34 on minority reports. On p. 100, it says in point no. 1, "The names of members of the committees signing the report shall be indicated." And none of the minority reports we have considered this evening has that been the case. I think we're straining the definition of minority report. Would you rule on that please?

BISHOP TUELL: State your point again, because . . . state it once more.

STEPHENSON: The rule 34 says that minority reports shall be represented as substitutes for the committee report. And then it says the names of the members of the committee signing the report shall be indicated. And in the petitions we've considered this evening it just says minority report, and then it's an amendment. But it doesn't include the names of the persons signing the report. I think we're straining the definition of minority report. Would you help us understand that?

BISHOP TUELL: Well, all right. My ruling is that the absence of the names there does not invalidate the minority reports, and the absence of some evidence that there were not the people that really signed it.

STEPHENSON: Then we should change the rule, because that's what it says.

BISHOP TUELL: I know it says that. OK. Yes? No. 4. No. 4.

GREG STOVER (West Ohio): I move that we refer all remaining items not dealing with the *Discipline* to the Council of Bishops; and if I have a second, I would like to speak to it.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Well, wait a minute now. I'm afraid you have to suspend the rules to do that.

STOVER: Very well. I move that we suspend the rules for that purpose.

BISHOP TUELL: The motion is to suspend the rules--is not debatable. And we are going to vote. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 659; "No," 234. The rules are suspended. Now you can make your motion.

STOVER: I move that we refer all remaining items not dealing with the *Discipline* to the Council of Bishops, and I'd like to speak to it.

BISHOP TUELL: Is it seconded? All right, go ahead.

STOVER: Bishop and members of the conference, we are dealing with a number of very important issues to which there are minority reports at a point in the evening when, apparently, very few of us are in a mood to deal seriously with them. And I think that the church deserves our best mind on these matters. We ought to wait to act on them--allow them to be brought back to the next General Conference, rather than trying to force them through this evenlng with quick votes of concurrence.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. We've had a motion to refer to the Council of Bishops. Yes? No. 8. Are you speaking against the motion to refer?

BILL QUICK (Detroit): I wish to amend that--that they be referred to the appropriate boards, rather than the council.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. That's an amendment. Is there a second to it? It's seconded. So we have the amendment to refer to the appropriate boards before us. Are you ready to vote on that? All right. Please vote when the light appears. And the vote is in progress. "Yes," 485; "No," 405. You have approved the amendment. The boards are substituted for the bishops. And we now have the motion to refer all of the remaining items to the appropriate boards. That's before us. Yes? No. 9.

SUSAN DAVIES (Nebraska): We were elected to come here and be representatives of our churches. We are tired, but we have very important things that we have passed through our committees and have deliberated on that should be acted upon at this conference. I think it's important for us to hold steady, to be responsible for our work, and not to just shove aside things that are very important in the life of our church.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you. Does someone wish to speak for the motion to refer? Yes. No. Back. All right. Just a moment. Yes, at the no. 14 there.

JOHN MILES (Little Rock): Bishop, I have to ask you a question to tell me what to do. We have that Genetic Study that we passed unanimously and enthusiastically after 4 years of study, and now you're fixing to refer it back to somebody else. How can I get this off of the table so we can vote?

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Well, we've already had one that accepted that, and that was voted down. Yes.

MILES: Well, and I have an amendment to make, then, or a motion. I make the motion that we remove the Genetic Study from the legislation we just did and vote on it.

BISHOP TUELL: Didn't we vote on that?

JIM LAWSON (California-Pacific): Bishop Tuell, the issue is, friends, that the Genetic Study was asked for by the 1988 General Conference and asked to be brought to the 1992 General Conference; and that document is Calendar Item 114. And we had deliberately held it out because we wanted to be able to say, Here is the report. And the chair-

man of that task force--which has done pioneering work in the field of ethics in this matter that puts The United Methodist Church in the forefront of this matter, of this area of ethics--we wanted him to be able to say that to you so that you would understand it's there in the *Book of Worship, Book,* rather, *of Resolutions*; and that it's an important thing for us to know is there. And as these questions are now being raised everywhere in our country, we United Methodists will have at lease, a beginning statement that helps us to move in the proper fashion.

BISHOP TUELL: Let me respond to the earlier question. We were earlier talking about acting on everything except the genetic--not acting on. Now we are talking about referring, so it is a different matter and it is subject to amendment--the motion to refer. Yes. Go ahead no. 14.

MILES: Bishop, I make a motion that we withdraw and consider the Genetic Study.

BISHOP TUELL: Well . . .

MILES: Well, you tell me. I'm confused. Man, I don't know what we are doing!

BISHOP TUELL: Couldn't you accept this from the referral if you wanted to make that . . .

MILES: I've moved to refer everything except the Genetic Study.

BISHOP TUELL: So it's an amendment to except that from the motion of referral? All right. That's the amendment before you. Are you ready to act upon that? All right. Please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 773; "No," 127. You have accepted the Genetic Study. We still have the motion to refer before us. Yes? Yes? Microphone . . . we've had 1 speech for and 1 against the motion to refer to the boards and agencies. Go ahead, no. 3.

JUDITH C. HILL (Central Pennsylvania): I would like to move that we suspend the rules so that we can extend the time to consider the rest of the business which includes the . . .

BISHOP TUELL: That's a necessary motion. All right. You wanted to say how much time or just extend it?

HILL: 11:30.

BISHOP TUELL: Extend to 11:30. If you'll approve, lift the hand. Opposed? Well, it's extended. All right. Back here. Yes, and then we'll come over this way later. No. 12. We have 1 for and 1 against the motion to refer.

JOAN HOOVER (Iowa): I want to speak against referral. We have just spent a lot of time arguing about how to dispense with the rest of our business. I really believe if we would simply settle down and do the work, we would be done much sooner. I think we're wasting a lot of time arguing about procedure. I really think we can get the work done and act on all of these, and I hope we will not refer them.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you. Are you ready to vote? All right. No. 4. Are you speaking for the motion to refer?

GEORGE McCLAIN (New York): No, I would like to make an amendment, if that's in order.

BISHOP TUELL: Well, you can try.

McCLAIN: All right. I would move to add to the . . . what's before us, except for Calendar Item 1607, the resolution entitled, "The Middle East in the Aftermath of the Gulf War." If I have a second, I will speak to that. The General Board of Church and Society has spent many months developing this resolution. It updates material in our *Book of Resolutions.* We all know an awful lot has happened in the Middle East since 4 years ago, and I think this resolution, in particular, because of its timeliness, needs to be dealt with by this body.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Anyone wishing to speak against that? Are you ready to vote on that? Please vote when the light appears.

"Yes," 326; "no," 560. It is not sustained. Yes, right over here.

DONALD G. WILLIAMS (West Michigan): Question, have we taken action on the 2 Consent Calendars that were before us?

BISHOP TUELL: No, but I presume this action will do it.

WILLIAMS: Then, may I make an amendment, sir?

BISHOP TUELL: Why not? All right, this is a referral, excuse me. Go ahead.

WILLIAMS: Then may I make an amendment that we lift from the referral those items on the Consent Calendars, so that we might act on those rather than referring them.

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, that's right. Are we ready to vote on that? If you favor that lift the hand; opposed, it's done. All right, yes. No. 12, we're on the motion to refer. We've only got 1 speech in favor of referring left.

REBECCA K. (KAY) BARGER (Baltimore): Seems like this is my role tonight. I move to suspend the rules, so that we can move the question on all that is before us.

BISHOP TUELL: If you will auspend the rules to vote on all before us, lift your hand. Opposed. The rules are suspended. If you will now proceed with the previous question, lift your hand; opposed, it's done. The motion before us is to refer all the items before us, with the exception of the Genetic Study, the Consent Calendar, to the appropriate boards. And Disciplinary matters, thank you very much. That's before you. If you'll approve that lift your hand; opposed, it is done.

Thank you very much. Now, let us turn to those items that we need and still have to do. Consent Calendar? OK, we're moving along.

JORDAN: We're going to approve, to ask your approval of the Consent Calendar No. 7, it's found on p. 609 in the blue book. And Consent Calendar No. 8 is found on this special sheet of special Calendar Items, which was passed out to you at your seats. The removals from Consent Calendar No. 7 are on the special sheet. And there were no removals from Consent Calendar No. 8. I would move the adoption of Consent Calendars 7 and 8.

BISHOP TUELL: It's before you. If you approve lift the hand. Opposed, it is adopted.

(John Brawn Recognized for Computer Work)

JORDAN: Bishop, could I just take, have a teeny privilege.

BISHOP TUELL: Yes.

JORDAN: John Brawn, would you come up here. Earlier there was a resolution about our computer technology, and how we, our legislative process. This is the person behind all of that, John Brawn, our coordinator. Fantastic job. I think we ought to give him a hand.

JOHN BRAWN: Thank you very much.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, thank you. Now let us proceed with the other items, go ahead.

(Calendar Item No. 114; Genetic Sciences)

LAWSON: I have just 2 items. I would refer you to p. 228, Calendar Item 114, 228, Calendar Item 114. The committee

voted concurrence to New Developments in Genetic Sciences, I've said already, a task force asked for by the 1988 General Conference. We voted 88 for and 0 against. We've asked and we've moved for concurrence. We've asked the chairperson of that task force, Dr. Kenneth Carder to have just a word.

BISHOP TUELL: All right. Where is he? Oh, yes. Excuse me, no. 9.

KENNETH L. CARDER (Holston Conference): Bishop Tuell, I just would simply express my gratitude to the General Conference for its foresight in paneling this task force. We have done pioneering work. There is a genetic revolution going on, and for the first . . . at least an experience we have had is that, we are in the forefront of the discussion. I just want to read an excerpt from a letter I received from a professor of medical ethics, that I think summarizes the importance of this report. This professor of medical ethics, who used the task force report in the classroom, said, "The United Methodist Church is in the forefront of a discussion of genetic science. Rather than reacting too late to technological developments, The United Methodist Church is helping to shape the direction of a technology by its report, and its willingness to engage in dialogue with the scientific community and the general public." We simply commend this study to all of the members of this General Conference and to all the local churches. It is a resource for dialogue.

BISHOP TUELL: Thank you very much. Thank you. All right, please vote when the light appears. "Yes," 888; "No," 10. The report is sustained, it passes. Yes. Thank you very much.

(Calendar Item No. 1626; War and Peace)

LAWSON: All right. There is 1 matter related to Par. 75D in the *Discipline*. Its on p. 538, it is Calendar No. 1626. Subject matter is "War and Peace." And, Mr. President, I want to move that we refer this matter to the General Board of Church and Society.

BISHOP TUELL: All right, the motion is for reference of this to the General Board of Church and Society. If you will refer, lift the hand. Opposed, it is done. Thank you, thank you very much, Jim.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can I have a point of order, Bishop? I thought that we had made a decision under a rule change, that we would deal with all Disciplinary items, that's 75C . . .

BISHOP TUELL: Yes, Disciplinary items, if we still have them, we're supposed to vote on it.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's what it was.

LAWSON: I said that.

BISHOP TUELL: He said that. We just voted on it. We didn't refer that; we voted on it, right? Yes. Well, we acted on it in that way. We took action in that way. All right, now have we completed the agenda? We have some nominations.

CHARLES JORDAN: The agenda is completed.

BISHOP TUELL: Very good! All right, now we have some things. We have some nominations and these will be brought by Bishop Talbert, secretary of the Council of Bishops.

BISHOP TALBERT: Bishop Tuell and members of the General Conference, turn to p. 84, in the *DCA*. I presented to you these nominations earlier in the General Conference, and we have on pp. 84-86, elected the Judicial Council, the Secretary Designate on p. 85, the bottom of p. 85 on the right, the University Senate, and the top of p.86, the Commission on the General Conference.

I now place before you all of the remaining nominations for the various boards and agencies and committees from the Council of Bishops.

BISHOP TUELL: It's before you. If you will approve, lift the hand. Opposed? It's done. Thank you. Now, all right. Let me express my deep thanks to all of you for the way in which you have worked together tonight. You've been very, very cooperative and helpful, and I thank you for that. I want to thank Bishop Talbert and Bishop Solomon for their wonderful help, and thanks be to God for his good gift.

Now, it is time for us to turn to our closing worship, and Bishop Thomas Bangura of Sierra Leone will be in charge. I think you should have the order of worship. Bishop Joseph Yeakel, our council president, will be taking a part in this service. All right, Bishop Bangura.

(Prayer)

(Hymn)

(Meditation by Bishop Joseph Yeakel)

(Adjournment at 11:45 p.m.)

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Delegates Called to Witness, Serve in Christ's Name

Challenged at the outset to be a unifying force for the church and the world as the 20th century draws to a close, United Methodists from around the world left their 200th anniversary General Conference with a call to "go witness, serve in the name of Christ."

"For 10 days we have been shaping a book of covenant saying we will live together within the words we have shaped," Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel said in a summary of the General Conference. Bishop Yeakel, Washington Area, is president of the Council of Bishops.

In the opening sermon of the May 5-15 conference, Bishop Emilio de Carvalho of Angola said unity continues to be an issue for Methodism around the world. The church, said the outgoing president of the Council of Bishops, is troubled with signs of brokenness and fatigue.

Bishop de Carvalho spoke in an international and theological context. In more personal terms, by the time

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This pen-and-ink montage of the 1992 General Conference was created by Tom Gibson as the events of conference unfolded. (See page 14 for more information.)

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the 998 delegates packed their papers about midnight May 15 and left Louisville's Commonwealth Convention Center, they could be pardoned if they showed fatigue.

During the 10 days of work from early morning until late night, they handled more than 2,400 petitions in legislative committee and plenary, and spoke and listened to tens of thousands of words in sermons, points of order, and debate.

If not brokenness, the vote totals indicated sharp differences of opinion on key issues. One major debate was decided by 15 votes, another by 34, and a third by 37. One proposed amendment was settled by two votes.

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When the few hundred preachers gathered in Baltimore in November 1792 for the first General Conference of the new church in the Western Hemisphere, they debated heatedly for days the appointive power of bishops. Their spiritual descendants gathered in Louisville dealt with a much broader docket of issues, both domestic and international; and, unlike that first conference, none of those present walked out.

The church's international scope in 1992 was evident in the delegates as well as the issues. For the first time in a United Methodist General Conference, the bishop presiding over a session (Bishop de Carvalho) translated for the plenary a delegate's speech delivered in French. The conference had a record high of 116 delegates from outside the United States.

Translators provided the proceedings in Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, German, and French. Countries from Austria to Mexico to Zimbabwe were represented.

The conference was only a few hours old when the delegates interrupted their established agenda to call for action, prayer, and repentance in the wake of racial pain and unrest surrounding the verdict in the Rodney King trial in Los Angeles. A "statement to the nation" was developed, a special offering taken, plans approved for a model city block called a "shalom zone," and a special Pentecost observance planned. Many delegates fasted and gave the money saved to help in rehabilitation and relief in the devastated areas.

When the final amen was pronounced by Bishop Yeakel, newly installed president of the Council of Bishops, the delegates could count among their actions to guide the church's ministry during 1993-96:

- Endorsement of expanded ministries with Hispanics, Native Americans, older adults, and deaf persons.
- Retention of the Social Principles statement that homosexual practice is incompatible with Christian teaching, but support for civil and human rights for lesbians and gay men.
- Reception of a major study on homosexuality that will be available for use by local churches.
- Acceptance of a new *Book of Worship* that includes a wide variety of prayers and readings for contemporary situations.
- Referral to the churches for study during the next four years a four-year study on Baptism, with a report to be brought in 1996.
- Approval of a task force's call for relocation of the General Board of Global Ministries from New York City to a site to be proposed in 1996.
- Reaffirmation of the church's stance on abortion, and rejection of an effort to terminate support for the Religious Coalition on Abortion Rights.
- Establishment of a mandatory churchwide health insurance program for clergy, their families, and some lay employees, to take effect in 1994.
- Adoption of financial askings to be apportioned to local churches for churchwide agencies and programs.
- Celebration of the March 1992 opening of Africa University.

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New *Book of Worship* Boasts Diversity, Flexibility

The *Book of Worship*, first ritual book since the denomination formed in 1968, was overwhelmingly approved (809-149) by delegates of the 1992 General Conference. Designed for use by local church pastors and worship leaders, the book contains official ritual and optional prayers, songs, and orders of worship.

The words of the 1992 enabling petition reminded delegates of the 1988 origin of the *Book of Worship*: "The General Board of Discipleship is hereby authorized under provisions of par. 1214.3 of the *Discipline* to prepare at its expense the manuscript of a new book of worship for pastors and others who plan and lead worship, to supplement *The United Methodist Hymnal*. The contents or outline of this book shall be submitted to the 1992 General Conference for adoption."

Traditional and New Images

Bishop Susan M. Morrison, who headed the revision panel, was pleased with the vote, praising the new images for God reflected in many prayers as a move forward. Besides traditional references to "Father" and "Lord," God is addressed as "Grandfather," "Great Spirit," "Author of Life," "Parent," and "God, our grove, our lover, our well."

However, the conference stopped short of allowing direct references to "O Mother God." Gender-specific references for God stirred discussion about the *Book of Worship*. As with the 1989 *United Methodist Hymnal*, delegates squared off on questions of God's feminine and masculine natures.

Decisions often hinged on the difference between simile and metaphor. Two prayers beginning "O Mother God" and "Bakerwoman God" were edited to "O Creator" and "God, like a bakerwoman," ostensibly to make them more palatable to grass-roots United Methodists. Several delegates, including Jane Turner-Borden of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., tried unsuccessfully to resurrect the direct references to God as "Mother." "The legislative committee has written out some of the language that might have been very much appreciated by pastors . . . . You have written out 'Mother God,' " she said, calling for reinstitution of that language.

But, beleaguered by a backlog of other business, General Conference delegates voted overwhelmingly to sidestep debate on language and trust the work of both the revision panel and the legislative committee.

Diversity

Along with language updates, the new worship book boasts diversity in ritual from ethnic minority traditions. The new worship book includes a service of Las Posadas (Christmas Eve) from Mexico; prayers and songs from Cherokee, Lakota, Dakota, and Suquamish traditions; and the Tongsung Kido (Pray Aloud), a Korean Christian model for praying.

A Native American service of Thanksgiving was deleted, at the request of Native American delegates and members of their churchwide caucus, in deference to some tribal leaders who opposed a Christianized version of a traditional Indian rite.

During discussion of the *Book of Worship* there was a brief debate about a service of infant dedication, rejected earlier by both the revision committee and the legislative committee as an attempt to undermine the historic United Methodist practice of infant Baptism.

The Rev. Riley B. Case, Kokomo, Ind., urged delegates to include such a service because it was included in the 1963 ritual book of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church, a forerunner of United Methodism. He also favored it for parents who may not support infant Baptism.

However, Bishop George W. Bashore, Pittsburgh Area, a former Evangelical United Brethren pastor, denied consistent use of the service in that predecessor denomination. He suggested that infant Baptism was historically affirmed in the EUB and forerunner churches and effectively persuaded General Conference delegates to leave out the dedication service.

The new *Book of Worship* may be released as early as this fall.

—M. Garlinda Burton and Brad Motta
United Methodist News Service and *DCA* Staff



RALPH BAKER PHOTO

Bishops and delegates applaud the vote approving the *Book of Worship*.

Older Adult Ministries

A Committee on Older Adult Ministries as a forum for advocacy and program planning, was authorized on May 12. The hope is that the church will celebrate and utilize the gifts of older adults in the life of the church.

Decisions Affect Congregations of All Sizes

General Conference delegates considered more than 2,000 petitions from individuals, churches, conferences, and boards and agencies. Their decisions will affect the way congregations perceive themselves, organize, and do ministry.

Small-Membership Churches

Delegates paid special attention to small-membership churches. They approved the report of the General Conference Task Force on Strengthening the Ministry and Mission of the Small-Membership Church, which provides strategies to strengthen small-membership churches and calls on The United Methodist Church to become involved in programs that relate to small-membership churches. Delegates also gave the nod to the nurture-outreach-witness model of the administrative council, which may be carried out by as few as eight people and the pastor. They urged the inclusion of persons from small-membership churches as members of general boards and agencies.

A new small-membership church subcommittee to the conference board of global ministries will assume primary responsibility for parish and community development. Delegates OK'd the annual licensing of lay preachers, under district superintendent appointment, who serve without salary in "to be supplied" situations and approved the "blended" model of cooperative parish as a new way of linking congregations for mission and ministry.

Delegates called the General Board of Discipleship and the General Board of Global Ministries' National Division to greater accountability in work with small-membership churches and sanctioned a task force to examine racism in the nation's rural population. They affirmed the rural chaplaincy program as a specialized ministry of both clergy and laity.

Rural Life Sunday was approved as a special Sunday with offering, with the date to be fixed by each annual conference. Commending the National Division's church and community ministry program, delegates called for more church and community workers and endorsed an "Affirmation of Basic Rural Worth," which states: "Each rural church, no matter how large or small and no matter where it is located, is valuable to the United Methodist connection."

—Wanda Hayes Eichler
Writer, *Michigan Christian Advocate*

Medium-Membership Churches

Delegates made several decisions that will affect the program structure of medium-membership churches. To the coordinator of communications' duties, they added an interpretation element as well as the production of video resources for ministry and outreach. They approved a new description of the worship work area chairperson's duties and established a work area chairperson of community volunteers.

They called the administrative board to "embrace tithing as a minimum standard of giving, embrace worship attendance, and . . . regular attendance at church school and/or Bible study classes." The General Conference authorized an organizational plan other than administrative council or administrative board when in harmony with the *Discipline*. They outlined a process for adding members to a pastor-parish relations committee in a church which has special multi-language needs and added the enlistment of persons for ordained and diaconal ministry and missionary service to the tasks of the pastor-parish relations committee.

New buildings, delegates said, must conform to accessibility codes and be reasonably accessible. Additional legislation requires the board of trustees to review annually the church's personnel insurance status and building accessibility. The church must be "programmatically" accessible as well, they said.

In other action, delegates urged congregations to include scouting ministry as a setting for youth ministry; mandated annual conferences to undertake a cooperative parish development process and provide different expressions of cooperative parishes; and required charge conferences to promote awareness of and concurrence with policies relative to socially responsible investments.

They also approved action which: 1) allows lay leaders to serve as lay members of annual conferences; 2) establishes Rural Life Sunday on the fifth Sunday after Easter, with a special annual conference offering; and 3) specifies that staff members under consideration by the church shall be notified prior to a meeting where their employment is discussed and be brought into consultation immediately thereafter.

—Keith Kendall and Barbara Dunlap-Berg
DCA Staff

Large-Membership Churches

Much of the General Conference legislation approved during its 200th session will have an impact on the life of the large-membership local church.

With the continuation of the "Celebrate and Witness" theme for the next quadrennium and the approval of three related, special, churchwide ministries (campus ministry, peace with justice, and substance abuse), the large-membership church will find new ways to connect with the communities they serve in ways that increase their Christian presence.

This General Conference provides a vision of a "vital congregation" to develop new ministries for neglected populations. With the approval of "shalom zones," the Hispanic Plan, the Deaf Ministry Plan, and the Native American Plan, large-membership churches will be led to think of similar ministries for neglected populations.

The approval of the new *Book of Worship* will offer diverse new resources to add new life to the corporate worship in large churches. Besides traditional services, new services and prayers from racial ethnic traditions are offered. An order of thanksgiving for the birth or adoption of a child, healing services, a service for a stillborn child, a renewal of wedding vows, and a new music section will add to the ministry of the church. All printed materials are free of copyright restrictions on reprinting, so they may be used freely in worship bulletins.

The approval of the Study on Baptism presents an exciting opportunity for adult education classes to look seriously at theology.

Study materials on homosexuality will be created as a result of General Conference legislation, offering a major new optional resource for ongoing dialogue on sexuality issues within the diversity of views in large-membership churches.

The decision to hold budget increases to 2.5 percent and to limit apportionments will be significant to counteract the rising budgets of large-membership churches. In many cases, it will free funds for creative, new local church ministries.

Since many diaconal ministers are employed in large-membership churches, they will follow with great interest the Council of Bishops' Study of Ministries in the next quadrennium. The ordination of deacons brings up such issues as pension status, health insurance, and annual conference membership.

The new UMCare plan will provide large-membership churches with another benefit to offer their staffs. In many cases, this will result in savings to the church budget.

Ministries for the growing number of older adults in our congregations will be supported with advocacy, programs, and educational resources by the new Committee on Older Adult Ministries. Such support will encourage growth in existing programs and the formation of new ones.

Additional programs to increase ministry to and with the deaf and hearing impaired will be implemented in larger congregations because of the wider resources of people and facilities. Possibilities for activities such as a sign-language choir for the hearing impaired or a signer in the worship service, along with numerous other ministries, will be explored.

The resolution requiring new and remodeled church buildings to be "reasonably" accessible to persons with handicapping conditions will influence large congregations' planning renovation of their facilities and increase their ministry to persons with handicapping conditions.

[Observations from the following pastors of large-membership churches greatly assisted in the compilation of this article: Kelly Bender, (Kansas East); Bruce Breneman, (Northern Illinois); Bob Burkhart, (Iowa); Maxie Dunnam, (Memphis); Dick Hamilton, (Southern Indiana); Loren Grage, (Minnesota); David Stout, (Iowa); Bob Sweet, (Southern New England).]

—Mary Edlund
Editor, *Minnesota United Methodist Reporter*

Congregations to Study Baptism

Four years after authorizing the Baptism Study Committee, delegates of the 1992 General Conference asked United Methodist congregations to "further study" Baptism within the next four years.

"There is ambiguity regarding Baptism in our Wesleyan heritage, and this report reflects that ambiguity," said the Rev. Kenneth L. Carder, Knoxville, Tenn., as he reported for the Faith and Mission Legislative Committee. "While we struggled with Baptism, the struggle itself became a means of grace to the committee. We want the congregation to experience something of that same dynamic."

Part of the struggle of both committees centered on the "tension between the two poles of God's grace and our response," according to the Rev. Mark C. Trotter, chair of the Baptism Study Committee. Baptism combines into one sacrament God's initiating grace and the faithful responses of persons. When Baptism should occur remains a point of discussion in many churches, often talked about in terms of infant Baptism versus "believer's Baptism."

The conference voted 840-89 to "receive the document, 'By Water and the Spirit, A Study of the Proposed United Methodist Understanding of Baptism.'" Delegates accepted Trotter's call to remand the document "to the General Board of Discipleship for denomination-wide study—prepared with a study guide, along with an instrument for response, so that a revised paper and possible legislation can be presented to the 1996 General Conference."

Both committees recommended the whole report "for further study across the church during the next quadrennium," noted the Rev. Charlene P. Kammerer, Faith and Mission Committee chair.

The legislative committee, however, added an amendment to the study committee recommendations: a list of 11 questions for study.

"These questions and concerns," commented Carder, "are not to be definitive or exhaustive, but they are issues raised by the legislative committee which . . . will enable the local churches and the grass roots to respond to the critical areas of tension, and to be involved in that which will lead us to some conclusions that will be productive."

The United Methodist Publishing House was asked to prepare and publish the document and study guide, which will be approved by the General Board of Discipleship (GBOD). The staff members of GBOD and Church School Publications will monitor and collect responses.

GBOD will prepare legislation for the 1996 General Conference based on its findings.

—Keith Kendall
DCA Staff

Social Actions Enable United Methodists "to Manifest . . . Gospel in the World"

The commitment of many United Methodists to follow their Social Principles' mandate to "manifest the life of the gospel in the world" pervaded the sessions of the 1992 General Conference.

That traditional concern for social justice was evident in the opening worship service's confession that "we have not loved our neighbors and we have not heard the cry of the needy" and in the opening night's Episcopal Address, delivered by Bishop C. Dale White of the New York Area.

"The church has been a reforming and renewing presence in all our societies, precisely because it has courage to seek and to declare the new directions in which the Spirit is leading the people of God," Bishop White stated. He focused on two initiatives by the Council of Bishops seeking "to energize our people to come awake to the struggles of this age." The first was "In Defense of Creation," the bishops' study and pastoral letter dealing with the "horrible threat of nuclear weapons," while the second was "Substance Abuse and Urban Violence" to "combat a major scourge of our time."

Reviewing "In Defense of Creation," Bishop White pointed to hunger-making systems, war-making systems, and desert-making systems—three interconnected global issues. Many resolutions coming to the General Conference reflected the issues related to these systems.

The Laity Address by Ruby Galloway Farish of Tulsa, Okla., also gave evidence of the United Methodist concern for working in and seeking to redeem the world. Farish described how her faith moved her to become involved in community action programs.

United Methodist concern for social justice moved the General Conference to specific action, as it set an early special agenda time to respond to the aftermath of the Rodney King verdict and subsequent riots in Los Angeles and other cities. A message "to the people of the United States" called the church to action, noting that "we must open our arms and hearts to those affected by violence and the root causes of death and destruction." The statement committed the church to develop a "Shalom Zone" to help rebuild "physical structures and human lives."

Two delegations from the General Conference will visit Washington, D.C., May 16, and Los Angeles, June 1-2, to carry the message of peace and justice adopted earlier in the sessions. The Washington and Los Angeles delegations will be headed by Bishop Felton E. May and Bishop Melvin G. Talbert, respectively.

After their long days and nights of work, committee members sent on to the plenary actions on some 300 petitions dealing with social issues. Most of these went on to the consent calendar for approval by delegates.

Delegates adopted a wide range of resolutions and changes to the Social Principles. These alterations, among other things, call United Methodists to:

- Act against gun violence.
- Work for available and affordable housing and act to alleviate homelessness.
- "Interpret the faith in light of the biotechnology revolution and evaluate the rapidly emerging genetic science and technology."
- Respond to the HIV/AIDS epidemic through educational and advocacy efforts.
- Engage in prevention, intervention, treatment, community organization, public advocacy, abstinence, and mission evangelism to confront the drug crisis.
- Call for "serious systemic change" in the U.S. healthcare system, including comprehensive benefits for everyone, an "equitable and efficient" financing system, and cost-containment measures.
- Work together to "halt the erosion of moral and ethical values" caused by mass media entertainment.
- Study and adhere to the United Methodist statement in opposition to gambling.
- Produce more church school materials dealing with drug and alcohol issues.
- Seek more stringent laws to reduce incidents of driving under the influence of alcohol.
- Establish a program to facilitate Native American United Methodist involvement in social issues.
- Call for a ban on television and radio advertising of alcoholic beverages.
- Voice concern about, and act on, Israel's refusal to grant a visa to the Rev. Alex Awad, a Palestinian-American commissioned as a United Methodist missionary.
- Seek environmental justice for a sustainable future.
- Analyze water usage; develop and use conservation practices and techniques.
- Highlight the church's concern for mental health and encourage mental health education and individual actions to ensure mental health; note the influence of violence, racism, and substance abuse as factors causing mental stress.
- Adopt a study of racism in U.S. rural areas; direct a task force to examine and develop specific strategies to address the manifestation of racism in rural areas, both on personal and institutional levels.
- Ask the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women to work with other church bodies to develop educational resources dealing with sexual harassment.
- Call for a moratorium on situating commercial hazardous waste facilities in communities of low-income families or racial and ethnic minorities; urge the U.S. government to study, monitor, and clean up these communities.

A series of resolutions on international concerns, ranging from the rebuilding of El Salvador to apartheid in South Africa, were also approved in consent calendar action.

Two highly controversial issues and perennial General Conference agenda items—homosexuality and abortion—elicited lengthy debate in legislative committees and plenary sessions. After accepting the report of the task force on homosexuality for study throughout the church, the delegates voted to keep unchanged the Social Principles statement: "Although we do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching, we affirm that God's grace is available to all."

General Conference delegates voted to reaffirm the church's statement on responsible parenthood as it appears in the 1988 *Book of Resolutions*. They defeated a challenge emerging from the Church and Society Legislative Subcommittee, which sought to move the church to urge that parental notification and consent be required for minors seeking abortions.

In a separate item, the delegates voted by a large majority to uphold the church's support of the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision of the Supreme Court, which guarantees to women the right to medically safe abortions.

The most hotly debated question was whether The United Methodist Church should continue its support for the Religious Coalition on Abortion Rights (RCAR). The majority report from the committee recommended by a close vote that General Conference withdraw support from this group which some perceive as advocating abortion on demand. The majority report was defeated. However, the matter was appealed to the Judicial Council to determine whether RCAR funding is in conflict with the Social Principles. The church's highest court will hear the case at its Oct. 28-31 session.

A series of other votes upheld the denomination's current abortion stance. Margins in these votes ranged generally from approximately 70 percent to 85 percent.

The church's Social Principles now "recognize tragic conflicts of life with life that may justify abortion, and in such cases support the legal option of abortion under proper medical procedures." Abortion as a form of birth control or gender selection was specifically rejected.

On Friday, some issues passed on the consent calendar; others were removed, debated, and voted upon; while still others were referred to the General Board of Church and Society or other agencies.

The new and revised resolutions and changes in the Social Principles will become part of the *Book of Resolutions 1992*. (The Social Principles appear in both the *Discipline* and the *Book of Resolutions*.) There they will serve as resources for educating United Methodists, as the basis for United Methodist witness, and as the foundation for advocacy on public policies related to various issues.

How much will United Methodists use these statements, adopted after so much time and effort? That depends on whether United Methodists really will, as the Social Principles suggest, *gladly accept* that commission "to manifest the life of the gospel in the world."

—Lee Ranck
General Board of Church and Society

We're Glad You Came!

We planned for the 1992 General Conference for many months. We wondered what we would really experience when you arrived. We of the host conference experienced the joy of making new friends from around the world, as well as gratitude and relief for a task that was enjoyed by committee, delegates, and guests.

The host committee—under the direction of Bishop Robert H. Spain and co-chairs, Wallace E. Thomas (clergy) and William O. Yates (lay)—was responsible for the conference in three major areas: staffing and equipment, program, and hospitality. These areas included providing staff and entertainment; making arrangements for an opening Communion service; providing a "host for the day" for more than 250 delegates and friends in our homes and churches on May 10; and creating a concert celebration entitled "Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise" at the Macauley Theatre on that same day.

The Louisville Conference made an intentional decision to be very careful in its stewardship of funds, operating on a budget of $72,000 (considerably less than the entertainment budget for several quadrenniums). The conference decided to make up any shortfall of resources with volunteers' hours of love, labor, talent, and gifts. Wallace Thomas and Bill Yates estimate that up to 2,000 persons from the Louisville Conference expended some 25,000 hours of labor.

As General Conference drew to a close, volunteers shared their comments.

- Jane Burks, the "cookie lady": I want to express "eternal gratitude to all those wonderful people who bothered to bake and send cookies. Every district came through, and we served over 260,000 home-baked cookies!"
- Tom Grieb, co-chair of the staffing and equipment division: "Hosting the General Conference has helped to pull our conference closer together as we've worked on a common goal. It's been good!"
- Edgar Goins, co-chair of the hospitality division: "It's been so great for the laity in the local churches. The 'connection' has come alive in a new and meaningful way for us."
- Charles Brockwell, co-chair of the program committee: "Our people have come through beautifully. What a joy!"
- Bill Yates, co-chair of the local committee: "We have been thrilled as people seemed overwhelmed by the hospitality. The delegates have responded so favorably, and our volunteers so graciously!"

Bishop Spain summarized his feelings about the work done, "I am extremely proud of the Louisville Annual Conference's hosting of the General Conference. The work has been done with great effectiveness flavored with gracious hospitality and good Kentucky warmth. No bishop could be more proud than I am of this conference for a big task done well."

—Rhoda Peters
Member of Local Committee

Ministry Study Referred to Bishops for 1996

After almost four hours of debate that included a presentation, majority report, minority report, debate, amendments, questions, answers, and parliamentary confusion, the General Conference delegates voted to refer the matter of reordering the shape of United Methodist ministry to the Council of Bishops, which in turn commends it "to the church for continued study and reflection."

The bishops will "make a study of the theology and shape of ministry a priority in the new quadrennium and will report the results to the 1996 General Conference," according to their resolution.

The crucial issue for the conference was the matter of establishing a permanent order of deacon. Delegates faced four alternatives:

1) accept the recommendation as advocated in the report of the Commission to Study the Ministry: create a permanent consecrated (lay) order of deacon and eliminate the present ordained deacon as a first step to ordained elder;

2) accept the recommendation of the majority of the General Conference Legislative Committee on the Ordained and Diaconal Ministry: create a permanent ordained (clergy) order of deacon and also abolish the two-step process to elder's orders;

3) refer the matter to the Council of Bishops as the bishops had recommended (also the recommendation of the legislative committee's minority report); or

4) reject all that was before the conference, and reaffirm the current form of a consecrated diaconal minister and the two-step ordination of deacon/elder.

The critical decision came before the delegates in the form of an amendment to reject the legislative committee's recommendation that the deacons be ordained for "liturgy and service" and the elders for "Sacrament, Word, and order." The issue was to ordain or not to ordain a permanent order of deacon as equal in clergy status to elders; 480 delegates voted against that second order (ordained deacon), and 478 voted for a second, separate ordained order (50.1 percent to 49.9 percent).

As the debate continued and amendments flourished, the delegates became more uncertain about exactly what the new legislation would mean for the ministry of the church. Although the legislative committee turned down the request of the bishops to refer the study for more study, the plenary agreed with the bishops that the whole church needed a break for consensus building—"a time of prayerful listening to one another" that "a new beginning toward a future ordering of ministry may emerge," the bishops wrote. They included in their resolution 10 questions that they felt needed attention in order to create clarity.

The conference voted to refer the issue to the Council of Bishops (607-358). Consequently the current (1988) disciplinary provisions and structure basically will stand for at least another four years.

Contemporary studies for ordering the ministry began around the union of 1939 and continued off and on. There has been a study report in each General Conference since 1968, with little new legislation created except for that of the diaconal ministry.

Some Changes Were Made

Among more than 350 subjects addressed in a much larger number of petitions, here are some of changes in the *Discipline* that were approved:

- less than full-time service can be defined in "one-quarter, one-half, or three-quarter time increments";
- clergy seeking an ABLC appointment must consult with the bishop/cabinet "before interviewing";
- added to the duties of a pastor are to lead the congregation in paying all its apportionments and to certify the accuracy of records and reports to the annual conference;
- conference-approved evangelists were added to the list of ministries approved as appointments with the connectional structure;
- clergy on honorable location can now be granted the status of "honorable location-retired";
- spiritual growth is added to the paragraphs dealing with continuing education as a need for pastors that requires annual report and planning;
- five conditions are spelled out for clergy seeking readmission after involuntary retirement;
- retirement benefits for early retirees will now be paid beginning with the month the clergy turns 62 years old;
- an added duty to the office of bishop is "to teach and uphold the theological traditions of UMC";
- benefit coverages are to be part of the financial consideration when pastors are serving in less than full-time appointments;
- annual conferences are to use the liturgy and rubrics for their ordination services as approved by the General Conference (see new *Book of Worship*);
- an open itinerancy is without regard to race, ethnic origin, sex, color, age, and—now—"marital status";
- appointments across conference lines are now encouraged as a way of creating greater mobility for clergy as well as open itinerancy;
- pastors on maternity/paternity leave are to be paid up to at least eight weeks rather than six;
- housing needs of the family are now included among the factors to be taken into consideration when appointments are being considered;
- cabinets are advised to work toward longer tenures in local church appointments;
- not fewer than six laypersons shall be added to the conference board of ordained ministry;
- a new paragraph addressing family leave for clergy due to family emergencies was added, including health-care coverage at cost;
- the current stand against ordaining self-avowed, practicing homosexual persons is reaffirmed;
- "clergy" replaces "minister " in the *Discipline*.

—*Keith Pohl*
DCA Staff

The 1992 Episcopal Address

The 1992 Episcopal Address, delivered by Bishop C. Dale White, combined a diagnosis of causes of paralysis in The United Methodist Church's ministry, with a prophetic challenge to confront social and political ills in the nation and world.

Delivered on May 5, 1992—only six days after the verdict in the Rodney King beating led to crises in Los Angeles and other American cities—Bishop White drew repeated applause in a litany of challenges to end oppression. He called for hastening the demise of apartheid in South Africa, using the 500th anniversary of European expansion into the Americas "for confession and reparation for the brutal exploitation and genocide of indigenous peoples," and the elimination of discrimination against women and the condemnation of sexual harassment.

Speaking to the church, Bishop White identified "insidious power leakages" that bleed from us "the vision and the courage to minister with joyous enthusiasm." They include: demoralization, internal power struggles, and fear of controversy.

Bishop White also lifted up "signs of spiritual awakening," including innovative worship, music with the new *United Methodist Hymnal*, Covenant Discipleship groups, pastors being trained in spiritual formation, spiritual life retreats, and Walk to Emmaus programs that are "a growing source of spiritual formation and sustenance for many," and *The Upper Room*.

"We are truly a gifted people," Bishop White reminded the church. "The Holy Spirit equips all the people of God with the gifts necessary to edify the church and to carry the love of Christ to the world. To call out the gifts of the laity . . . must be a central responsibility of every person in leadership."

He called for "enthusiastic and effective" clergy as a key to church growth and vitality. He affirmed itinerancy as a "powerful instrument for mission."

Turning to national and global issues, Bishop White reported some of the findings of the Bishops' Initiative on Substance Abuse and Urban Violence, calling drug abuse a "tragic story" of "wasted lives and substance."

"The crisis of addiction and violence is clearly a spiritual crisis," he said. "It thrives on the spiritual hunger of living in highly secularized and materialistic cultures, where broken families and splintered communities leave a broad swath of emotional pain and spiritual barrenness . . . . This is a direct challenge to the Christ who promised abundant living."

He directed his most stinging indictment toward militarism. "The militarism of the nations of the world is one of the great tragedies of our time, . . ." he said. "The burden . . . [on] the human family of a $1 trillion annual arms budget traps millions of the earth's poor in a slow-motion holocaust of death by disease and hunger."

—Ann G. Whiting
Editor, *Southern New England United Methodist Reporter*

The 1992 Laity Address

As the 1992 General Conference laity speaker, Ruby Galloway Farish shared inspiring examples of how laypersons have discovered innovative ways to connect faith and action. Stories of her own experiences and faith journey laced her engaging address.

The Tulsa, Okla., lay woman, a member of Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, presented the 1992 Laity Address entitled "Serving God in Our Private Lives and Public Responsibilities—Connecting Faith and Action."

Farish challenged other laypersons—and the whole United Methodist Church—to provide on-the-spot ministries wherever needs are found. She gave several examples of laypeople in Tulsa United Methodist churches who saw a need and reacted.

The "Can Can Man," Al Beck, was one inspiring example. Formerly homeless, Beck now provides free meals weekly to 800 street people at his small restaurant. He recently spent a week living on a billboard, and the stunt resulted in Tulsa donors contributing more than a million cans of food.

In another example, a minister in California called a Tulsa church to report that a low-income family from his church, driving home from Missouri, was involved in an accident and was hospitalized. Tulsa church members visited the family daily, packed and shipped their belongings back to California, and paid air travel for family members. Farish quoted a letter from the California pastor: "Now, that's what I call connectionalism."

A greeting card ministry of another area church inspired hope and faith in a death-row inmate, who soon was turning out beautiful art work to grace the cards.

Farish said she believes that, once United Methodist laypeople overcome their apathy, move out of their churches, and start applying their Christianity to challenges in their communities, their world will become a better place.

"I believe that as we move from private faith to public responsibility, we United Methodist laity are increasingly assuming . . . a priesthood that believes in the redemption of the world, not the redemption of the church," declared Farish.

Her own story was offered as further proof of the power of lay ministry when faith is put into action. She described her journey from a self-pitying woman with cancer, to community activist.

After experiencing the shock of a diagnosis of cancer, Farish was visited by a friend who read Bible verses to her, encouraging her to have faith and to work for others. She hailed that visit as a turning point.

"I determined in my heart that when I got up and out of that bed . . . I would seek to share that kind of Holy Communion—that love, that presence of Christ—with others in whatever way God would lead me," she recalled.

—Jane Dennis
Editor, *Arkansas United Methodist*

Homosexuality Debate and Language Continued

The 1992 General Conference's May 11 vote of 710-238 in favor of retaining the church's stance on homosexuality was another chapter in a continuing debate in the church that has gone on for 20 years. By all accounts, the struggle will continue.

"The vote was about 75 percent to retain the language—I think that's the significant vote," said biblical scholar David Seamands, a member of the study committee who supported the church's present stance. The majority margin of about 75 percent was about 5 percent lower than a similar majority in 1988.

Tex Sample (Missouri West) disagreed. "When people realized they weren't going to get what they tried for, they wanted to make sure they got at least what was in the majority report."

Delegates defeated (372-594) the report of the minority (originally the majority report from the Committee to Study Homosexuality) on the legislative committee, which called for eliminating the "incompatibility" language (paragraph 71F in the 1988 *Discipline*). Some viewed this vote as the more crucial. "I think [the 60-40 vote] was the real test of where the mind of the General Conference is," noted Sample, who was also a member of the study committee.

From Study Committee to Legislative Committee

In 1988, the General Conference charged the General Council on Ministries (GCOM) to conduct a study on homosexuality during 1989-92, with a specific directive to discover where there was and was not consensus on the subject among biblical scholars, theologians, ethicists, biologists, psychologists, and sociologists. The Study Committee on Homosexuality was officially organized in January 1989.

The Study Committee met eight times at a cost of approximately $200,000. Presentations were made from several special-interest groups, and listening posts were held around the country. The committee held its final meeting in August 1991, during which it pruned, polished, and reached consensus (with noted exceptions) on the fifth and final draft to be submitted to GCOM. Members differed sharply on the "incompatibility" language in paragraph 71F.

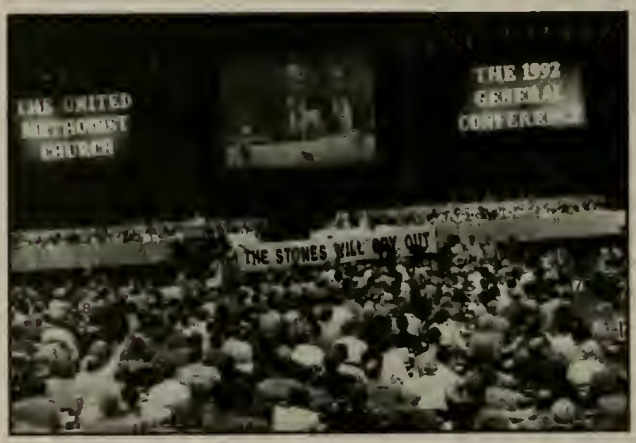
During the first week of General Conference, the Faith and Mission Legislative Committee concurred by an 89-0 vote with an amended version of the homosexuality study, which included retaining the present language in paragraph 71F. A minority report was filed. The legislative committee approved the new paragraph (71G) that supported the civil rights of homosexuals.

On the Conference Floor

Charlene Kammerer (Florida), chair of the Faith and Mission Legislative Committee, presented the report of the majority. There was considerable discussion over an amendment by James W. Holsinger Jr. (Virginia) to the committee's first recommendation that would have referred the report to The United Methodist Publishing House, eliminating the reference to "receiving it and making it available for study and use across the whole church." Initially, the amendment passed 515-418.

"Does this mean this report is no longer before the General Conference?" asked James Lawson (California-Pacific).

At that point, Beth Capen (New York) moved to allow gay and lesbian representatives to speak to the body. When the motion was defeated (392-558), members of Affirmation, the gay and lesbian caucus, unfurled a banner in front of the speakers' platform that read "The Stones Will Cry Out" (reference Luke 19:39-40). When the banner was raised periodically throughout the proceedings, sympathizers throughout the auditorium stamped their feet.



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Delegates debate issues identified by the four-year Committee to Study Homosexuality. Demonstrators carry the banner. Bishop David Lawson presides.

After further discussion, Denny Silk (Nebraska) moved to reconsider the Holsinger amendment. "We must *receive* this report before we can *refer* it to the Publishing House," he said. The motion passed.

"If the [Holsinger] motion goes through, does this mean we won't discuss the other recommendations?" asked Tex Sample.

"[The motion] takes the report out of the hands of the programming agency of the church and puts it into the hands of the publishing agency of the church," said Charles Dundas (Minnesota), speaking against the amendment.

Dave Stanley (Iowa) supported the amendment. "The people in the pews ... do not want this report accepted.... If we receive this report, it will appear that we are approving its findings."

The second time around, the Holsinger amendment was defeated 377-585.

The last recommendation regarding the change in the Social Principles produced impassioned speeches from both sides. "When in doubt, do not hurt, do not

stigmatize," said Philip J. Wogaman, as he presented the minority report. "The church should not teach that something is morally wrong if it cannot prove it is morally wrong."

Kasongo Munza (North Shaba) used a translator to tell the body that by accepting the practice of homosexuality, "you risk spreading it throughout the church." Munza expressed concern that if "this false teaching" were brought to Africa University, "it would be a source of terrible division."

"[My faith] teaches me that all persons ... are saved by the grace of God," said Merlin J. Ackerson (Iowa), speaking in favor of the minority report.

Tom A. Abney (Little Rock) countered with a story about some former United Methodists he had met that evening who left the church "because they found it impossible to understand its vagaries in values and its loss of a sense of direction."

Kenneth D. McCaw (West Michigan), who spoke in favor of the minority recommendation, pointed out that it "gives me permission to consider that the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching" ... while removing language "that could be condemnatory."

Jack Patterson (Western Pennsylvania) shared a conversation he had with a friend who told him that if any part of this passed, he and his family would leave the church. "When will this great United Methodist Church cease letting the people go?" Patterson stated.

In the End—for Now

Kammerer, calling the legislative committee a "microcosm of the church," related how they struggled with the issue. "The wisdom of the majority was that the present position in the *Discipline* regarding homosexuality should stand."

Will there be debate over this issue every quadrennium? "It's not something that is going to go away," said Nancy Yamasaki, chair of the study committee. "It certainly seems that the spirit is moving in that direction."

"The media seem to make a great attempt to make the gay life style acceptable and to celebrate it," Seamands said. "I think Christians like myself will become more vocal.... I'm sure the issue will continue."

—Tom Tozer
DCA Staff

Media Chronicle Conference

A press corps of more than 150 journalists—representing wire services, newspapers, radio, television, and secular and church press from around the world—chronicled the activities of the 1992 General Conference.

Homosexuality, identified by delegates as the most emotional issue, also turned out predictably as the most newsworthy. But coverage was not limited to such controversial issues as homosexuality and abortion. Print and electronic coverage dealt with a range of issues which kept delegates in protracted legislative committee meetings and difficult plenary sessions.

Electronic media were particularly interested in actions taken by the conference in the wake of the Los Angeles crisis. News was carried by ABC, NBC, and Fox/CNN affiliates in Louisville.

United Methodist News Service (UMNS), a unit of United Methodist Communications and its predecessor agency, have provided news-room facilities for General Conferences for more than 50 years.

Robert Lear, senior news writer with UMNS, remembered how the appearance of the news room has changed. "At the 1984 conference some reporters still required manual typewriters," he said. "By 1988 all typewriters were electric. Instead of the 40 or 50 manual typewriters provided a decade ago, we ordered 12 electrics for the Louisville newsroom, and not all those were used, as most journalists now bring their own computer terminals."

The Louisville newsroom, a bustling center of activity, also provided fax machines, video monitors, and other equipment for reporters representing some of the nation's largest newspapers. Among them were the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Houston Chronicle*, *New York Times*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Denver Post*, and *Atlanta Constitution*. Frequent reports were filed by Reuters and Religious News Service. The presence of a large number of reporters from secular newspapers was due, in part, to the annual convention of the Religious Newswriters Association meeting the middle weekend of the conference.

Filing daily stories on a wide range of topics was George Cornell of the Associated Press, dean of the nation's religion reporters, who has covered Methodist and United Methodist conferences since the 1950s. "Once you get the hang of how the conference works, it's excellent, but you have to get yourself well-schooled," he said.

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U.M. Health Care Plan Battered, but Unbowed

Two hours of debate, parliamentary wrangling, amendments, close votes, confusion, and questions of constitutionality marked General Conference's belabored approval of a denomination-wide health-care proposal.

The proposal's mandatory participation requirement proved to be one of the most controversial matters considered by the conference.

UMCare, designed as a unified system of health-care coverage for clergy, church employees, and their families, would replace the current patchwork of varied health plans throughout the denomination. It would be administered by the General Board of Pensions (GBPN), Evanston, Ill. An insurance company is yet to be selected as carrier.

Proponents contended that the new, single-plan concept for the denomination will provide stability of premium costs, predictability of claims, and uniformity of benefits for the whole church. Mandatory provisions are needed to make the benefits cost-effective, the sponsoring GBPN task force said, noting an estimated 80,000 persons will be covered.

Critics claimed mandatory participation requirements would force some parts of the church to quit present plans that provide better benefits at lower cost. They pleaded for the right to choose, criticized the lack of detailed information, and questioned proposed management of the plan by GBPN.

The plan, as presented by the legislative committee, was first amended by delegates to permit enrollment of part-time lay employees who work 17-1/2 hours a week or more. The conference also voted—by a two-vote margin—for exemption of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference from the plan because members of Native American tribes are entitled to free health care under federal regulations.

After approval of the amended plan by a 512-421 margin, delegates quickly moved to challenge the constitutionality of mandatory participation by annual conferences. The vote was 639-27 to appeal the decision to the Judicial Council, United Methodism's "supreme court."

An earlier testing of the mandatory requirement, raised by delegates who also serve as members of the General Board of Publication (The United Methodist Publishing House), was defeated. Others sought unsuccessfully to delay the start-up date, allowing "more time [for the plan] to percolate down through the [church] system."

But debate continued even after referral to the Judicial Council for a declaratory ruling on the constitutional issue of mandating participation by an annual conference. The Rev. William K. Quick, Detroit, objected to the presiding officer's closure of debate before presentation of a minority report and moved to delay entry into UMCare until Jan. 1, 1999. Quick's motion was cut down by a razor-thin margin of 485-451.

Within a day, the Judicial Council—meeting at the conference site—affirmed the constitutionality of the plan's mandatory provision. In a similar case in 1980, the Judicial Council upheld denominational authority to require participation in a pension plan.

"Even if the Judicial Council rules that General Conference can bind the annual conference on this issue," Quick said, "I believe somewhere an annual conference will refuse to go in (to the plan)," raising still another challenge to the mandatory provision.

The UMCare plan includes comprehensive medical coverage, optional dental coverage, a wellness program, and a $1 million lifetime maximum benefit which will increase with the rising costs of medical services.

The medical program will feature comprehensive benefits through designated health-care networks. Participants will be offered a choice of two levels from which to select a higher deductible and out-of-pocket limit. Coverage for retired participants will be similar to that of active participants.

Three levels of dental coverage will be offered as an option. A wellness program, designed to encourage a healthy life style, will pay 100 percent of certain health-screening tests and include programs of smoking cessation, stress management, nutrition, and weight loss.

—Tom Potter
DCA Staff

Racism in Rural Areas to Be Examined

A task force to examine racism in the nation's rural population was authorized by the General Conference. The task force was directed to examine specific strategies to address the manifestations of racism in rural areas, both on the personal and institutional levels. Coordination of the effort will be through the General Commission on Religion and Race. Action recommendations from the task force will be channeled through the commission to the church's general agencies and appropriate agencies of rural annual (regional) conferences. Accomplishments will be reported to the United Methodist 1996 General Conference in Denver.

What Was That Total Again?

Heeding both grassroots pleas to curb spending and appeals for needed funds for critical mission initiatives, the General Conference approved a four-year churchwide budget of $475 million.

The figure represents a 13 percent increase over the previous quadrennium's $417,165,334. The rise in apportionments to local churches will average 2.5 percent a year in 1993-96 (year-to-year increases are pegged at 1.5 percent, 2.7 percent, 2.8 percent, and 3.0 percent.)

Delegates took a middle ground between the General Council on Finance and Administration's recommendation for a 4.5 percent-a-year increase and a legislative committee proposal that would have held spending at 1992 levels.

A $3.4 million apportioned fund for "Mission Initiatives" will help support new programs that won the enthusiastic backing of the body—including special congregational ministry programs for Hispanics, Native Americans, older adults, and Deaf and hearing-impaired populations. Special programs on drug abuse and campus ministry will also receive money from the fund.

The General Council on Ministries and United Methodist Communications were asked to allocate $300,000 from their budgets to implement the quadrennial theme, "Celebrate God's Grace—Witness for Jesus Christ."

Several agencies will share the support of the National United Methodist Native American Center, which was allocated $800,000 for the quadrennium.

GCFA said the $300,000 projected expenses of a new Site Selection Task Force, which will choose a new headquarters city for the General Board of Global Ministries, should be paid from contingency reserves in the General Administration Fund.

The total four-year apportionment of $472,000,000 amounts to about $53.33 per member.

The conference adopted these figures for the seven apportioned funds in the budget.

- $236,300,000 for World Service, the fund that provides basic support for general agencies of the church.
- $134,732,000 for the Ministerial Education Fund, which supports 13 denominational seminaries and training for clergy and diaconal ministers.
- $41,704,000 for the Black College Fund, which assists 11 historically Black United Methodist colleges and universities.
- $10,000,000 for Africa University, to support the first United Methodist-related university on the African continent. (Another $10 million is being sought through special-gifts channels for the school in Old Mutare, Zimbabwe.)
- $55,994,000 for the Episcopal Fund, which supports the church's bishops—salary, fringe benefits, office and travel expenses, and a share of housing.
- $16,838 for General Church Administration, including funding for the Judicial Council and for the General Conference itself.
- $5,972,000 for the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, providing United Methodist support to ecumenical groups such as the National and World Councils of Churches and the Consultation on Church Union.
- $3,400,000 for the new Mission Initiatives Fund.

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- Reception of a ground-breaking genetic science report.
- Continuation of the theme "Celebrate and Witness: Celebrate God's Grace—Witness for Jesus Christ" during 1993-96, supported by special programs in campus ministry, peace with justice, and drugs and violence.
- Referral to the Council of Bishops of a study on ordering of United Methodist ministry.
- Final approval for the Puerto Rico Annual Conference to become the autonomous Methodist Church of Puerto Rico, affiliated with The United Methodist Church.

—Robert Lear
United Methodist News Service



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Bishop Judith Craig and Danielle, a four-year-old who attends day care at R.E. Jones UMC, Louisville, launch "Children of the Promise," a new churchwide emphasis on General Advance Ministries with children. Delegates saw the premiere of a video, "Children of the Promise," available from EcuFilm (800-251-4091; rental, $15; sales, $20).

Conference Makes Global Decisions

The most controversial decision regarding global mission involved where the denomination's mission agency should be located.

By a very close margin (485-470), delegates voted to move the General Board of Global Ministries from its current location in New York City. The vote supported the recommendation of a task force established by the 1988 General Conference.

However, a significant amendment was made before the resolution was passed, delaying the selection of a new site until the 1996 General Conference. The task force had recommended that the site decision be made by an appointed committee by the end of 1994, and that the board be relocated by Dec. 31, 1995.

The 13-member site selection task force will include three from the Board of Global Ministries; two each from the General Council on Ministries and General Council on Finance and Administration, selected by those agencies; three from the Central Conferences, selected by Central Conference bishops; and three from the 1989-92 relocation task force, selected by the Council of Bishops.

The committee will recommend plans for a new location, along with all funding sources and any other aspects of relocation. GCFA has allotted up to $300,000 for the quadrennium for the task force, to be paid from the contingency reserve of the General Administration Fund.

The General Conference also:

- approved the petition of the Puerto Rico Annual Conference to become an affiliated autonomous church as of Jan. 1, 1993. A set of standards for an eight-year transitional period were adopted to ensure close coordination and adequate mission support for the Puerto Rican church;
- placed the five annual conferences of Zaire into a single central conference. It was noted that most United Methodists in Africa are in Zaire. Political tensions, economic difficulties, and language barriers have made it difficult for Zaire delegates to participate in the Africa Central Conference;
- authorized the addition of a full-time bishop to supervise the work of the church in the former Soviet republics. The Council of Bishops already had asked Bishop Ruediger Minor of former East Germany to coordinate United Methodist work in the Commonwealth of Independent States;
- officially protested the Israeli government's refusal to grant a visa to the Rev. Alex Awad, a Palestinian-American and United Methodist missionary;
- reaffirmed the need for sanctions against South Africa until the creation of an interim government and supported efforts for human rights there and the repatriation and resettlement of refugees;
- endorsed aid to help rebuild El Salvador and actively supported accords in other Central American nations seeking alternatives to a military solution;
- encouraged the churches of Mozambique in their struggle for self-determination and freedom, as well as those negotiating for peace between the government and RENAMO, a guerrilla group;
- addressed United Methodism "in a new Europe." Among the concerns are the need for carefully planned partnerships between churches and the protection of human rights for national minorities, refugees, and other displaced persons;
- recognized "Acts of Covenant" with eight churches which developed from world mission work, namely the Methodist Church in the Republic of China, Methodist Church of Indonesia, Basel Christian Church of Malaysia, National Primitive Evangelical Methodist Church of Guatemala, Methodist Church in Nigeria, Kenya and Ghana Methodist Church, Puerto Rico;
- referred the resolution "The Middle East After the Gulf War" back to the General Board of Church and Society, due to a lack of time.

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Delegates represented conferences from around the world, which kept translators and speakers busy with seven languages. Here Wandja Afumba (left) and Lunge Djundu (both from Central Zaire Conference) listen to discussion.

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Conference Addresses Racial Ethnic Concerns

Of the 882 delegates from the United States and Puerto Rico, 158 were people of color. Nearly 120 delegates were from Africa, Europe, and the Philippines.

The delegates approved plans for developing ministries with the flourishing U.S. Latino population and with Native Americans. Those ministries are related particularly to health, interreligious, and urban concerns. The conference also sanctioned a process for developing Black church ministries to their communities.

Ethnic minorities and supporters attending the conference protested the budget set for the Hispanic and Native American plans, donning black ribbons. Delegates revised the budget, allocating $1.9 million for the Hispanic plan and $612,000 for the Native American plan.

Africa University, the first United Methodist-related college in Africa—which opened March 23 in Zimbabwe—received continued financial support of $20 million.

"Outraged" by the not-guilty verdict in the Rodney King case in Los Angeles, delegates called for a federal investigation of possible civil-rights violations. An impromptu offering during the conference earned more than $21,000 for emergency aid to people displaced by rioting and looting in Los Angeles.

Conferees also vowed to create model communities—"shalom zones"—in the riot-torn Los Angeles area, and called society and the church to "repentance" for "persistently ignoring the signs and warnings of endemic racism, classism, and injustice."

Marking the 500th anniversary of Columbus' arrival in North America, delegates held a ceremony of reconciliation and healing May 13. The service acknowledged that while Europeans celebrate A.D. 1492 as the beginning of freedom and opportunity in a new world, Native Americans recall it as the beginning of "oppression, degradation, and genocide" for their people.

The new *Book of Worship* (see p. 3) includes resources from African-American, Native American, Latino, and Asian-American traditions, as well as cultures outside the United States. Among the ethnic services are "Las Posadas," a Christmas Eve service from Mexico, ritual for a pre-funeral "wake" from the African-American tradition, and liturgies for Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and Native American Awareness Sunday.

Delegates voted to delete "A Native American Service of Thanksgiving." The service, written by the Rev. Fred Shaw, a Shawnee from Ohio, raised concerns among some practitioners of traditional Indian religions.

In adopting four-year churchwide projects to enhance United Methodist campus ministries worldwide and "peace with justice," the General Conference set goals for increasing ethnic minority participation in these areas. A special program targeting substance abuse and related violence, spurred by last quadrennium's bishops' initiative led by Bishop Felton E. May, was adopted.

The conference elected African-Americans the Rev. Julius S. Scott, Augusta, GA, and Carolyn Johnson, West Lafayette, IN, to the University Senate; and the Rev. Zan W. Holmes, Dallas, TX, to the Judicial Council.

In other action, the conference called for a churchwide study of racism in rural areas.

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By the close of the 11-day assembly here, Puerto Rican Methodists celebrated their independence from The United Methodist Church after 20 years of negotiations. Puerto Rican autonomy becomes effective Jan. 1, 1993. After the vote was taken, some Puerto Ricans celebrated with a march through the assembly hall, while others in the visitors' gallery unfurled the Commonwealth's red, blue, and white flag.

Study Sexual Harassment

General Conference approved a plan to develop educational resources to deal with the issue of sexual harassment in the church. The Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW) has been given the responsibility to develop the resources and make them available to annual conferences, boards, and agencies. A large majority of delegates voted to celebrate and support COSROW, which was nearly abolished four years ago. The commission is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

Conference Supports Abundant Ministry Opportunities

Six special mission initiatives for 1993-96 were authorized by the 1992 General Conference to expand ministries among constituencies with exceptional needs. Hispanic, Native American, campus, substance abuse, older adult, and deaf ministries are included in the new effort.

The four-year national plan of ministry to Hispanics was adopted by an overwhelming 892-54 vote. Budgeted at $1.9 million, it proposes to develop a corps of 2,000 trained lay missioners, 3,000 new church and community projects, 500 outpost church schools, 200 new and renewed congregations, and 1,000 small groups. Hispanics are the fastest-growing ethnic group in the United States, according to the Rev. Joel Hernandez, a committee spokesman from Dallas.

Native American needs were targeted in a development plan adopted by another decisive vote, 904-45. This plan aims to expand ministerial training, evangelization efforts, health-care, and educational programs. Budgeted at $612,000, this new ministry primarily focuses on the 17,100 members of United Methodism's 156 predominantly Native American congregations. It will encourage cross-cultural experiences, pulpit exchanges, work teams, mission tours, church employment of Native Americans, and workshops to help eradicate "the racism that is the root cause" of the cultural isolation of this racial ethnic group. In an allied move, establishment of a center to focus planning, programming, and training in the Native American community was approved with a request of $800,000 to come from the budgets of related general agencies and special gifts.

Mission Theme Continues

Voting to continue the current quadrennial theme, "Celebrate and Witness: Celebrate God's Grace—Witness for Jesus Christ," for the next four years, delegates recommended (1) expansion of campus ministries, (2) extension of a "peace with justice" emphasis to develop 100 "covenant congregations" and a 5,000-person support network, and (3) an initiative to combat drug abuse and related violence through community programs and alternative training and job opportunities for youth.

Among the emphases embraced within the continuing quadrennial theme, the campus ministry initiative calls for linking campus ministries and local churches, recruiting campus ministers, and expanding the international dimensions of campus ministry projects.

The "peace with justice" emphasis will be funded through one of six church wide Special Sunday offerings.

The campaign against drug abuse and related violence was introduced in 1990 by a "Bishops' Initiative" and related Pan-Methodist resources, developed and funded by the General Board of Discipleship, The United Methodist Publishing House, and other Methodist bodies.

Special Needs Addressed

A national Committee on Older Adult Ministries was authorized by the conference to serve as a forum for advocacy and program planning. It will function with 25 members and a budget of $51,000.

Another $51,000 initiative was approved by delegates in support of Deaf and hearing-impaired persons. Plans call for development of new congregations of Deaf people, sign-language resources, special ministerial training, and provision of interpreters.

In a separate approach to the "continuing rural crisis" in the United States, delegates approved 824-123 a program advocated by the United Methodist Rural Fellowship. It calls for training of leaders and funding of ministries among United Methodists in small towns and rural communities, many of them devastated by loss of family farms, business and industrial closures, and the resulting exodus of many families. Funding would be drawn from a special offering at the option of each annual conference.

General oversight of the special programs for Hispanics, Native Americans, substance abuse, rural needs, and deaf and hearing-impaired persons was assigned to the General Board of Global Ministries. The older adult ministry will be guided by the General Board of Discipleship and the campus ministry initiative by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

The conference acted to establish a Mission Initiatives Fund for 1993-96 with askings of $850,000 a year, apportioned to the annual conferences for distribution according to prescribed percentages to general agencies administering the programs. Agencies could seek approval for additional funding through General Advance Specials or World Service Special Gifts channels and undesignated funds. Also, $2.5 million would be allocated from the World Service Fund to the Hispanic and Native American programs.

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